

## Finding hope in a world turned upside down

There are lots of things that are going on in the world. The rapid change that we experienced in the last couple of decades with science and technology, migration, improvement in quality of life and travel came with a cost to the environment, governance and political turmoil and refugee crisis. The covid-19 pandemic has worsened everything, primarily affecting mental health, social engagement, and increasing the number of people experiencing poverty. Then there is direct personal cost to health care workers and small business owners. Now with Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the world is witnessing the horror of war. Not to mention the rising cost of living everywhere. It is easy to give in to despair when our lives and the world are overwhelmed with pain and problems.

As we celebrate Easter, we remember the defining moment in history. Pain, suffering and death are transformed into new life by the creative power of the Risen Lord. The first witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus did not encounter the Risen Lord. What greeted them was an empty tomb. Faith gives hope, and love restores life. For Christians, the Easter story has the power to renew. Faith communities provide an environment that brings healing and reconciliation and where transformation could take place. Renewing the individual and ultimately experiencing redemption. As I continue to dream and pray for a different world and Church, I realize those wishes are a part of so many different dreams for peace, harmony and flourishing of people, for a new world to emerge. I wish things are better in our world, but hope gives me the strength to embrace the reality of life, to participate and work for a renewed humanity. Our faith in the Risen Lord has captured a collective imagination for creativity and renewal. Thank you to all parishioners, staff and all who contribute and minister with friars to people of Edgecliff and Paddington. Our words and actions give hope to others. Happy Easter.

Fr Anthoni Selvaraj OFM



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## Happy Easter

*"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 117:1-2)*

The Gospels tell us that on Easter morning the women went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. They had a sad task to perform which was to complete the embalming of His body. However, that was not the only reason they were going to the tomb. They wanted to be near the One who had filled their lives with meaning and hope, and whose death plunged them into inconsolable grief. In our lives, we have often been faced with a similar situation, especially when someone we dearly love dies. We find it hard to accept the reality that that person has gone from us forever. So, we feel a need to maintain a link with the one who had passed away, and as believers, one of the methods we are able to meet this need is to pray for them or to visit their grave to be re-connected with them.

Whenever a funeral is celebrated in our Catholic church, a paschal candle is lit, not only to remind us of God's presence, but also of Christ's resurrection which is our hope for eternal life. Easter time always calls us to renew our faith in our Risen Lord who has conquered death and filled our lives.

It is such a privilege for Fr Anthoni and myself to be a part of this Parish. It is also an honour and a joy to share our faith and life experiences with all of you in the Parish. Thank you for being faithful to God and sharing your faith with us and also for being supportive and patient with us during this long time of Covid. Have a blessed Easter.

Fr Joseph Nguyen

## 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.

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### 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

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
	<b>NO 5:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday</b>	

### St Francis of Assisi, Paddington

Holy Thursday, 14th April:	7:30pm	Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, 15th April:	10:30am	Stations of the Cross
	3pm	Solemn Good Friday Liturgy
Holy Saturday, 16th April:	7pm	Easter Vigil - Service of Light
Easter Sunday, 17th April:	8.30am & 10am	Mass

**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:** Maryanne McNiven, 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:** James Adamovich, Hector Destro, Domenic Casamento, Nita Casamento, Salvatore Collura, Fr Nick Lucas ofm, Piper family, Lita and Orly Dimatac, 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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## PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return 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.

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

Jn 20:1-9

P. The Lord be with you.  
**R. And with your spirit.**

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

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

### RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

*Replaces the Profession of Faith.*

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

P. Do you renounce Satan?

**All: I do.**

P. And all his works?

**All: I do.**

P. And all his empty show?

**All: I do.**

P. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

**All: I do.**

P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**All: I do.**

P. Do you 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?

**All: I do.**

P. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep

us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

**All: 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. Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. 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 OF EASTER

*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

#### 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 1 Cor 5:7-8

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia!

**R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

## THE EASTER VIGIL

### I. THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL

Preparation and Lighting of the Candle  
Easter Proclamation (*Exsultet*)

### II. LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 1:1–2:2

RESPONSORIAL PSALM from Ps 103

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, / and renew the face of the earth.**

SECOND READING Genesis 22:1-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM from Ps 15

**R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

THIRD READING Exodus 14:15–15:1

CANTICLE From Ex 15

**R. Let us sing to the Lord; / he has covered himself in glory.**

FOURTH READING Isaiah 54:5-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM From Ps 29

**R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

FIFTH READING Isaiah 55:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM From Isa 12

**R. You will draw water joyfully / from the springs of salvation.**

SIXTH READING Baruch 3:9-15, 32–4:4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM From Ps 18

**R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

SEVENTH READING Ezekiel 36:16-28

RESPONSORIAL PSALM From Ps 41

**R. Like a deer that longs for running streams, / my soul longs for you, my God.**

EPISTLE Romans 6:3-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117

**R. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL Mark 16:1-7

### III. BAPTISMAL LITURGY

#### RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

*(see far left column)*

### IV. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

## EASTER SUNDAY / C

17 APRIL 2022

CHRIST IS RISEN. ALLELUIA! The empty tomb, and the neatly folded burial cloths, were signs that led the Beloved Disciple to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In the witness of the apostles, and the faithfulness, courage and love of our fellow Christians, we too have powerful signs that Christ is risen and lives among us. Observing them, our faith cries out: 'Alleluia!'

## DAY MASS

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 138:18, 5-6

**I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.**

**You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.**

### 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. Lord Jesus, you are the image of unseen God: Lord have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You are the firstborn 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. O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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 10:34, 37-43

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**  
*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

RESP PSALM Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23. R. v. 24  
**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. or R. Alleluia.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, / for his love has no end. / Let the sons of Israel say: / 'His love has no end.' **R.**

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; / his right hand raised me up. / I shall not die, I shall live / and recount his deeds. **R.**



3. The stone which the builders rejected / has become the corner stone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

SECOND READING Col 3:1-4  
**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians**

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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### SEQUENCE

*The sequence may be said or sung.*

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. / The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; / and Christ, the undefiled, / hath sinners to his Father reconciled. / Death with life contended; combat strangely ended! / Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. / Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. / The tomb the Living did enclose; / I saw Christ's glory as he rose! / The angels there attesting, / shroud with grave-clothes resting. / Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. / That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. / Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Cor 5:7-8

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!**