

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: God has reconciled us through Jesus Christ. We implore God today to show mercy, healing and forgiveness to all who are in need.

Reader: We pray for Pope Francis and all Church leaders. May they show the way of a Church that is a welcoming community, teaching us how to forgive and how to be forgiven. (pause) Lord hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for all the places in the world where there is animosity and conflict, remembering especially the peoples of Ukraine and Russia, recently consecrated by Pope Francis to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. May hearts and minds be converted to Christ's way of humility, peace and reconciliation and may those who are the targets of violence and oppression be protected and delivered to safety. (pause) Lord hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We continue to pray for Project Compassion this Lenten season. May the efforts and sacrifices people make strengthen their awareness so that they can better respond to the needs of the poor. (pause) Lord hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for the sick of our parish and for all who have asked us for our prayers. We pray for all who have died recently, especially, Brian Rheinberger and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be raised to eternal life in Christ. (pause) Lord hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: Merciful Father, we come to you with repentant hearts. Hear the prayers we have brought to you today. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE SPIRIT OF THE CROSS

Daily reflections for Lent and the Easter octave.
A few books are available at the church door.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please collect your Project Compassion boxes at Mass.

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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Luke 15:1–3, 11–32

'Your brother here was dead and has come to life.'

In today's gospel, the religious leaders at the time of Jesus felt that there was no place for sinners in God's kingdom. This parable shows that there is always hope and a promise of forgiveness for those who repent and turn again to God, and that God never tires of seeking the lost. The father allows his youngest son the freedom to choose his way and make his own mistakes, but he keeps the door of welcome open. Through his journey, this son comes to realise that his fulfillment lies with his father and returns. At this point, the elder son changes places with the younger and becomes the one who is alienated and outside the feast. The reaction of the father is consistent: he goes outside to meet his elder son, now the lost one, to tell him, 'All I have is yours.' The reward is for both the righteous and the repentant sinner.

The unhappiness of both the sons in this parable is ultimately traceable to their distancing themselves from their father. The Church names this distancing from God as sin.

God's abundance is again portrayed in the image of the great feast—the kingdom of heaven is open both to the righteous and to the sinner who repents. God's boundless forgiveness and loving welcome of the penitent are at the core of this parable.

RCIA- Meeting– Thursday 31st March

7pm for 7.30pm start

CAN YOU HELP?

We still need Catechists for Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, in Woollahra, Double Bay and Paddington.

Contact Alanna at office@stf-stj.com
(training and resources provided)

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@stj-stj.com

BACH AKADEMIE AUSTRALIA CONCERT

"Bach's Easter Oratorio"

FRIDAY 8th APRIL –7.30pm
St Francis of Assisi Church

For tickets and information
www.bachakademieaustralia.com.au

COVID RESTRICTIONS

Since COVID restrictions have changed and with the recent increase in cases, please still take reasonable care to avoid infection by physical distancing, staying home if unwell or symptomatic. Please continue wearing masks, if you cannot physically distance.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB/SPIRITUALITY ON THE SOFA (SOS) 6th April 2022

YEAR'S THEME: *Being Heard*

6th April TOPIC: *"Being heard – the Call to Journey"*

Engage with Michael Gill as he chats with three young people about their experience of God and the impact of organized religion in their lives.

Michael is a Gill is a retired lawyer who mentors young adults through a program called "The Constant Student Community". Anchor is Susan Eichorn.

Time: Apr 6, 2022 19:30 Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

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or launch Zoom and use: Meeting ID: 867 8075 5526 and
Passcode: 518306
More information: mareadonovan@gmail.com or 0414 873 910

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 Debien & 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: Brian Rheinberger, Jenny Washington, Domenico Giuliano, Gwendolyn Maryon Tresidder, Barbara Lucy Kennedy, Debbie Hope, Patrick Blake, Marcondes Da Silva Medeiros, Mary Burns, Coralie Scott, Peter Hine, Andrew Georgiou, Brian Purdon, Sam Pravitera, Nea Goolley, 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 Gallifucio, Michael Gearin, Otilia Batisita.

Mass Intentions: Lita and Orly Dimatata, Nieves Sumera, Benigna, Edna and Juanita Suarez, Javier Recacha, Geoffrey Hughes, Belinda O'Connell, Kathrine Fitzpatrick, Peter Leuver, John Lagudi, 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, Elizabeth Considine Conley, Jim Evans, Michael O'Connell, John McCue, Manfred Lemech, 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, please contact the police. Alternatively, You can contact the Safeguarding Ministerial Integrity Office: on 9390518 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. 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.

I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.” ’

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. We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. 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 AND II OF LENT

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: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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 Lk 15:32

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy

and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. 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

GRACIOUSNESS AND MERCY

After many years in the desert journeying towards the land of promise, it must have been difficult for the people of Israel to comprehend that they had finally arrived. A new stage in their lives was beginning and it was fitting to rejoice and remember what God had done by celebrating the Passover. The God who had nourished them in the desert would no longer provide manna; it was no longer necessary since now they had their own land which had been provided by God’s graciousness.

For Paul, God’s graciousness and mercy were nowhere more apparent than in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In the second letter to the Corinthians, much of chapters two to six are taken up by Paul sharing his understanding and experience of apostolic life with them. There had been considerable friction between Paul and the community and this, no doubt, had called Paul to reflect on the sort of reconciliation and harmony for which he longed and worked. Misunderstood and hurt, Paul looks to the heart of the gospel message, a message of a new creation through forgiveness. As Jesus had reconciled us to God by his own death, so we are called to be reconciled to one another.

The call to reconciliation and graciousness is continued in today’s Gospel. The timeless beauty of the parable of the loving father and his two sons calls us to look to our own hearts. Are we ready to forgive and be forgiven? Will we share in the new creation that Jesus died to bring us?

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / C

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THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS. The story of the prodigal son confirms Jesus’ words that there is great rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner. The joyful and lavish banquet prepared by the father to celebrate his son’s return is a symbol of the heavenly banquet. In this story the older son cuts himself off from the banquet. Unable to forgive like his father, he chooses to stay outside in his own private hell. May we know the joy of forgiveness and the joy of forgiving.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Isa 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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 Josh 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua
The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

The Lord said to Joshua, ‘Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.’



Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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.

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them:

‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father,

I will rise and go to my father and tell him: