

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: The words we speak display the yearnings of the heart. Let us turn to the Lord in pray and place our needs before him.

Reader: That the Church always speaks with honesty and compassion. (pause) To you we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those that suffer for the sake of integrity and goodness will be rewarded for their faithfulness and courage. (pause) To you we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who preach the Gospel will never grow weary or become defeated. (pause) To you we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That we will place the needs of our brothers and sisters before our own and avoid hypocrisy in our lives. (pause) To you we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died may enter eternal life especially Mary Burns, Coralie Scott and Domenico Giuliano (pause) To you we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: God our Father, hear our prayer. May our thoughts and deeds bring us closer to your truth.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE SPIRIT OF THE CROSS

Daily reflections for Lent and the Easter octave.

Copies are available from the parish office or Sacristy.

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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27th February 2022– Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year C

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

“You crown the year with your bounty, your parts overflow with abundance”.
(Psalm 65, 11)

Unlike Vietnam and other tropical countries where there are only two seasons within a year, a dry season and a wet season, the thing which always excites me most, while living here in Australia, is the regular changing of the seasons throughout the year. It is wonderful going to the beach on a hot summer’s day, or likewise, going to see the snow on a cold winter’s day and then, during springtime, seeing the flowers and nature come to new life. In Australia, we are in the last days of our summer. In our Catholic Church Liturgical Calendar, we are in the last days of the first period of ordinary time, before we celebrate Ash Wednesday and enter the Lenten Season of 2022 this coming week.

Lent reminds us of our Lord’s forty days in the wilderness before he began his public ministry (Lk 4, 1-13). In the same way, forty days of Lent invites us all to change and make a new beginning, hopefully for the better, no matter who and where we are. Personal conversion and repentance to the Gospel values is an invitation to every one of us from our Lord to strive for, every moment of our lives. St Bonaventure tells us that towards the last moments of his life, St Francis of Assisi told his fellow Friars: *“Let us begin again, brothers, to serve the Lord God, for up until now, we have done little or nothing”*

As Lent approaches and Covid restrictions are eased, let us begin again.

Fr Joseph Nguyen OFM

RCIA- Meeting– 7pm for 7.30pm start

Please pray for our catechumens, Nathan Green, Gareth Woolley, Jack Rackemann, Ian Ko and Kit Liew.

Catechist Recruitment

Parish children at local public schools do not have enough Scripture teachers for Tuesday (Woollahra), Thursday (Glenmore Road & Double Bay) and Friday (Paddington) mornings. Will you answer their prayer? “Dear God, please send us a Scripture teacher. We will work hard, pay attention and do really good drawings. We miss hearing stories about Jesus. Do you think we can please have a new teacher soon?” Training and resources provided. Please contact the Parish Office to help. Many thanks, Alanna (Catechist Co-Ordinator)

Ash Wednesday 2nd March

(Fast and Abstinence)

Masses: St Francis —9am and 7.30pm

St Joseph — 5.30pm

From Ash Wednesday, Ordinary Time is interrupted until after Easter Time. Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation 1-11 are appropriate for use during Lent where there is a theme of reconciliation.

Ashes can be distributed by sprinkling on the head or placing on the forehead.

If anyone has palms from last year please bring to church by Sunday, 27th February.

EASING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS

Most COVID restrictions are ending this Friday, February 25th. Please still take reasonable care to avoid infection, by physical distancing, staying home if unwell or symptomatic.

Even though masks will not be mandatory, please feel comfortable to continue wearing masks, if you cannot physically distance.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB/SPIRITUALITY ON THE SOFA (SOS)

2nd March 2022– Via Zoom/SOS-enter from 7.15pm

TOPIC: “Being heard – the call of the environment and climate change”

(for more information contact Marea 0414 874 910)

: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83209771457?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83209771457?pwd=R1lPbWtzTDNybVFrZi9KMKRlRVlN6QT09)

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or launch zoom and use the following:

Meeting ID: 832 0977 1457 Passcode: 134544

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022

Parents wishing to have their children participate in First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please download Sacramental Registration Form at

<https://www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2022-Parish-Sacramental-Program-Registration-Form.pdf>

Please return completed form to office@stf-stj.com

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
Joseph Nguyen ofm - Assistant Priest
Alanna Sparks, Cate Stivala, Celia Olazabal - Parish Secretary
Tanith Bryce - Cantor, Edgecliff
Noel Debién & Bransby Byrne - Music Dir. & Organist Paddington
Nicole Smeulders - Cantor Paddington
Emma-Gai Gold & Alanna Sparks - Safeguarding Support Officers
Nicole Hudson - Principal, St Francis of Assisi Primary School

WEEKLY SERVICES 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.

