

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: 'You are not far from the reign of God'. We have listened to God's Word and professed our faith. Now with confidence we turn to God for all our needs

Reader: For a commitment to keep God's commandments. (pause)

All: We are commanded to love God all the days of our lives. May we be constant in keeping God's Commandments and may the desire to serve God be written in our hearts.

Reader: For confidence in Christ, the High Priest. (pause)

All: Christ is our High Priest whose power to save is certain. May we be comforted by his powerful presence with God for he has been made the perfect one who intercedes on our behalf for ever.

Reader: For a desire to love our neighbour as ourselves. (pause)

All: Jesus teaches that the greatest commandment is to love God by loving our neighbour. May we grow in love of one another, learning to forgive and to accept; and to become together the people that God wants.

Reader: For a longing for the reign of God.(pause)

All: May we be filled with a great desire for the coming of God's reign. May our struggle for justice and peace and our concern for truth witness our longing for God's will to be done.

Presider: God of love, fill us with your blessings so that we will be strong in keeping your commandments and constant in loving one another.

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

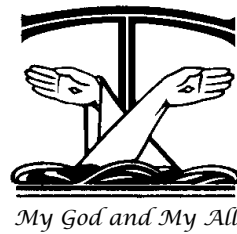
Saturday 20th November

(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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31st October 2021: Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year B

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

To Love the One God with All Your Heart

As we approach November, our focus turns to end of year events and planning for the new year. In liturgy too, scripture readings reflect on matters dealing with the end of time. Before we turn our minds to the new year, let us take time to remember our deceased relatives and friends. People who have taught and exemplified how to live, love, and serve with integrity. They may not have been perfect, nevertheless, we admire them for their qualities and generosity. Leaving a lasting effect on the development of our personalities. On the Feast of All Saints and All Souls Day, we are reminded the Church calls all people to holiness.

The first reading reminds of the deep peace and happiness of those who live in faithfulness to God's covenant. It is love of God based on a relationship that seeks and listens to God. *Shema Israel*, "Hear O Israel", recited by pious Jews every morning and evening, is more than a profession of faith, it is renewal of commitment, and a thanksgiving. This theme is developed in Christian spiritual tradition. Through obedience to God's commandments, we pass from fear to love of God. Our understanding of neighbour too has evolved over the centuries from tribal worlds to living in a multicultural society. Our interest in books that deal with biographies, spirituality and writings of saints demonstrates our desire and search for holiness in a pluralistic and multicultural society.

In our modern secularistic world, we are comfortable to use the phrase, "I am spiritual" but shy away from the word "holy". For the Christian, the word "holy" is intimately related to the paschal mystery of Christ. As a Franciscan I have lived and worked with friars, religious, parishioners and people from other traditions as well. I have encountered many holy people, all struggle with sin and human weakness, but love God with all their heart. We too are part of the communion of saints, the stain glass windows in churches tell their stories, and ours in the making! The early Church venerated martyrs, seeking protection and intercession. Later through the centuries, saints became models of the Christian life.

Saints have no need of honour from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs. Clearly if we venerate their memory, it serves us not them. But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed by a tremendous yearning" (St Bernard, Sermon 2)

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.

It is confirmed that Fr Francisco Basnayake ofm will return to Custody of St Anthony (Malaysia-Singapore) in February 2022 when his work visa expires. The Custody is a growing entity, with several friars completing formation, they are looking to establish a new foundation and ministries. In the past Australian friars ministered in Singapore. There are enough friars now to establish an independent entity. There is no replacement, Fr Joseph and Fr Anthoni will continue till the next Chapter in 2022.

Spirituality on the Sofa– (Zoom meeting)

Wednesday, 10th November –7.30pm-9pm

Guest speakers Geraldine Doogue & Fr Michael Whelan SM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86530155288?pwd=Z1plcG5uekJTU11MERIL1RraGZRZz09>

During the lockdown there were parishioners who helped and supported us. Sid who worked with Fr Joseph to tidy up our two churches and grounds. Eleanor and friends cleaned the sacristy, Noel, Bransby and members of choirs with live streaming, Mark who polished the thurible. There were phone calls, emails, food drops and envelopes in the letter box too. Thank you for your care, thoughtfulness, generosity and prayers.

