

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Jesus is our High Priest whose precious blood established an everlasting covenant with God. As people of the covenant, we bring our prayers before the Lord.

Reader: For a desire to live as God commands.

All: With the blood of animals the people of Israel sealed the ancient covenant with God. May we who are sealed in the new covenant, by the blood of Christ, renew our desire to live as God commands.

Reader: For a greater understanding of the sacrifice of Christ.

All: The blood of Christ makes us holy before God for lives of service to God and to one another. May we grow in our understanding of what Christ has achieved for us by his life and death.

Reader: For a deeper respect and love of the Eucharist.

All: Jesus commanded us to share his body and blood in memory of him. May we grow in our reverence for the Eucharist and live out its command of love in all that we do.

Reader: For a desire to be faithful to the covenant.

All: We are nourished by the body and blood of the Lord. May our sharing in this sacrament renew our desire to live more faithfully as followers of the Christ who shed his blood for the life of all.

Presider: God of the covenant, you give us this sacrament as a sign of your love for us. May we grow in love, eager to serve you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

2021 FIRST RECONCILIATION (Parish Program) Wednesday 23rd June at 6pm

Registrations are open for the 2021 First Reconciliation Program. The program is open to children who have been baptised in the Catholic tradition, are in Year 2 or above and reside within our parish boundaries.

If you would like to register your child for this years program please return the enrolment form directly to the Parish Office by Friday 4 June.

Program Dates:

Information & Formation Session #1

Wednesday 9 June, Arrival at 5:30pm for a 6:00pm start

Formation Session #2 & Rehearsal

Wednesday 16 June, Arrival at 5:30pm for a 6:00pm start

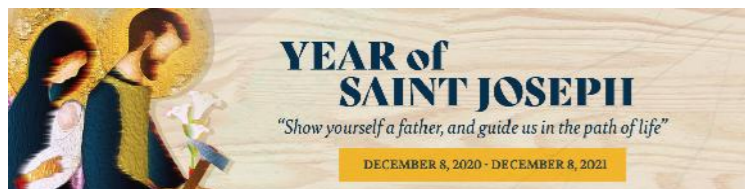
The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 23rd June, Arrival at 5:30pm for a 6:00pm start

Forms are available from the Parish Office
or on our website at

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

Please be aware if your child attends St Francis of Assisi Regional Primary School the Sacrament will be organised via the school and you do not need to attend this program.



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 In the care of the Franciscans since 1879

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

And as they were eating he *took* some bread, and when he had said the *blessing* he *broke* it and *gave* it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many (Mark 14:22-24).

The Church teaches that the celebration of the liturgy is the "source and summit of the Christian life" (Lumen Gentium, 11). For Catholics participating in the liturgy, the Mass, is the most important act of worship. At mass we praise and thank God for blessings, and pray to be strengthened to live as Christ's disciples in the world. The Liturgy of the Hours, the sacramental rites, blessings, and other prayers help to form the Christian person. *Lex orandi, lex credendi (latin)*, "the law of what is prayed [is], the law of what is believed. Prayer and belief are integral to each other; good liturgies help Christians to integrate theology into their lives. For me pastoral work has been instrumental in deepening my understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist. The actions of Jesus at the last supper continues in our world. I see and experience the covenant and the presence of God in my life and the life of others. Life and relationships can demonstrate belief. Words such as responsibility, duty, obligation, promise, commitment, mission, service, collaboration, communion, sacrifice reflect the covenant which we celebrate in liturgy. The Mass is truly a source for Christian life. At the procession of gifts and communion I see faces, which tell stories of offering, sacrifice and lives lived in love for God and others. The Mass is the summit for a worshipping Christian community. Fr Anthoni Selvaraj OFM

Since once again, Lord — though this time not in the forests of the Aisne but in the steppes of Asia — I have neither bread, nor wine, nor altar, I will raise myself beyond these symbols, up to the pure majesty of the real itself; I, your priest, will make the whole earth my altar and on it will offer you all the labours and sufferings of the world. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.

FY 2022 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Your 2022 envelopes are available at Mass today. Inside your envelope box there is a letter to confirm your contact details. Please mark any changes and put it inside your next envelope so we can action the changes before EOFY. **Paddington Givers:** Your envelopes may also be picked up from the Parish Office during the week.

Edgecliff Givers: If you would prefer to pick your envelopes up from the Parish Office please call 9331 4043 and let us know and we will organise to have your envelopes in the Parish Office for you.

SAVE OUR GRAVES

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has asked for your support in signing an e-petition on this issue to be presented to the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly, since the government's decision amounts to an attack on religious freedom in NSW. For more than 150 years in NSW, Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust has been trusted not only by Catholics, but by the Islamic and Jewish communities and other people of faith to bury the dead, maintain their graves respectfully and comfort grieving families.

The NSW Government wants to exclude faith groups from this precious ministry and replace them with a new and costly Government bureaucracy which has no understanding of religious customs around burials, including the importance of leaving graves undisturbed by future generations.

Sign the e-petition here: <https://saveourgraves.com.au/>

You can also write to your local State MP to voice your concern about this proposal. Please also share the attached tile on your parish social media platforms.

ORGAN RECITAL

The next organ recital at St Francis will be given by Dr Brett McKern, Director of Music at St John's Anglican Church Gordon on Sunday 27 June at 2:30pm. He will play works by Felix Mendelssohn, Herbert Howells, Alexandre Guilmant, Theodore Dubois and a 'Voluntary on Tallis' Canon by Brett McKern himself. All welcome. Admission by programme with a Note Donation.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—EDGECLIFF

Marion O'Farrell wanted to thank all the parishioners who were so welcoming last weekend when she stepped in for their president Brian Dillon. All envelope donations can be put in the church collections or mailed in. Brian will issue receipts.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to our Year 3 children who are celebrating their First Holy Communion this weekend. We offer special thanks to their teachers and their families who have worked with the candidates to prepare them for this special sacrament. For students who do not attend St Francis of Assisi Regional Primary School First Holy Communion will be held in September, details will be sent closer to the date.

