

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Presider:* 'I am the good shepherd.' Strengthened by God's word and God's promises, we recall our needs and the needs of the church and the world.

*Reader:* For those who need help in our community.  
**All: In Jesus' name, Peter healed the crippled man. May we too reach out to others in need and by our faith in Christ and his power to save bring healing and wholeness to our communities.**

*Reader:* For a desire to live as children of God.  
**All: God's love for us is so lavish that we have become God's children. May this understanding fill us with confidence to face the future with hope, helping us overcome fear and despair in life.**

*Reader:* For the leaders in churches.  
**All: With Jesus the good shepherd as their model, may the leaders in churches be faithful in what they preach and teach about the purposes of God revealed in Christ.**

*Reader:* For the unity in the church of God.  
**All: Jesus prayed for unity among those who follow the good shepherd. May we look for ways to be one flock faithful disciples of the Holy One who laid down his life for the people.**

*Presider:* God of love, may we be faithful in our following of Jesus the good shepherd, listening for his voice and following his way. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

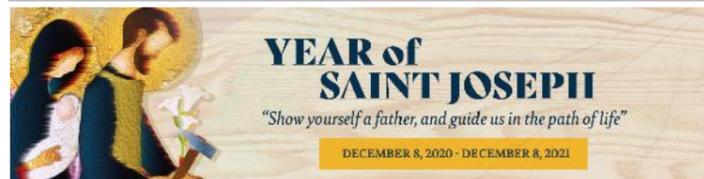
**PLEASE ASSIST OUR VOLUNTEERS AFTER TODAY'S MASS**  
If you are able please assist to sanitise the church after Mass.  
*Many hands make light work.*



### AN ANZAC DAY PRAYER

#### Mary Help of Christians patroness of Australia and of the Military Ordinariate

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts our love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers and under her protection, may the light of Christ shine over our land. May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Bless especially the men and women of the Australian Defence Force and their families. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



**Our faith community acknowledges and pays respect to the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we worship, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation.**



Parish newsletter of the communities of St Francis of Assisi Paddington, St Joseph Edgecliff and the 8:45am Mass at Double Bay  
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No doubt, memories of war are never pleasant for any of us for whatever reason. I come from and grew up in a war-torn country; my family, due to the fall of Sai Gon in 1975 lost everything, our home and property. Just like many Vietnamese people, both my dad and eldest brother tried to escape the country. In order to do this, my family had to pay gold to the boat owner. Unfortunately, they were arrested twice and the opportunity to leave was lost. Two of my cousins lost their lives trying to escape Vietnam on a small boat in the early eighties and disappeared in the ocean, the reason remains unknown. During this time, I was too young to understand the horrors of the Vietnam War, however the memory of it is always a very sad one for our extended family. Where there is war, there is always suffering, grief and loss.

I only became aware of ANZAC Day since coming to Australia in 2010. I have been to the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park a number of times and I am always touched by the monument, showing the image of a naked soldier dead on a sword, a Christ-like sculpture of a dead soldier on a cross. It is a reminder to me of the sacrifices of all those who went to war and never returned. It's also a sad memory for all those families who lost their loved ones. It is such a privilege to join all of you and all people of Australia and New Zealand in showing our respect and gratitude to all who generously gave their lives for others. Let us pray for the awareness of peace-making efforts, which hopefully will bring harmony to all humanity. Lest we forget.

*Joseph Nguyen, OFM*

### SPIRITUALITY ON THE SOFA —#RECONNECTING Wednesday 5 May, 7:30—9pm

**Topic: Reconnecting through courage—overcoming adversity.**

Come, and in the comfort of your own home, on your own or with a friend or two, engage in some stimulating conversation at SOS with Matt O'Kane & Dr Michael Giblin. Matt O'Kane has faced a number of challenges in his 45 years, including congenital blindness and childhood cancer. Dr Michael Giblin, an Ophthalmologist, leading Specialist of Melanoma of the eye and an honoured member of the *Magic Circle* (of magicians!)

