

Prayers of the Faithful

Presider: The Lord is our light and our help. Let us turn to God who hears our prayer.

Reader: That the Church will promote unity among Christians and heal past wounds. (pause)
In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all people on earth be valued and respected, regardless of race, ethnicity and gender. (pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who hear Christ's call to serve will leave their nets and follow him. (pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That we remember in our prayers those who died in the recent plane crash in Nepal, their grieving families, and all who were affected by it. (pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That, as we approach Australia Day, we give thanks to God for the many gifts we have been granted, and continue to open our arms and hearts to migrants and refugees who come seeking a better life. (pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever, including Rex Porter, Chris Cunningham, Lyn Anderson & Gabrielle Cousins. (pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: Your Word, O God, has dawned upon us. Hear our prayers and unite us as we respond to Christ's call to discipleship. We ask this through Jesus, the Lord.

All: Amen.

Please feel comfortable to wear masks if you have concerns of Covid risk at mass or when in a crowd.



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.



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

22nd January 2023 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year A
In the care of the Franciscans since 1879

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The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light.

I begin by saying thank you to all for assisting and accommodating last-minute requests for help with Christmas celebrations and masses at both parishes. Those who attended masses at both parishes were prayerful, grateful and participatory. A few were disappointed with the change of time to night mass instead of midnight mass. Overall, I hope it was a good Christmas weekend for all. Thank you, too, for your gifts, greeting cards, good wishes, donations to SVdP, shoe boxes and friars. You have been generous in ensuring others have a good Christmas. There are accounts of St Francis feeding the birds on Christmas day. We continue the mission of Jesus, who came to restore and heal creation. This Sunday's Gospel relates to the beginning of Jesus's ministry as an introduction to the whole of this book. The evangelist begins with John's imprisonment and connects it with Jesus's ministry. It shows the continuity in the unfolding of salvation as an action of the Trinitarian God. The work, which began with Israel, climaxed in the Incarnation, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus. The task of the Church, as an instrument of God's initiative, is to continue the ministry of Jesus until He returns. There were numerous articles by experts and commentators on the state of the Church since the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict and Cardinal George Pell. They were insightful and engaging and made us think about the survival of the Church as a transforming presence in the modern world. For many, the link with the Church is through parish community, where faith is experienced, lived, shared and preached. What is at stake now is how we communicate and help people find meaning through the Church's symbols and rites. The second reading highlights divisions in Christian communities, often caused by conflicts of personalities. The passage ends with a reminder of the absolute primacy of the cross. Faith cannot be reduced only to human wisdom; it is empty of meaning without the cross. Let us begin with prayer, inculcating a spirituality of action and imagination. Let us offer the wisdom of faith lived and be a living witness to Christ in a postmodern world.

Fr Anthoni Selvaraj OFM

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES UPDATE

A big thanks has been received from Vincentian Village and Ronald Coleman Lodge, to all the parishioners for their wonderful gifts for the residents. Residents are very thankful to be remembered and thought of during the holy season.

Look on the bulletin board in St Francis church for some lovely photos of Santa giving the gifts out to the residents.

Synod of Bishops Continental Stage

The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality.

Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently.

Download prayer resources, including for use in liturgies, read the document and access the submission portal at: www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

Catholics maintaining total abstinence using the 12-steps

Why is Christmas time sometimes called the "silly season"? If you or a friend have a problem with addiction, you can investigate the Calix Society whose members have been working 12-steps of Alcoholics Anonymous since 1947, because the "god as you understand him" of the 12-steps is insufficient. The Calix Society is an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. We welcome anyone concerned with the illness of alcoholism or addiction who wish to join with us in prayer for: total abstinence, spiritual development, and sanctification of the whole personality. The silly season, or the Holy Season? We are not party poopers or wowsers, we enjoy sobriety. Provide your number to calixsydney@outlook.com for an obligation free and confidential phone call, or check <https://www.calixsociety.org/>

Pontifical Requiem Mass for the late George Cardinal Pell AC 2 February

The Funeral Mass for our late Archbishop will be held on Thursday 2 February at 11am at St Mary's Cathedral. Members of the public are invited to attend.

If you're unable to attend the Funeral Mass, there will also be other opportunities to pay our respects to our late Archbishop, George Cardinal Pell at St Mary's Cathedral:

Wednesday 1 February

9:30am Reception of the Body and Commencement of Lying in State

1:10pm A Mass for the Dead

5:30pm Evening Prayer and Vigil

8:00pm A Mass for the Dead

Thursday 2 February

6:45am Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

11:00am Pontifical Requiem Mass (Cathedral Doors open from 9:00am)

Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of our late Archbishop.