We remember those in need of our prayers: our deceased, those in hospital, nursing homes, and the homebound.

Recently Deceased: Patrick Blake, Mary Burns, Domenico, Giuliano, Coralie Scott, Peter Hine, Andrew Georgiou, Brian Purdon, Sam Pravitera, Nea Gooley, Br. Ambrose Kyne ofm, Fr Mel Cotter ofm, Fr Albert Williams ofm, Fr Anthony Stott ofm, Jan Maree Gowrie-Smith, Dr Bruce Roberts, Dawn King, Teresita, Angela Balog, Kevin Gale, Patricia McAlary, Benjamin Barillas, Geoffrey Dominic McAlary, Sue Coorey, Chew Shia Hoong, June Fabbro, Doug Malouf, Ciro Gallifuco, Michael Gearin, Otilia Batisita, John Henry Jones, Margaret Hunsiecker, Peter John Little, Angela Catherine Egan.

Mass Intentions: Kathrin Fitzpatrick, Peter Leuver, John Lagudi, Jenny Washington, Maria Teresa Romeo, Angelo Napoli, Tony Ponte, Lorraine & George Venturini, Desmond O’Shea, Maurice Harvey, Natasha, Jose Herrera, Conchita Lucas, Sister Mary Hereward, Dr Herbert, Molly Odillo Maher, Nell Atkinson, Terry Bostock, David Roderick, Frank & Lena Kaine, Antonia Alvarado, Herbert Graham, Peter Meagher, Michael, Jane & Jim Carnell & Betty Burnett, Sue Gherdovich, Concepcion Family, Paul Ise, Patrick McDonagh, Gabrielle McDonagh, Jack & Maureen Brett, Patricia Brett, Nan Kelly, Hector Destro, Christian Zaks, Darlene Hagan, Carolyn Kenna, Debbie Hope, Genevieve Scarf, Joseph Rezallah, Peter Herro, Rosita Napoli, Carmen Rios Berrocal, and Giuliano family.

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.

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

27 FEBRUARY 2022

‘There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man’s words flow out of what fills his heart.’

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.

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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 provide gifts to be offered to your name and count our oblations as signs of our desire to serve you with devotion, we ask of your mercy that what you grant as the source of merit may also help us to attain merit’s reward. 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 12: 6

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Nourished by your saving gifts,

we beseech your mercy, Lord,

that by this same Sacrament

with which you feed us in the present age,

you may make us partakers of life eternal.

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 in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST

We often hear it said that actions speak louder than words, and that talk is cheap.

While these sayings may well be true, what we say provides others with a window into our hearts. Both the first reading and the Gospel invite us to reflect upon the quality of our speech and what it reveals about where our heart lies. As trees are judged on the quality of their fruit so our hearts are judged on the quality of our speech. Jesus’ words forcefully remind us that before we judge others, we would do well to look to ourselves and the quality of the fruit we bear in our actions and in the words we speak.

As Paul concludes his argument about the bodily resurrection, he praises God for the victory that has been won over sin and death. Like other Jews of his time, he understood that sin and death had entered the world through the fall of Adam. When Paul states that sin gets its power from the law, he invites the Corinthians to reflect on the paradox posed by the Jewish law.

While the law calls us to righteousness, its very existence is living proof of the power of sin, since the commands of the law would not be necessary if there was no sin. Paul sees the death and resurrection of Jesus as the first fruits of a crop that is yet to come. In the meantime, the community is called to continue to live their Christian lives in the hope that they are not working in vain.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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TAKE THE PLANK FROM YOUR OWN EYE FIRST. Let us not presume to pass judgement on other peoples’ shortcomings without first subjecting our own conduct to honest scrutiny. Perhaps we expect higher standards of moral behaviour from others than we require from ourselves. Criticism of the sinner is not infrequently a subtle form of self-condemnation in which pride is joined to lack of charity.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 17: 19-20

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

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.

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

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. Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. 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

Sir 27: 4-7

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation.

The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,

similarly a man’s words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

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 sap when they are old, / still full sap, still green, / to proclaim that the Lord is just. / In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 54-58

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed

up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord’s work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Phil 2: 15-16

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 6: 39-45

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. ‘Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciples will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother’s eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, “Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,” when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother’s eye.’