Join our 'Zoom Room' via the Zoom App: Meeting ID 897 4558 1977 and passcode: 057130 or visit our Parish Website and click the blue button to join meeting: www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com/spirituality-in-the-pub/ We hope to see you there!

### WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS

The practice of two collections has resumed at Sunday Mass. COVID safe practices will continue to apply. We need volunteers to assist with the collection, if you are able to help please check in with the volunteers at the door.

**First Collection:** (After the Homily). For the upkeep of the Friars.

**Second Collection:** (After the Prayers of the Faithful). For the support of your parish including building maintenance, operating costs, church and altar supplies and support of parish ministries and programs.

**Planned Giving:** Tax Deductions on Planned Giving is available as required. Regular contributions to planned giving can be made via direct debit from a credit card or cash in Planned Giving envelopes at Mass. If you would like to find out more about Planned Giving please contact the Parish Office.

**Special Collections:** If you have envelopes to return for recent special collections (Easter, Caritas/Projection Compassion) these can be returned during the second collection or to the parish office.

### RCIA—RETURNING 6 MAY!

Thursdays, 730pm

Parish Meeting Room, 66 Gordon Street Paddington

Are you interested to explore our faith or do you know someone who is? Would you like to accompany someone who is undertaking their own faith journey? We invite you to join our RCIA program. Please join us in the Parish House (located at 66 Gordon St directly behind the St Francis of Assisi, Church).

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

10am Mass, May 2nd

Please join us in praying for the children who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion next Sunday at the 10am Mass on May 2nd.

### HOUSE OF WELCOME FOODBANK

Foodbank provides household necessities for people seeking asylum who have limited or no income. People can access groceries on a weekly basis to alleviate the cost of living. To assist contact 9727 9290 or office@houseofwelcome.com.au

### COVID-19 UPDATE FROM SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE

Churches are allowed unlimited numbers of worshippers, providing a two square metre rule is followed. Congregational singing is now allowed. The COVID Safe Plan for Places of Worship strongly encourages electronic collection of worshippers' names and contact details using QR codes where possible. For those who cannot provide electronic details a paper record is allowed. Record keeping is compulsory.

More information is available online and is updated as there are new developments, please visit the Sydney Archdiocese website at www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/.

### The Ode

**"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
we will remember them."**

**Lest We Forget**



## WELCOME

New to the parish? Please come and meet one of the Parish Team after mass to introduce yourself and find out more about our community. We also welcome you to contact our Parish Office.

## OUR PARISH

**Anthoni Selvaraj ofm** - Parish Administrator  
**Francisco Basnayake ofm & Joseph Nguyen ofm** - Assistant Priests  
**Ruth Rawlinson** - Parish Manager  
**Alanna Sparks & Cate Stivala** - Parish Secretary  
**Tanith Bryce** - Cantor, Edgecliff  
**Noel Debien & Bransby Byrne** - Music Dir. & Organist Paddington  
**Nicole Smeulders** - Cantor Paddington  
**Emma-Gai Gold & Alanna Sparks** - Safeguarding Support Officers  
**Louise O'Brien** - Principal, St Francis of Assisi Primary School



## WEEKLY SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS

No Bookings required. Contact free check-in is required at the door.

### St Joseph, Edgecliff

**Monday to Friday:** 5:30pm  
**Sunday:** 7:30am, 9am, 11:00am & 5:30pm  
**Reconciliation prior to the Friday evening Mass (from 5pm).**

### St Francis of Assisi, Paddington

**Monday to Friday:** 9am  
**Saturday:** 5:30pm (Vigil)  
**Sunday:** 8:30am & 10:00am  
**Reconciliation from 5pm Saturday prior to Vigil Mass.**

Are you or a loved one unable to attend Mass at this time?  
If you would like to receive a visit in your home please contact the Parish Office.

