

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: 'Courage! The Lord is calling you.' Strengthened by God's Word broken for us we come in confidence to the Lord with our needs and those of our world.

Reader: For the gift of being comforters.

All: Just as God comforted the people of Israel, gathering those whom the world rejected, so may we be comforters especially of the weak. May we be rich in hospitably, warm in our welcoming, and strong in our support of one another.

Lord hear us.

Reader: For confidence in God's goodness and love.

All: Christ is our High Priest called from among us to plead for us with the Father. May his presence with God renew our confidence in prayer to our God. Lord hear us.

Reader: For those who are seeking the truth :

All: May those who are looking for truth experience the healing touch of the Lord and, being filled with courage, acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah of God and follow him on his way. Lord hear us.

Reader: For courage in following the Lord:

All: May we be courageous in following the Lord, obedient to the teaching of the gospel through lives that bring healing and wholeness to those in the community who need our care. Lord hear us.

Presider: God of light, help us see more clearly the way you have planned for us. Give us courage and perseverance to follow you in our lives.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

2021 FIRST RECONCILIATION

(St Francis Primary School only)

Thursday 11th November

(for public schools it is planned for end of November or early December)

2021 CONFIRMATION

Sunday 20th November

(2 sessions- 3pm & 5.30pm)

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is planned for early next year.



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.



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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24th October 2021: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year B

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The great universal gathering of God's people.

After four months of stay-at-home order we are able to gather this weekend to celebrate mass. The restriction and the lockdown have impacted lives and relationships have been altered. In the coming months we will have a better knowledge and understanding of how to assist people post lockdown. Some people may need ongoing support for a time. For now, most of us are pleased to have the opportunity to gather with others, work, visit loved ones and as people of faith to pray inside a church as a community. We are beginning to appreciate the joy of doing small things in everyday life.

Save your people, O Lord. We often hear these words in scriptures. Beseeching God to intervene, to show tenderness, to forgive, to care and to protect. The exultant oracle by Jeremiah promises the home coming of God's people from the land where they have been scattered. Even the weakest members of the community are not left behind. God cares for all and leads them back to safety, provides a home and good things.

Jesus Christ, Son of God, who came to share our humanity is also the mediator, the high priest, who intercedes for his people. The blind beggar sitting by the roadside, is not left behind. Bartimaeus who cried out to Jesus, was shown mercy. Jesus responded by calling him and asking him "What do you want me to do for you". The blind man's reply, "I want to see". In last week's gospel passage James and John asked Jesus for a favour, to sit by his right and left when Jesus comes to power. Whereas in today's passage, a blind man, Bartimaeus asks for sight, when he was healed, he chooses to follow Jesus to Calvary. A stark contrast, Bartimaeus makes the bold decision to follow Jesus to the cross. We too need to be healed from our blindness to the mystery of Jesus Christ.

For all who have experienced God's love and mercy, the only response is to follow Jesus on the way.

Father Anthoni Selvaraj ofm

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Throughout the history of the Catholic Church, November has been the month in which we remember our deceased.

This November, we will make available a Book of Remembrance.

It will be placed near the altar throughout the month, to view, to remember, and to pray for those whose names are inscribed.

The friars will remember in their Masses and prayers deceased friars, parents, benefactors, friends and relatives. You are invited to add the name of your deceased loved ones.

RCIA Meeting

Will resume on Thursday 28th October 2021.

7pm for 7.30pm start.

Covid Safe Plan

We resumed public masses on Monday. Liturgical celebrations, and church activities such as Sacramental preparation classes are permitted for all who wish to attend. It is not necessary to verify whether an attendee is vaccinated or not, but Covid Safe check-in is required. Churches are now places where vaccinated and unvaccinated people may gather together. Please take precautions which are essential to keep everyone safe.

1 person per 4 square metres. (at outdoor gatherings, the limit is 1 person per 2 sqm)

Masks are mandatory except when reading or presiding etc.

Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.

Attendees must check in using the Service NSW App, or using a written record kept by the Parish.

Readers, acolytes and other ministers are not required to be vaccinated, though this is recommended for all of us. Clergy and other ministers taking Holy Communion to people in their homes should be vaccinated.

Please do not use fans or other mechanical heating or cooling system,- natural ventilation is preferred.



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, Celia Olazabal - Parish Secretary
Tanith Bryce - Cantor, Edgecliff
Noel Debieen & 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:

June Fabbro, Doug Malouf, Ciro Gallifuco, Michael Gearin, Otilia Batisita, John Henry Jones, Margaret Hunsiecker, Sheila Freckmann-Dillon. Peter John Little, Angela Catherine Egan, Marcia Jackson (Nee Keenan) Kevin Finegan, Mike Bailey, Vittoria Sora' Borgese, Sr Margaret Mines rsc, Sr Marguerite Maloney rsc, Sr Mark Lehmann and Sr Judith Clark rsc and Holy Souls.

Mass Intentions:

Elizabeth Considine Conley, Catherine Wu-Hutchings, Pat and Ned Theodore and daughter Virginia Ross, deceased relatives of Orly-Soto-Carriel, Ron Sang, Jim Evans, Keith Steele, Andrew Georgiou, Hector Destro, Giuliano family, and 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



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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.