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

Franciscan community: Fr Peter Clifford ofm, Br John Lourey ofm
Parish Administrator: Fr Anthoni Selvaraj ofm
Parish Secretary: Cate Stivala
Catechist Co-ordinator/Safeguarding Support: Alanna Sparks
Cantor, Edgecliff: Tanith Bryce
Music Dir & Organist, Paddington: Noel Debien & Bransby Byrne
Cantor, Paddington: Nicole Smeulders
Principal, St Francis of Assisi School: Nicole Hudson

Masses & Baptisms from January, 2023

St Joseph, Edgecliff

Mass: **Sunday:** 9am, 10.30am & 5:30pm
Mass: **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday:** 5.30pm
(Reconciliation: prior to Thursday evening Mass - from 5pm)

Liturgy of the Word/Communion: **Wednesday, Friday:** 5.30pm

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 11.45am

St Francis of Assisi, Paddington

Mass: **Saturday Vigil:** 5.30pm
Mass: **Sunday:** 8.30am, 10am with choir
Mass: **Monday, Tuesday, Friday:** 9am
(Reconciliation: prior to Saturday Vigil Mass - from 5pm)

Liturgy of the Word/Communion: **Wednesday, Thursday:** 9am

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11.45am

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

Recently Deceased: Lyn Anderson, Gabrielle Cousins, Rex Porter, James Hayes, Christ Cunningham, Denise Blair, Reginald Saxelby, Phyllis Spratt, Sheila Collins, Prof. Joel Fernando, Norma Gay, Trevor Harden, Wendy Beirne, Tony Yip, Sinead Joyce, Belinda O'Connell, Dorothy Barden, Bruce Nicholls, Fr Pacificus (Pax), John Peter Merlini, Xavier O'Grady, Carolyn Kenna, Norman McPhee.

Mass Intentions: Sr Mary Hereward, David Roderick, Cindy Berwick, Janice Hui, Lisa Bailey, Giuliano family, Peter Meagher, Michael, Jane & James Carnell, Margaret & Ted Austin, Nea Gooley, Lillian Wassum Jones, Patrick & Mary O'Sullivan, James Evans, Frank, Lena & Ann Kaine, Herbert Graham, Jet Tico Salcedo & family, Antoine & Annie Khyr, Dr George, Anne & George Duncan, Anne & Tony McDonald, Eileen & James Hoare, Tony Ponte, Domenico & Nita Casamento, Hector Destro, Nancy Jordan, Herbert Odillo-Maher & family, Neil Atkinson, Peter Herro, Diane Bookallil.

(PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY on Mass Intention envelope)

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 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 SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

22 JANUARY 2023

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! / Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, / Galilee of the nations! / The people that lived in darkness / has seen a great light; / on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death / a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Shorter form: 4: 12-17

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. Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. 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 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. 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

CHRIST'S LIGHT

Many of us have had the experience of searching desperately for a torch or candle in the midst of a blackout. It can be a confusing and discouraging time till we find some source of light. Isaiah knew that the people of Galilee were in need of some encouragement and light in those dark days after the Assyrians had conquered their cities and led them into exile. He looks forward in hope to the day when God will lead them home and remove their burden.

For Matthew Jesus' ministry could be best understood and viewed through the filter of Isaiah's prophecy. A light dawns as Jesus begins his ministry, a ministry of teaching, healing and encouragement. The burden the people carry is now being gently lifted away by Jesus' compassion and care. It is, however, a ministry that is not to be Jesus' alone. From the beginning, others such as Peter and Andrew, James and John, are called to share generously in bringing others into the light of the kingdom.

When members of Chloe's household reported to Paul that the Corinthian community was divided he knew that they had unwittingly returned to fumbling around lost in the dark. How was he to bring them back? First of all, he reminds them that Paul, Apollos and Cephas were to be seen as nothing more other than the bearers and preachers of Christ's light. He forcefully reminds them that their unity is to be found in Jesus who gave the most eloquent sermon of all when he offered his life on the cross.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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JESUS, OUR LIGHT. At times we can find ourselves 'walking in darkness.' We get caught up in difficulties and cannot see a way out. Today's liturgy reminds us that Jesus is our light and our salvation. As with the first disciples, he calls us to follow him. In the Gospels we have the Good News that brings light into the dark moments of our lives.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 95:1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

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. Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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 Isa 8:23-9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time,

as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

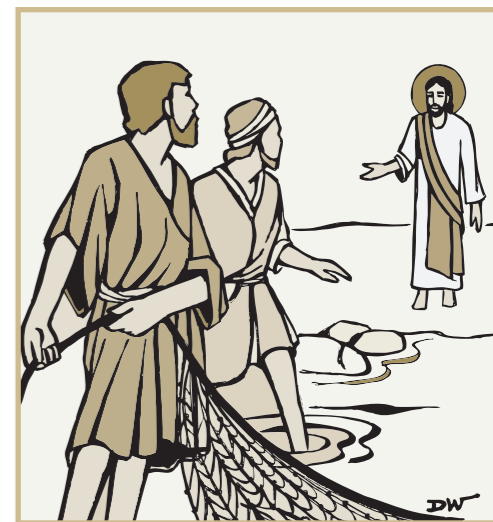
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14. R.v.1

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; / whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, / for this I long, / to live in the house of the Lord, / all the days of my life, / to savour the sweetness of the Lord, / to behold his temple. **R.**



3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness / in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

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

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! / Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, / and healed all who were sick. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 4:12-23

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.