

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: The Lord wills our growth, accompanies us through the day and watches over us at night. We are nurtured by God whatever the season of our lives. We bring our needs in confidence.

Reader: For the Church:

All: That the good seeds nurtured by Christ's love may continue to grow throughout the world.

Reader: For our country:

All: That we may respect people of every race or ethnic background and cherish our diversity.

Reader: For our family and friends:

All: That we may be understanding toward one another and respect the timing of each other's growth.

Reader: For the environment:

All: that we will promote the growth of trees and vegetation to give shelter, shade and clean air.

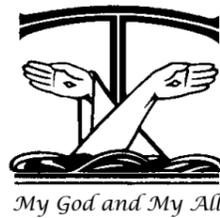
Reader: for those whose work seems unimportant:

All: May they recognise the value of all working as a sharing in the creative activity of God, and may society learn to appreciate the contribution made by all its workers.

Reader: for those who have died:

All: That their earthly life being over, they may come to eternal life.

Presider: Lord have pity; hear our humble prayer. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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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13th June 2021: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year B

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

I used to help my family by working on our coffee and pepper plantations. Besides coffee and pepper, my family also grew rice, corn, sweet potato and various kinds of beans. I am aware that in order to have a good harvest, as farmers, it is always necessary to have good soil, water, fertilizers and to provide good care for our crops.

Coming from a farming family and a town steeped in agriculture, helps me to understand more about what Our Lord said in this weekend's gospel reading. He uses a variety of parables to explain his hopes and concerns to his listeners about "the Kingdom". As I reflect on this gospel message, I think of Our Lord, who throughout his earthly ministry, spent time caring for the needs of God's people, preaching the "Good News" and "sowing the seeds of faith" in people's hearts. We can say that the whole life of Our Lord is a parable leading us into God's generous and merciful dealings with us. In fact, Our Lord himself said he was the seed that must fall onto the ground and die to produce God's final harvest.

Fr Anthoni, Fr Francisco and myself came to Paddington and Edgecliff Parish Community and consider it a great privilege and honour to continue our Franciscan's presence here. We try our best to do what we can, to plant the seed of faith and help our parish grow not in the way we want, but as God wants. We are totally aware that as we come and we go, this parish doesn't belong to us but actually belongs to each one of you. Perhaps a number of you have spent most of your life in the parish here building this faith-community for yourself, your children, grandchildren and your loved ones. In different ways, each one of you has generously built this faith community, watching it grow and flourish, each one of you has sown the seed into this Parish, each one of you has sought to instil the faith to be passed on to the next generations. Obviously, you will have many memories of the joys and pains that have gone into this commitment. We express our thanks and gratitude to each one of you and all our devoted parishioners, past and present, alive and deceased, who have given a part of their life building up this parish and now are experiencing the disability, weakness and perhaps disappointment that age or ill-health can bring.

Let this weekend's responsorial psalm be directed especially to us and let it be our consolation: "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong". (Psalm 92:1-2,12-15)

Fr Joseph Nguyen, OFM

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

Program Dates:

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.

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.

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

All envelope donations can be put in the church collections or mailed in. President, Brian Dillon will issue receipts.

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.

Or pick up a flyer to scan and sign.

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.



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. We pay our respects to their Elders both past and present.



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
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: Margaret Coulson, Judith Deeham, 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 Wilschefska, 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, Holy Souls.

Mass Intentions: Augustus (John) Coulson, Donal O'Sullivan, Robert Eagle, Peter Leuver Snr, Peter Leuver Jnr, John Pegrum, Patrick Corbally Stourton, Piper Family, Joanna Angeles, Christopher Wiencke, Diane Geffen, Shirley Nield, Rev. Neville Gawler, Adalgisa Levins, Geraldine Levins, Genevieve Scarf, 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, Jeanette & John Rawlinson, Adamovitch, Stan & R Dionisios,, 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.

the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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. O God, who in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature, nourishing us with food and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray, that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit. 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-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

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: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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 Ps 26: 4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord, foreshadows the union of the faithful in you, so may it bring about unity in your Church. 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 forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

LIVE BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT

The parables of Jesus have a marvellous way of giving us the feeling of having Jesus sitting beside us. They have always been able to cross barriers of time, space and culture. They have a power to delight and unsettle, to console and challenge that is undimmed with the passing of nearly 2000 years. They are deceptively simple and always invite further reflection. When Jesus spoke of the kingdom or reign of God he drew on the image of the mustard seed. In doing this he was able to speak of the hidden beginnings of God's reign and, at the same time, the certainty of its growth. This of course is where the parable is deceptively simple, and where its challenge is to be found. As in the time of Jesus, it is still difficult to believe in the certainty of the coming of the kingdom, especially when its growth continues to be hidden, and the hearts of many seem to remain unchanged.

It is precisely here that Paul's reflection on his life as a Christian in the first century can be a source of encouragement. While we can picture Paul's ministry as one of on-going successes, the reality was not so simple. Faced with rejection and misunderstanding from some of the community in Corinth he does not lose heart. Sometimes growth among them was hard to see but he keeps his eyes firmly on what lies ahead. He knows there are many times when we must have the trust to live by faith and not by sight.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

13 JUNE 2021

THE LAWS OF GROWTH. We would love to be able to plant a seed today and have a magnificent tree tomorrow. But that is not possible. It will take many years for the tree to grow to its full height. Likewise, the Church is constantly growing towards fuller maturity. The Church is nourished in its growth by the Eucharist and the Word of God. The Church is like a growing tree, already bearing fruit and giving comfort, but always open to further growth.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 26: 7, 9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

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 are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: 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

Gloria 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, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. 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 Ezek 17: 22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16. R. cf. v. 2

R. Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord / to make music to your name, O Most High, / to proclaim your love in the morning/and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree / and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord / they will flourish in the courts of our God, / still bearing fruit when they are old, / still full of sap, still green, / to proclaim that the Lord is just. / In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**



SECOND READING 2 Cor 5: 6-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 4: 26-34

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.

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then