

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: 'Christ is present with God on our behalf.' God's Word is broken for us and we have made our act of faith. Now, with trust, we turn to our God recalling our needs.

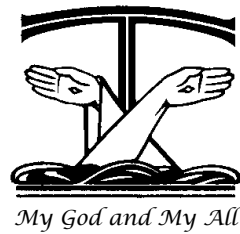
Reader: For the gift of hospitality. (pause)
All: Like the woman who welcomed Elijah, and fed him from the little she had, may we be a people of hospitality, welcoming strangers into our community with warmth and acceptance.

Reader: For trust in God's merciful love. (pause)
All: The letter to the Hebrews teaches that all will be judged. Trusting in God's merciful love, may we be comforted that Christ took on our faults and promises salvation to those who wait for him.

Reader: For the gift of sincerity. (pause)
All: Jesus condemned the hypocrisy of his enemies. May we too avoid hypocrisy in our dealings with one another and treat all people with sincerity and honesty.

Reader: For a spirit of generosity. (pause)
All: Like the poor widow in the gospel story, may we be generous in giving to the Lord, learning to trust in God's goodness so that we may be content with what we have and generous towards others in need.

Presider: God of love, you sent your Son to be our saviour and our teacher. Open our minds to his voice and our hearts to follow his example. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Faith, Trust and Providence.

The life of a widow is full of challenges. Often ostracised, poor and dependent on relatives for help. When the husband dies, the wife returns to her village to live with her parents in some cultures. She might be the sole breadwinner until the children grow up and can work and support the family. A few years ago, SBS screened Water, a 2005 drama film written and directed by Deepa Mehta. It is set in 1938 and explores the lives of widows at an ashram in Varanasi, India. It brings to light the plight of child brides and how society at that time treated widows. In some parts of the world, things are changing very slowly. Recently I watched a documentary on widows of Sherpas, Women of Everest. These are widows of Sherpas, who are training to be Sherpas themselves. Breaking taboos and stigma surrounding widows and women.

Faith influences our thinking and makes a huge difference to how we live and engage the world. Often, in conversation, we narrow the practice of faith to rituals, liturgy or sacramental life. The first reading in today's liturgy about the poor widow reminds us of people who forget themselves and show mercy to others in dire need. God's power is exercised even in a pagan land and welcomed in the hearts of the poor, which arouses faith and brings salvation

In a globalised world, we encounter people from different cultures and religions. Charity, mercy, and sacrifice are part of religious universalism. God's power can be experienced and demonstrated by all. Elijah was sent to a widow in Zarephath. Water is never denied to anyone in a hot climate, especially to an itinerant foreigner, but Elijah also asks for bread. Her faith in the prophet's words is rewarded. Whereas the widow in today's gospel passage also gives her all without any mention of reward. Jesus praises her extraordinary trust and devotion to God. These types of narratives draw our attention to "the Poor One, our Lord and Master, who gave everything for sinners including his own life. Our devotion to the Lord is reflected when we show mercy.

Father Anthoni Selvaraj ofm

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 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 SERVICICES AND SACRAMENTS
 No Bookings required. check-in is required as well as mask to be worn.

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:
 Benjamin Barillas, Geoffrey Dominic McAlary, Sue Coorey, Chew Shia Hoong, 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:
 Eileen & Jams Hoare, Anthony McDonald, Dr George & Anne Duncan, George Anthony Duncan, Hector Barbara, Debbie Hope, Elizabeth Considine Conley, Catherine Wu-Hutchings, Pat and Ned Theodore and daughter Virginia Ross, deceased relatives of Orly-Soto-Carriel, Patricia Ann Dillon, Ron Sang, Jim Evans, Keith Steele, Andrew Georgiou, Hector Destro, Giuliano family, Lita Dimatatac, Denisse & Xavier (Miss Pep)Thh 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.

2021 FIRST RECONCILIATION

Thursday 11th November -6pm (St Francis Primary)
 Tuesday 30th November -6pm (Public schools)
 Wednesday 1st December-6pm (Public schools)

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.

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.

*The parish is advertising two positions
 Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper
 If interested please contact the parish office*

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=Z1pLcG5uekJJTUI1MERiL1RraGZRZz09>

Next RCIA Meeting, on Thursdays
11th 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

PAPAL HONOUR

We are pleased to announce that **Marea Donovan** has been bestowed Dame of the Order of St Gregory the Great, for distinguished services to the church in the Archdiocese of Sydney.

The Archbishop will formally present this Honour to Marea, in December at St Mary's Cathedral House.

This poor widow has put in more than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

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. Look with favour, we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. 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 cf. Ps 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. 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

SELF-GIVING AND GENEROSITY

In many cultures, philanthropy and generosity can lead to a person being honoured and esteemed. The biblical world was no exception. As Sirach 31:23 observes: 'People bless the one who is liberal with food, and their testimony to his generosity is trustworthy.' Groups that were identified as being especially in need of such generosity were widows and orphans. God was identified as having special concern for them (Psalm 68:5). This was not all that the scriptures had to say on the matter. Deuteronomy 24:21 enjoined farmers to leave some of their crops for widows and orphans to harvest and so ensure their survival.

Given this tradition, it is remarkable that two of our readings today highlight the extraordinary generosity of two widows. In foreign territory, Elijah meets a widow and her son and asks to share in what they expect to be their last meal before they die. The widow's extraordinary generosity meets a most unexpected reward. As Jesus watches people contributing to the completion of the Temple, a widow's generosity catches his eye. Like Jeremiah before him, Jesus wanted the Temple to be a place of true worship. This woman's desire to honour God touched his heart – this is what true worship looks like.

Decades later the letter to the Hebrews reflected on Jesus' own self-giving as the perfect sacrifice that embodied and perfected all others. Not only did Jesus give what he had, he gave to the point of death itself. This act of love was the culmination of all Israel's sacrifices becoming the timeless model for ministry and priesthood.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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SHE HAS PUT IN EVERYTHING SHE HAD. Jesus had little time for the unholy trinity of conspicuous wealth, self-righteousness and ostentatious piety. He suggests that, when we give alms, we 'do not sound a trumpet before [us]' (Mt 6:2). According to St Ambrose, 'God does not consider what one gives but what one keeps.' Could it be that we give too little and keep too much?

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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

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, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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 1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings
The widow made a little scone from her flour and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."'

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 145:7-10. R. v. 2

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, / who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, / who raises up those who are bowed down. / It is the Lord who loves the just, / the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**



3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan / but thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING Heb 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 12:38-44

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.