

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: 'You are my friends if you do what I command you.' As friend of Jesus, we have listened to God's Word. Now we turn to our God in prayer confident that we will be heard.

Reader: For an awareness of God's love for all people.
All: God has no favourites and no nation or people can claim God as their own. May we learn tolerance of other faiths and cultures, acknowledging that those who seek justice and truth are pleasing and acceptable to God.

Reader: For the gift of loving one another.
All: May we take to heart the command to love learning from the example of Jesus himself. May we try to live out this command, forgiving and accepting one another as children of God.

Reader: For a deeper understanding of God's love for us.
All: God's love is measured by the gift of Jesus, the only son who laid down his life for his friends. May we grow in understanding the mystery and meaning of this great love and respond to it by our own self giving.

Reader: For a desire to deepen our friendship with God.
All: We are no longer servants but friends of the Lord, chosen to bear fruit in our world. May our friendship with our Lord deepen and grow, reaching to the perfection of loving one another that God commands.

Presider: God of all nations, you command us to love one another. Increase our faith and help us grow in love. 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.

2021 PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

First Reconciliation

Wednesday 23rd June at 6pm

First Holy Communion

Sunday 5th September at 10am

Confirmation

Saturday 20th November at 530pm

Sacraments this year will be celebrated at St Francis of Assisi, Paddington. If you wish to celebrate at St Joseph please discuss with Fr Anthoni.

There will be formation sessions held in the weeks prior to the celebration of each Sacrament, details of these sessions and enrolment forms will be available soon from the Parish Office and our Parish website at:

www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com/2021-sacramental-program/

For children who attend St Francis of Assisi Regional Primary details of the school program will be communicated via the school.



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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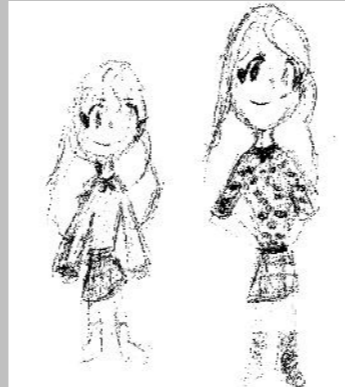
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9 May 2021: Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B

SOME MOTHERS DAY MESSAGES AND ART WORK FROM THE CHILDREN OF OUR COMMUNITY

My Dearest Mother
My mum is my shelter, her heart is my home,
You are always there for me,
You are the best, no it's true,
Thank you for everything that you do,
All of the special joys in life is because of you,
You are special and I hope you know it,
You are my treasure, you taught me the right to the wrong,
You sat with me through the long dark nights,
You are my guardian that protects me,
Mum you are like no other,
Mum you are as beautiful as a flower,
You're as calm as the sea,
Mum, you are as cheerful as a bird,
I love you mum, you are the best!
HAPPY MOTHERS TO YOU!

Josephine Calas, Year 5



Abby Sparks, Year 5

She is as loud as pots and pans hitting the floor.
She is as pretty as a rose bush blooming in the springtime.
She is as smart as an owl
As sweet as a lollie
And as tough as a lion
She is amazing at cooking my favourite foods.
-I love my mum-

Odessa Holt, Year 6

The Parishes of St Francis of Assisi, Paddington & St Joseph, Edgecliff wish all our mothers a very happy Mothers Day.

RCIA

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).

VOCATIONS WEEKEND WITH THE MGL SISTERS: 14-16 MAY

The Missionaries of God's Love Sisters invite young women (18-35) to a vocations weekend of prayer, input, sisterhood and sharing. This weekend is aimed at helping you discern your direction in life. RSVP to Therese on 0432 228 250.

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A BLESSING FOR OUR MOTHERS

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.
Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their daughters and sons, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect and love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PADDINGTON ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL

The Paddington St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal will be held at all masses next weekend. Envelopes will be available at the door. Please donate at the parish level so we can channel 20% of all funds raised to our 'special works' organisation - Centre 360 (formerly Come In Centre). 100% tax deductible receipts will be issued.
- Marion O'Farrell

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL

Thank you to all who have donated to the May Charitable Works Fund Appeal. If you have CWF envelopes to return please do so as soon as possible so we can finalise and remit to the CWF. Your CWF envelopes may be returned during the second collection at Mass or to the Parish Office. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible and donations made via the parish in the envelopes provided assist us in meeting our obligations to the Archdiocese.

If you require a tax deduction on your donations please ensure you complete all information on the envelope provided and we will include your donation with your end of year receipt from the parish.

WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS

The practice of two collections has resumed at Sunday Mass. If you are able to help with the collection today 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. (Includes Planned Giving, contact Parish Office for more details on the Planned Giving Program, Tax Deductions available on Planned Giving as requested).

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

COVID-19 UPDATE: Due to the recent COVID-19 cases there are government restrictions on places of worship this weekend. Masks must be worn at Mass and congregational singing is not permitted. We appreciate your understanding.



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: Elvin Richard Newsome, Enid Hampshire, Margaret & Pat Quade, Michelle Robyn Nicholls, Tess Hooper, Emil Jug, Joan Mulligan, Bramwell Wright, Jim Alivia, Marcelo, Marika Gubasci, Jose Herrera, Eva Beck, Wilga Wilscheński, 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: Maria Luisa Arnaiz, Tino Ordonez, Diane Geffen, Jeanette & John Rawlinson, James Alexander Adamovitch, Penny Hing, Norman Hing, Stan & Rata Hing, 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, 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

SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER / B

09 MAY 2021

just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.'

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.

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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. May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,

together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. 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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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

Jn 14: 15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts

the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord.

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 in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

LOVING ONE ANOTHER AS JESUS LOVED

We can only start to imagine the surprise and unsettling effect on Peter when Cornelius, a Roman centurion, prostrated himself before him. Cornelius was a representative of a hated and oppressive foreign government and here he publicly humiliates himself in front of a Galilean fisherman! Peter's own response is as generous and spontaneous as that of Cornelius: 'God has no favourites!' In saying this the barrier separating Jews and Gentiles is in the process of being shattered. When the gift of the Spirit is poured out so obviously on this Gentile household Peter can no longer see any reason to maintain long-held prejudices and instructs his companions to baptise them.

Breaking down barriers is at the heart of the readings for today as the Gospel invites us to no longer see God as a distant master to be feared. God loves us with that same love which leads Jesus to give his life for us. Changing our perception of God is one barrier to be overcome, but there is another, our perception of ourselves. Fear can keep us from God, from ourselves, and others. Invited to see ourselves as God's friends we are also invited to respond by sharing in Jesus' mission. To use the Gospel's words, we are commissioned to bear fruit, to overcome our reserve, and join in the task of loving one another as Jesus has already loved us. In Jesus' resurrection, we are not just saved from death, perhaps even more importantly, we are shown how to live.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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I CALL YOU FRIENDS. We often refer to Jesus by honorific titles, such as Lord, but do we also think of him, as he thinks of us, as a friend? The Talmud suggests that we should do two things: acquire a teacher and choose a friend. In Jesus we have both the best teacher and the best friend we could ever hope to have.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Isa 48: 20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

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

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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. Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 97: 1-4. R. cf. v. 2

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (or Alleluia!)

1. Sing a new song to the Lord / for he has worked wonders. / His right hand and his holy arm / have brought salvation. **R.**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; / has shown his justice to the nations. / He has remembered his truth and love / for the house of Israel. **R.**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen / the salvation of our God. / Shout to the Lord all the earth, / ring out your joy. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Jn 4: 7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John
God is love.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 14: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 15: 9-17

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.

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love,