Louise and staff at school helped to care for the school community. Cate and Alanna supported me from home. Whereas Ruth continues to work remotely and support us till we find a bookkeeper.

Thank you all for your patience! (Father Anthoni)

Next RCIA Meeting, on Thursdays

4th November, 7pm for 7.30pm start

Franciscan Calendar 2022 will be on sale from next week.

Please place your orders for the following books:

Break Open the Word 2022, especially for readers.

Daily Mass Book 2022

Ordo for 2022

Contact the parish office

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:

Patricia Mary Brett, 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 Virginnia Ross, deceased relatives of Orly-Soto-Carriel, Ron Sang, Jim Evans, Keith Steele, Andrew Georgiou, Hector Destro, Giuliano family, and Holy Souls.

The parish will be advertising two positions

Parish Secretary and a Bookkeeper
If interested please contact the parish office.

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 12:28-34

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.

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

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. May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, become for you a pure oblation, and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy. 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: 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 cf. Ps 15:11

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray, so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments, we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise. 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

GETTING TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER

All too often Christians fall into the trap of characterising the Jewish faith as being legalistic. It is a judgement that is both unfair and inaccurate. It is true that Jesus engaged in sometimes heated debates with other interpreters of the Jewish Torah (Law), and this is reflected in the gospel tradition. At the same time, the gospel tradition attests that, apart from the regulations concerning ritual purity, Jesus agreed with many of his contemporaries about the key values that lay at the heart of their religion.

Poised to enter the promised land after forty years of wandering in the desert Moses takes the opportunity to remind the people what will be required to flourish in the future. Their loyalty to God will be measured by the degree to which they write God's law in their hearts. This is the compass that will guide them in the years ahead and nurture their relationship with the living God.

The great first-century Rabbi Hillel was challenged to explain the Torah while standing on one foot. His reply was "Don't do to others what is repugnant to you. All else is commentary." Asked by a scribe to articulate his view of the greatest commandment Jesus highlights Moses' instruction to love God with all one's heart, mind, and strength adding the command to love our neighbour as ourselves. Hillel, like the ten commandments, focused on avoiding harming others. Jesus' genius can be seen in phrasing it positively in terms of love – our best compass and guide.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

31 OCTOBER 2021

YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD. The commandment to love God with all one's being is kept constantly before the Jewish people. It is recited daily in prayer; and, written on a small scroll, it is worn on their person and enshrined at the entrance to their homes. To observe this commandment our love must embrace the whole of creation, especially our fellow human beings made in God's image.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

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.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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. Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. 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

Deut 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord.

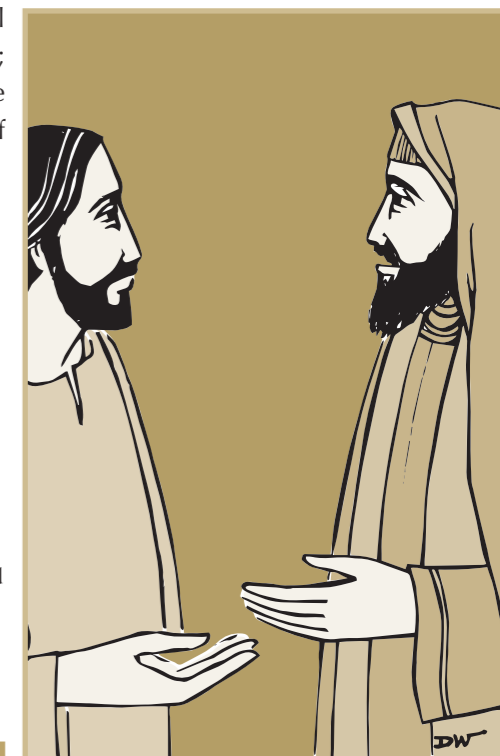
R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R. v. 2

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, / my rock, my fortress, my saviour. / My God is the rock where I take refuge; / my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. / The Lord is worthy of all praise: / when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! / Praised be the God who saves me. / he has given great victories to his king / and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**



SECOND READING

7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

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!