COVID & OUR COMMUNITY

In the interests of your safety and the safety of our community we ask you please stay home if you are unwell or experiencing even mild COVID symptoms. Please also ensure you sanitise your hands on entry to the church, maintain appropriate social distancing and sign-in is still compulsory for our churches and other buildings. Masks are also available as required from the volunteers on the door.

GOODBYE & THANK YOU FROM RUTH RAWLINSON

Over the last few weeks many have asked me if I am headed off to something "better" and my response each time has been the same: I cannot imagine I will ever find a better community than the one I have found here at St Francis of Assisi, Paddington & St Joseph, Edgecliff. The last two and a half years have gone so quickly and we have been through so much together, most notably, of course, COVID and all the changes that has brought to our lives. I'm so grateful for the way our community has worked together and managed the many obstacles the pandemic brought. The generosity of our many volunteers never fails to impress me (and, yes—I will get one last "plug" in: Do consider joining our COVID-Safe team and helping out when you can!). Thank you, all, for the way you have welcomed me, for your warmth and your kindness, for your sense of fun and your enthusiasm, it has been such a privilege to work here and to be of service to your faith community. A special thank you to the Friars & to my colleagues (Br) Michael, Noel, Alanna & Cate who have all listened to more cat stories than they ever hoped to hear but have never failed to still ask after my little man! I treasure the friendships I've made, everything I've learned and my time here at St Francis of Assisi, Paddington & St Joseph, Edgecliff. (And if you like cat pictures look me up on the Facebook!).



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: Elvira Hughes, Francis Domingo Gorostiza, Geoff & Megan Cliff, Jacqui Ingram, Ester Carmen Fernandez, Sr M. Ignatius Killeen RSC, Norman Hing, 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 Wilschefske, 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, Holy Souls.

Mass Intentions: Michael McCarthy, Edward Kiernan, Fr Kevin Walsh, Tony Ponte, Desmond O'Shea, Maude & Bruce McAllister, Michael Donovan, Andrew Georgiou, Hector Destro, Pat & Ned Theodore, Bryan, Ashleigh & Elle Paton, Margaret Austin, Janice Hui, Dudley Williams, Nick Williams, Christopher Von Kaisenberg, Gregory & Patricia McCue, Lena Kaine & Violet Kiernan, Veronica Henderson, Sandy De Souza. Peg Kelly, Michael, Jane, & James Carnel, Peter Meagher, Trader Falkner, Giuliani family, Maria Luisa Arnaiz, Tino Ordenez, Diane Geffen, Jeanette & John Rawlinson, James Alexander Adamovitch, Penny Hing, Stan & Rata Hing, Dionisio Solis, Geraldine Levins, Adalgisa Levins, Nan Kelly, Molly & Herbert Odillo Maher, Terry Bostock, Nell Atkinson, Elizabeth Considine Conley, 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.

GOSPEL Mk 14: 12-16, 22-26

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.

This is my body. This is my blood.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

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 your Church, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in mystery in the offerings we here present. 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 OR II OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

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 Jn 6: 57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may delight for all eternity in that share in your

divine life, which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of your precious Body and Blood. Who live and reign 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 in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The idea of killing animals and then sprinkling their blood on an altar is foreign and abhorrent to many people of the 21st century. It would be fair enough to say that the last things we would expect to see on a Sunday morning would be the carcass and blood of an animal on the altar and our pastor holding a butcher's knife! The ancient people saw such sacrifices with different eyes than ours. Sacrifices were symbolic of their desire to express the precious nature of the bonds that united them to the living God. Sacrifices were a sign of the sealing of the relationship between a people and their God, such as the sacrifice of Moses in the desert. Sacrifices were an important means of healing the rupture of this relationship that came about through human failure and sin. They were a sign of promises made, broken and renewed, of new beginnings and the return of peace. The letter to the Hebrews expresses beautifully how the early Church came to appreciate that in Jesus' death all that the old sacrificial system had striven for was now finally achieved. Jesus' gift of his life is not an event that is limited to one time and place. Rather, his gift is one that continues to have the power to restore, renew, and bring us into the fullness of life. This is ultimately the gift we celebrate in the Eucharist where, faithful to Jesus' command, we gather to be nourished, healed, and renewed.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) / B

06 JUNE 2021

THIS IS MY BODY. During the Passover meal the Jewish people remember God's saving deeds in the past. In this act of remembering, God's saving power is experienced in the present. Through the ritual meal of the last supper Jesus points to a future event, his crucifixion, in which his body will be broken and his blood shed to inaugurate a new covenant between God and humankind. In the Eucharist we remember Christ's saving action and participate in its fruits.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 80: 17
He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
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. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
P. You came to call sinners: Christ have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
P. You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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. O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits

of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Ex 24: 3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus
This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.
Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 115: 12-13, 15-18. R. v. 13
R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. (or Alleluia!)

1. How can I repay the Lord / for his goodness to me? / The cup of salvation I will raise; / I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord / is the death of his faithful. / Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; / you have loosened my bonds. **R.**
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: / I will call on the Lord's name. / My vows to the Lord I will fulfil / before all his people. **R.**

SECOND READING Heb 9: 11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.
Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has



passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE

Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.
Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;
O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 6: 51-52

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!