

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: With our prayers let us turn towards our God who will never abandon us.

Reader: For the Church: that it never grows weary of preaching the gospel. (pause) We turn to you:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For peoples ravaged by violence and war: that peace will reign (pause) We turn to you:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who suffer in mind and body: that we will recognise their needs and act (pause) We turn to you:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those in final stages of preparation for the Easter Sacraments: that they will continue to draw strength from the redeeming Christ. (pause) We turn to you:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For this community: that it will be known by its humility and compassion. (pause) We turn to you:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who have gone before us, that they share in Christ's victory over death. (pause) We turn to you:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: Faithful God, you sent your Son to suffer for our sake so that we may rise with him in new life. Help us to walk the path of Holy Week and draw us more deeply into the mind and heart of Christ. We make our prayer in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

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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Why does God love us?

I wonder why God entered the human story. Our stories are full of suffering, disappointment, jealousy, hatred, manipulation and betrayal. On the other hand, amidst all the painful experiences, we see heroic acts, friendship, camaraderie, sacrifice and commitment. The last two years have forced us to reconsider who we are, how we do things and our relationships with others. The pandemic slowed the world down with restrictions and lockdowns. Countries that struggled with smog and poor air quality were able to enjoy clear sky for the first time in decades. People with busy lives suddenly were able to go for long walks and work from home. Neighbours were looking out for the elderly doing their shopping and reaching out to those in need. People acknowledged others who walked past them, some greeted and even made small conversations. Bosses who kept their employees even though business was bad. Human beings can surprise us with love, friendship and deeds of charity.

We are entering into Holy Week. The readings and Passion Narrative from Luke's gospel invite us to listen, reflect and respond. Pilate, Herod, the crowd, and the injustice, betrayal and abandonment faced by Jesus reflect stories of a world touched by sin. Other characters included men and women, strangers, acquaintances, and friends who accompanied Jesus to the end. Mary, the mother of Jesus, watched her son suffer and die. During this holy week, let us take time for silent reflection. The last two years of the pandemic and the violence and destruction in Ukraine, which the world is helplessly watching, tell the story of suffering humanity. We want to live in peace. Never again was our cry after the Second World War, but in the last few decades, there have been many conflicts, civil wars, and wars in different parts of the world, including the fight against terrorists, which started after September 11. We know violence begets violence.

Military power didn't save us. Jesus' self-offering is what saves us.

We worship a God who loves us and wants to redeem us. Our reflection begins with Jesus, the saviour. God who took the form of a slave, crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross. God who emptied himself for our sake.

What is the price we are willing to pay to be followers of Christ? How do we respond to this unconditional love of God?

We live in a world full of contradictions. We may say the right things, but our actions prove we are far from the Truth. Injustice still prevails in modern and educated societies. Treatment of women, domestic violence, gay rights, racism, genocide, abortion, bullying, corruption, greed, climate change, plastic and other wastes are the tip of an iceberg of problems the world faces.

Father Anthoni Selvaraj ofm

This week you will find special envelopes for

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

This is an appeal that supports the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land. It provides financial assistance to schools, medical centres, parishes, orphanages, welfare projects and poor Christians. It also help to preserve the sacred shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Donations can be made through the envelopes at mass or directly at any time to

Holy Land Commissariat, 47 Victoria St, Waverley NSW 2024

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

This is a special offering to the clergy over the Easter period. You can support the Franciscan Friars in our parish by contributing through this envelope.

These envelopes will be available in the church.

UKRAINE APPEAL

As millions of people are likely to be displaced due to Russia's invasion, your support is more important than ever for the people of Ukraine.

Donate generously to the Caritas Ukraine Appeal:
<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/ukraine-appeal/>
Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

2022 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Holy Week & Easter Services will be subject to current COVID regulations. There are no bookings necessary.
"We recommend the wearing of masks"

St Joseph, Edgecliff

Friday, 8th April:	6pm	Second Rite of Reconciliation
Palm Sunday, 10th April:	7:30am, 9am, 11am, 5.30pm	Mass
Monday, 11th April:	5:30pm	Mass
Tuesday, 12th April:	5:30pm	Mass
Wednesday, 13th April:	5:30pm	Mass
Holy Thursday, 14th April:	6pm	Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, 15th April:	11am	Stations of the Cross
	3pm	Solemn Good Friday Liturgy
Holy Saturday, 16th April:	7pm	Easter Vigil - Service of Light
Easter Sunday, 17th April:	7:30am, 9am & 11am	Mass
	NO 5:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday	

St Francis of Assisi, Paddington

Palm Sunday, 9th April:	5:30pm	Mass (Palm Sunday Vigil)
Palm Sunday, 10th April:	8:30am & 10am	Mass
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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 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.

Mass Intentions: Fr Nick Lucas ofm, Piper family, Lita and Orly Dimatatac, 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.

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY) / C

10 APRIL 2022

O. Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and let him go.

N. But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified, and their shouts were growing louder. Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased. As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

J. Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, 'Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!'; to the hills, 'Cover us!' For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?

N. Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said,

J. Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.

N. Then they cast lots to share out his clothing. The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him, saying,

C. He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.

N. The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said,

C. If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.

N. Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him, saying,

O. Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us as well.

N. But the other spoke up and rebuked him,

O. Have you no fear of God at all? You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

N. He replied,

J. Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.

N. It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said,

J. Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.

N. With these words he breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said,

O. This was a great and good man.

N. And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

The longer form of this passion narrative may be read: Luke 22:14—23:56

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. Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects 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 OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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 Mt 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call.

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.

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THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. We see ourselves in the crowds who cried 'Hosanna to the Son of David' one day and 'Crucify him' just a few days later. Like Peter and the other disciples we can be fickle followers of Jesus. We should not, however, imitate Judas and despair at our infidelity. Rather, we should look to Jesus who allowed his blood to be poured out for many 'for the forgiveness of sins'. Let us praise him with grateful hearts.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

THE PROCESSION

The priest greets the people, blesses the palms and sprinkles them with holy water; The Gospel (Luke 19:28-40) is then read. Before the procession the priest may say these or similar words:

P. Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem, let us go forth in peace.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Jn 12:1, 12-13; Ps 23:9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

The Gloria is omitted.

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. 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

Isa 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.



So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. / They curl their lips, they toss their heads. / 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him: / let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, / a band of the wicked beset me. / They tear holes in my hands and my feet, / I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

3. They divide my clothing among them. / They cast lots for my robe. / O Lord, do not leave me alone, / my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren / and praise you where they are assembled. / 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; / all sons of Jacob, give him glory. / Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

SECOND READING

Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Lk 23:1-49

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

(**N.** Narrator **J.** Jesus **O.** Other single speaker **C.** Crowd)

N. The whole assembly then rose, and they brought him before Pilate.

They began their accusation by saying,

C. We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.

N. Pilate put to him this question,

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. He replied,

J. It is you who say it.

N. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd,

O. I find no case against this man.

N. But they persisted,

C. He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.

N. When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. He said,

O. You brought this man before me as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.

N. But as one man they howled,

C. Away with him! Give us Barabbas!

N. This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.

Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back.

C. Crucify him! Crucify him!

N. And for the third time he spoke to them,