**We remember those in need of our prayers: our deceased, those in hospital, nursing homes, the homebound and defence force personnel.**

**Recently Deceased:** Enid Hampshire, Michelle Robyn Nicholls, Tess Hooper, Emil Jug, Joan Mulligan, Bramwell Wright, Jim Alivia, Marcelo, Marika Gubasci, Jose Herrera, Eva Beck, Wilga Wilschefschi, Sue Gherdovich, Ken Finn, Patrick Donovan, Carol Ashford, George Farah, Betty Byrne, Peter-John Young, Maureen Marston, John Ryan, Sandra Soady, Ian Johnstone, Kholofelo Dzvukamanja, Sesarina Bau RSC, Elaine Boys, Aquino Lanojan, Mary Cook RSC, Marie Arakelian, Maria Orner, Tina Chen Visage, Pauline Babicci OSC, Frances Spicer, Bessie Leadbeater, Holy Souls.

**Mass Intentions:** James Alexander Adamovitch, Penny Hing, Norman Hing, Stan & Rata Hing, Margaret & Pat Quade, Dionisio Solis, Geraldine Levins, Adalgisa Levins, Rev Neville Gawler, Diane Geffen, Shirley Nield, Jim Evans, Jalil Tanous, Marion Orr, Jack & Maureen Brett, Patricia Brett, Nan Kelly, Molly & Herbert Odillo Maher, Terry Bostock, Nell Atkinson, Elizabeth Considine Conley, Jacques Bernard Pienovi, Andrew Georgiou, Giuliano family, Bryan & Ashleigh Paton, Margret Austin, Janice Hui, John McCue, Manfred Lemech, Piper Family, Geoffrey & Patricia Hughes, Suzanne Carver, Conception Family, Marie Therese Whelan, Margaret-Mary Kiernan, Helen Boyd, Richard Connolly, The Kelly Family, Elson & Marie Sang, Eibhlin Killen, Ian Stewart, Catherine Murnane, June Fabbro, Dr George & Anne Duncan, Frank & Anne McDonald, Frank, Lena & Anne Kaine, Herbert Graham, Holy Souls.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, contact the police. You can also contact the *Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office*: safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or on 93905810. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



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**Our faith community demands that the Christian Churches including the Catholic Church provide full and meaningful reparation for those who have suffered clerical and institutional sexual abuse.**

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B (ANZAC DAY)

25 APRIL 2021

They too will listen to my voice,  
and there will be only one flock  
and one shepherd.  
The Father loves me,  
because I lay down my life  
in order to take it up again.  
No one takes it from me;  
I lay it down of my own free will,  
and as it is in my power to lay it down,  
so it is in my power to take it up again;  
and this is the command I have been given  
by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## HOMILY

### PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, /  
Creator of heaven and earth, / and in  
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, /  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, /  
born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and  
was buried; / he descended into hell; /  
on the third day he rose again from  
the dead; / he ascended into heaven, /  
and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty; / from there he  
will come to judge the living and the  
dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the  
holy catholic Church, / the communion  
of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, /  
the resurrection of the body, / and life  
everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread  
and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to  
each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that  
my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to  
God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at  
your hands for the praise and glory of his  
name, for our good and the good of all  
his holy Church.

#### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Grant, we pray, O Lord,  
that we may always find delight in these  
paschal mysteries,  
so that the renewal constantly at work  
within us  
may be the cause of our unending joy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

#### PREFACE I-V OF EASTER

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

#### THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink  
this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.

#### COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by  
divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray ...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the  
glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said ...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

#### LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, grant us peace.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who  
takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are  
those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Jn 20:27

The Good Shepherd has risen, / who laid  
down his life for his sheep / and willingly  
died for his flock, alleluia.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,  
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures  
the sheep you have redeemed by the  
Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and  
reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

#### THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

#### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

##### GOD'S MYSTERIOUS WAYS

There are always different ways of seeing  
the same thing. For some of the Jews in  
Jerusalem, Jesus' death was the necessary  
outcome for someone who was leading  
the people astray. Peter on the other hand  
has come to see it as the foundation and  
cornerstone of a new building. He does  
not deny that Jesus was rejected by some  
of his own, but he has come to appreciate  
it from a new point of view. As John  
expresses it, it is the means by which God  
lavishes us with love ushering in a new  
dawn for those with eyes to see.

