

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Dear friends, with concern for others, let us bring our prayers before God.

Reader: That our Holy Father Pope Francis, will lead the Church in ministry for the poor and forsaken. (pause) In your mercy.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That governments will provide an honest and equal sharing of finances for the benefit of all. (pause) In your mercy.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That young people will find support to make good choices in their lives. (pause) In your mercy.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community will support the poor among us through compassion and practical support. (pause) In your mercy.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: (pause) In your mercy.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will be healed in health and spirit. (pause) In your mercy.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all who have died will forever live in the light of Christ. (pause) In your mercy.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Together: Lord, make us bearers of hope, so that where there is darkness, your light may shine, and where is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn.

Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish, and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow. Lord, make us builders of your kingdom, together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell on the peripheries.

Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.

(Rome, Saint John Lateran, 9 May 2022 POPE FRANCIS)

Presider: Loving God, we live in your law as we wait for your coming again. Hear our prayers today, and through your Word, guide us in truth and service to your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Due to continuing COVID cases it is highly recommended that parishioners wear masks at mass and continue to socially distance, where possible.

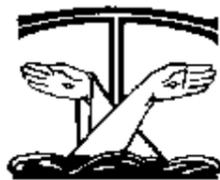
RCIA is a program for those seeking to find out more about the Catholic faith. It takes place within the parish, local faith community. It also offers opportunity to grow in knowledge of Jesus Christ accompanied by others on a similar journey. We welcome all inquiries, and there is no pressure or obligation. Each one has their own special story.

-) If you have been baptised but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation or baptised in another church.
-) Have children over the age of five or teenagers (who will be supported through adapted form of the Rite).

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic please contact the parish office on 9331 4043

(We are looking for parishioners to be part of the RCIA team)

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.



My God and My All

Parish newsletter of the communities of St Francis of Assisi Paddington & St Joseph Edgecliff

25th September 2022 – Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C

In the care of the Franciscans since 1879

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As we approach the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, it is good to revisit what it means to be part of the Franciscan family and the spirituality it embodies. Last week while reading the writings of St Francis, the Letter to St Anthony of Padua caught my attention. He writes, "Brother Francis sends greetings to Brother Anthony, my Bishop. I am pleased that you teach sacred theology to the brothers providing that, as is contained in the Rule, you "do not extinguish the Spirit of prayer and devotion" during study of this kind".

This letter implies that Francis views the ministry of teaching theology within the framework of prayer and devotion, describing the environment of Franciscan theology and study.

Having lived in different Franciscan communities around the world, I have come to appreciate the commitment to prayer is an important one. The Church in Australia has invested heavily in education. Our teachers are doing a great job providing religious education and scripture knowledge. I wonder why the level of practicing is low. I know the study of theology is undoubtedly life-giving and enhances spiritual growth when it is done through prayer. If we are devoted to God, everything is done based on our love of God, and we seek ways to please God.

Maybe we need to approach religious education differently or complement teaching with the practice of devotion and prayer. In *The Soul's Journey into God*, St Bonaventure writes, "I invite the reader to groans of prayer through Christ Crucified, through whose blood we are cleansed from filth of vice. So that he/she not believe that reading is sufficient without unctio, speculation without devotion, investigation without wonder, observation without joy, work without piety, knowledge without love, understanding without humility, endeavour without divine grace, reflection as a mirror without divinely inspired wisdom."

For me, balance is a critical aspect of enriching my spiritual life. Pastoral life must be balanced with prayer, study, community, friendship and personal time. I appreciate how time management and horarium in religious life teaches and forms people to be disciplined—engaging in formation in early life does help individuals to appropriate and make it their own. I encourage you to take time to revisit your spiritual life as we prepare to celebrate the feast of St Francis.

Father Anthoni Selvaraj OFM

Pontifical Requiem Mass for Queen Elizabeth II

Saturday 24th September 2022 at 10.00am.

To mark the life and reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass at **St Mary's Cathedral**

Migrant and Refugee Sunday: Multicultural Mass

Sydney Archdiocese celebrates Migrant and Refugee Sunday with a Mass at 2pm, St Mary's Cathedral on **Sunday 25th September.**

Please come along and feel free to dress in your traditional cultural attire. There will be representatives from all corners of the world as we celebrate the cultural diversity of our Church in Sydney. For more information contact Kylie at immigration@sydneycatholic.org

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

St Francis of Assisi Church -Paddington

Sacrament of Confirmation– Saturday, 12th November 5.30pm

Preparation Session One—Saturday, 15th October, 3.30pm
Preparation Session Two—Saturday, 22nd October, 3.30pm
(For public and private schools)

Confirmation Rehearsal—Saturday, 5th November, 4pm
(for St Francis of Assisi School, public and private schools)

Please be advised that from **Sunday evening, 25th September until Friday evening, 30th September**, Fathers Anthoni and Joseph will be attending the Franciscan Provincial Chapter.

Therefore there will be no weekday masses at St Francis during their absence, however, there will be a Communion Service held each morning at 9am.

At St Joseph, Father Martin will be assisting us at Sunday evening mass, on 25th September and evening masses on Monday, 26th and Tuesday, 27th September. There will be Communion Service for 28th, 29th and 30th September.

At mass during the offertory procession, two collections are taken.

The first collection is for the friars: the friars do not receive wages, they depend on your donation and stipends given to them from their work and celebration of sacraments of baptism, weddings and funerals.

The second collection is for the parish. This is for administration, maintenance of buildings and properties, paying for utilities and evangelisation and liturgy resources. Of this a certain percentage goes to the Diocese as well.

For second collection, many parishioners are in our parish planned giving program, others make an occasional donation.

Due to COVID, many do not carry cash any longer, this gives an opportunity for those attending mass to donate to the friars and the parish via the new "tap and go" system which is now available in the church.

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

Parish Administrator: Anthoni Selvaraj ofm
Assistant Priest: Joseph Nguyen ofm
Parish Secretary: Cate Stivala
Catechist Co-ordinator: Alanna Sparks
Cantor, Edgecliff: Tanith Bryce
Music Dir & Organist, Paddington: Noel Debien & Bransby Byrne
Cantor, Paddington: Nicole Smeulders
Safeguarding Support Officers: Emma-Gai Gold & Alanna Sparks
Principal, St Francis of Assisi School: Nicole Hudson

(PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY on Mass Intention envelopes)
WEEKLY SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS

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

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

Recently Deceased: Paul Flynn, Jean Dubourdieu, Daisy McDonald, Antoinette Ogilvie, Graeme Gilbertson, Francesco Cardamone, Sr Pauline Murray rsm, Margaret Richards, Margaret Malone, Ann Thomas, Helen Miller, Jennifer Peoples, Patricia Nyook Yin Hew, Joan Platt Hepworth, Armando Manalo, Suzanne O'Mahoney, Mary Carmel Maloney, Bill Roche, Denyse Gibbs, Dr Nicholas (Len) Destro, Warren Nicholl, Trish Campbell, Cath Mallick, Verna Irvin, Clem Strain, Terry Crystal, Zena Zurike, Norah Gallagher, Iris Venclovas, Jill Dainer, Gerard Brennan, John Hannan, Rosemary Cahill, Sr Patricia O'Loughlin rsc, Geradine Daley, James Carpenter, John Hanrahan, Doreen Donlon, Colleen Wardell, Maryanne McNiven, Brian Rheinberger, Jenny Washington, Gwendolyn Maryon Tresidder, Barbara Lucy Kennedy, Debbie Hope, Patrick Blake, Marcondes Da Silva Medeiros, Mary Burns, Coralie Scott, Peter Hine, Brian Purdon.

Mass Intentions: David de Carvalho, Giuliano Family, Patrick McDonagh, Patricia Staines, Brian Philip Rheinberger, Peter Meagher, Bernadette Richardson, Luke Cullen, Jack & Maureen Brett, Ivan Kelly, Bryan Digges, David Saw, Claire Evans, Helen McCarthy, Molly Odillo Maher, Hector Destro, Dominic & Nita Casamento, Patricia Richmond-Kiernan, Mary Markovitch, Belinda O'Connell, Jerry Austin, Lena Kaine & Violet Kiernan, Aquino Lanojan, Feliciano Ajos, Francesco Corda, Annunziata Giuliano, Domenico Giuliano, Piper family, Tino Ordenez, Salledo, Tico & Dia families, Concepcion family, Peg Kelly, Norma Coulson, Prof. Pierre Ryckmans, Patricia-Ann Dillon, Jim Evans, Nina Kristiane Bellersen, Mary-Agnes Kiernan, Bill Scott, Kathy Kovak, Patricia Mary Brett, Michael Gearin.

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.

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

"In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

"The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

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. Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. 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 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,

by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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

WEALTH AND CARE FOR OTHERS

Complacency can be a misguided, ill-founded and inappropriate response to power and privilege. The northern kingdom of Samaria was one that had a period of expansion and wealth while the southern kingdom suffered economically. Amos fearlessly proclaimed that a time of reckoning was approaching when such wealth would be no defence against the forces that would drag them into exile. He points out that it is their lack of concern for their brothers and sisters in the south that will result in them being the first to be exiled.

In a similar manner, Jesus used the parable of the rich man and Lazarus to remind his listeners that with wealth comes the responsibility to be attentive to the suffering of those who are less fortunate. The sudden reversal of the situations of the poor man and Lazarus is a powerful reminder that the time of accounting may find us unprepared, and our complacency at best a delusion.

As the first letter to Timothy concludes, Timothy is reminded of his responsibilities as a Christian leader and exhorted to keep faithful to the instructions he has been given. There is an air of solemnity as he is called to fulfil his duty in a spirit of faith, love, patience and gentleness until the return of the Lord at the end of time. As Jesus stood up to witness to the truth before Pontius Pilate, Timothy is challenged to let his leadership of the community serve as his testimony when the Lord returns.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

25 SEPTEMBER 2022

FOR WHAT WE HAVE FAILED TO DO. The rich man in today's Gospel is condemned for his inactivity towards the poor man. Lazarus was starving and covered in sores, but the rich man did nothing to help him. In the Penitential Act at Mass we ask forgiveness not only for the bad we have done but for the good we have failed to do.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Dan 3:31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

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.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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.

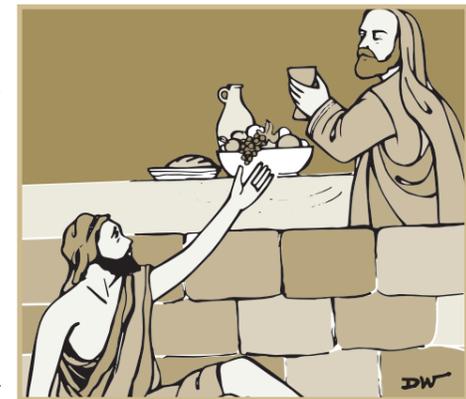
R. Christ, have mercy.

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. O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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

Amos 6:1, 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos
You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal;

they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like

David,

they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,

but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled;

the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 145:6-10. R. v. 2

R. Praise the Lord, my soul! (or R. Alleluia!)

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. He 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

1 Tim 6:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 16:19-31

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.