In a similar fashion Jesus speaks to his  
disciples in the Gospel today about how he  
understands his own death. The disciples  
could only see their hopes of being part  
of a new kingdom being dashed to pieces,  
and as a failure. Jesus did not see his  
death in this way. Rather, it is the gift of  
the loving shepherd, given freely for his  
flock that they might live. On this Anzac  
Day we remember with profound thanks  
the sacrifice of so many who have served  
and died so that we might live.

Despite how things might appear there  
is always a deeper reality that the person  
of faith is called to see and appreciate.  
There is an invitation to hope and trust  
in the hidden and unexpected ways that  
God works in our midst. Even failures and  
suffering can have a part to play in God's  
plan for us. Having the openness to look  
once again with the eyes of faith is part  
of the challenge of Easter.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. Though few shepherds remain in our modern world,  
the image of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, continues to bring comfort to us. It reminds  
us that we are not alone. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, watches over us always. He  
lays down his life for us. He leads us to pasture, to water, to safety. He searches for  
us when we stray and bandages our wounds. Today, let us listen for the voice of the  
Good Shepherd.

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 32: 5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the  
earth; / by the word of the Lord the  
heavens were made, alleluia.

#### GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

#### PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us  
acknowledge our sins, and so prepare  
ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.  
P. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as  
the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the  
Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to  
eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on  
us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to  
everlasting life.

R. Amen.

#### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on  
earth peace to people of good will. / We  
praise you, / we bless you, / we adore  
you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks  
for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly  
King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord  
Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord  
God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, /  
you take away the sins of the world, /  
have mercy on us; / you take away the sins  
of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are  
seated at the right hand of the Father, /  
have mercy on us. / For you alone are the  
Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you  
alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, /  
with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God  
the Father. / Amen.

#### COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, lead us to  
a share in the joys of heaven, so that the  
humble flock may reach where the brave

Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and  
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### FIRST READING

Acts 4: 8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

This is the only name by which we can be saved.  
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said:  
'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are  
questioning us today about an act of kindness  
to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed,  
then I am glad to tell you all, and would  
indeed be glad to tell the whole people of  
Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ  
the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom  
God raised from the dead, by this name and  
by no other that this man is able to stand  
up perfectly healthy, here in your presence  
today. This is the stone rejected by you the  
builders, but which has proved to be the  
keystone. For of all the names in the world  
given to men, this is the only one by which  
we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PS Ps 117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29. R. v. 22

R. The stone rejected by the builders  
has become the cornerstone. (or Alleluia!)

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, /  
for his love has no end. / It is better to take  
refuge in the Lord / than to trust in men: / it  
is better to take refuge in the Lord / than to  
trust in princes. R.

2. I will thank you for you have given  
answer / and you are my saviour. / The stone  
which the builders rejected / has become the  
cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, /  
a marvel in our eyes. R.

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord / is he  
who comes. / We bless you from the house  
of the Lord; / I will thank you for you have  
given answer / and you are my saviour. /  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; / for  
his love has no end. R.

##### SECOND READING

1 Jn 3: 1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John.

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has  
lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;



and that is what we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the children  
of God  
but what we are to be in the future has not  
yet been revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10: 14

Alleluia, alleluia! / I am the good  
shepherd, says the Lord; / I know my  
sheep, and mine know me. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 10: 11-18

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

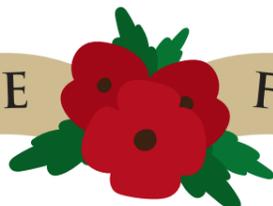
'I am the good shepherd:  
the good shepherd is one who lays down his  
life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd  
and the sheep do not belong to him,  
abandons the sheep and runs away  
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,  
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the  
sheep;

this is because he is only a hired man  
and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;  
I know my own  
and my own know me,  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father;  
and I lay down my life for my sheep.  
And there are other sheep I have  
that are not of this fold,  
and these I have to lead as well.

LEST WE FORGET



ANZAC DAY