

Prayers of the Faithful

Presider: Our Father in Heaven, you call each of us by name and summon us to proclaim the Good News within our families and communities. Relying on the Holy Spirit, we pray that the Good News of Jesus Christ may enliven our minds and hearts to do your will.

Reader: For the Church as it proclaims the Good News to the world: May the love and peace of Christ shine forth among us so that we, as the Church, are a sign of God's healing presence in our world.

(pause)

All: We pray to the Lord.

Reader: For our world: That all people have the opportunity to listen and respond joyfully to the Good News of Jesus Christ and enable them to live in harmony.

(pause)

All: We pray to the Lord.

Reader: For the Catechists of our Parish both past, present and to come: That these missionaries of God will be strengthened by our support and that they bring vitality and passion to our Parish's mission of evangelization.

(pause)

All: We pray to the Lord.

Reader: For the recruitment of Catechists: That more of us will respond to Christ's call to be his witnesses in becoming Catechists for the sake of our young people so that they learn how to be like Jesus in all they do and say.

(pause)

All: We pray to the Lord.

Reader: For those who have died: We remember those who have passed over to you, Lord, especially our parish Catechists as we mark Catechist Sunday. Loving Father in Heaven, may they hear you say to them, "Well done, good and faithful servant".

(pause)

All: We pray to the Lord.

Presider: Our loving Father in Heaven, you always remain faithful to your people. Through the help of the Holy Spirit, may we help others encounter your Son, Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Hear our prayers and grant our petitions through Christ, our 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

5th February 2023 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year A
In the care of the Franciscans since 1879

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You are the salt of the earth.

We use light and salt daily and know their importance to make life good. A little salt can go a long way. The humble sea salt makes food taste better, and not only that, science tells everyone needs salt for fluid balance and muscle and nerve function. In the ancient world, salt was a priced commodity. Camel caravans and boats were used to transport salts in ancient west Africa. Early Roman soldiers were paid special salt rations, "salarium argentum", which evolved into a common word in English, "salary". When the ancient population began to settle from hunter-gatherers to agricultural lifestyle, they needed salt to preserve food and well-being. Last week the gospel passage on the Beatitudes reminded us that the qualities exemplified by Jesus are necessary and essential for the Christian way of life. Contrary to marketing strategies focusing on appearance, Jesus teaches who we are as people flow into all aspects of life. Our quality relational skills, genuine care and wisdom can bring out the best in others. Each of us can enlighten the world with an exemplary life.

Worship of God is an important aspect of the Christian life. We gather to celebrate Eucharist on Sunday, the first day of the week. The week begins with God and with the assurance of community support. Christian communities are a reflection of the Trinitarian God. We image God. We are being transformed into divine nature by participating in the Eucharist and engaging with the community. Most activities ceased with Covid, and it is time to find ways to re-engage parishioners. With energy and creativity, we can find new ways to enhance participation at mass and build parish community. I would like to see more people involved at Sunday mass. It will be nice to have sacristans, greeters, communion ministers, servers and acolytes, and maybe occasionally gather socially after mass. There are safeguarding requirements at community activities and for those who volunteer to serve, a Working With Children check is required. Please discern, pray and consider how you would like to serve and participate in parish life. Enquiries are most welcome.

Fr Anthoni Selvaraj OFM

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

Young Catechist Program: Sponsorship Opportunity for World Youth Day

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) is giving a wonderful opportunity to young adults to obtain a \$6000 subsidy to attend World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from 1-6 August 2023.

You need to volunteer as a catechist helping Catholic children in public schools learn more about their faith to qualify for the program.

Read more about the program and apply online here: <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/cp/>

Applications close on 5 February.

WORD OF GOD/CATECHIST SUNDAY

Catechist Sunday has been traditionally celebrated on the first Sunday in February in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

We would like to thank all our volunteer Catechists, e.g. public school Catechists and children's liturgy Catechists who "announce the word of God" as Pope Francis has said.

Our SRE Catechists go "unseen" by other parishioners to public schools wherein half of all Parish children are enrolled.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a Catechist, please contact the Parish Office.

Support for the House of Welcome

The House of Welcome works with people seeking asylum and refugees to provide critical casework, housing, employment, food bank and emergency living assistance. During COVID-19 the demand for financial assistance has risen. HoW has increased the Emergency Living Package program by 216% to respond to the amplified levels of distress and hardship amongst their clients. In the last few months House of Welcome has delivered emergency assistance and been able to support clients to maintain their tenancies and assisted those who have come to the centre homeless. There are a number of ways that you can help such as donating to the Emergency Relief Package or donate staple food items to the House of Welcome foodbank.

Contact: office@houseofwelcome.com.au

197 The Trongate, Granville Ph: 02 9727 9290

stfrancis.org.au/house-of-welcome

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: George Cardinal Pell AC, Stephen Wilcox, Elaine Clark, Boris Tosic, Dr Peter Cahill, Lyn Anderson, Gabrielle Cousins, Rex Porter, James Hayes, Chris Cunningham, Denise Blair, Reginald Saxelby, Phyllis Spratt, Sheila Collins, Prof. Joel Fernando, Norma Gay, Trever Harden, Wendy Beirne, Tony Yip, Sinead Joyce, Belinda O'Connell, Dorothy Barden, Bruce Nicholls, Fr Pacificus (Pax).

Mass Intentions: Concepcion family, 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

(PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY on Mass Intention envelope)

Overview of the Archdiocese's Safeguarding Policy

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/casys/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Overview-of-the-Policy.pdf>

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.

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.



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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.

GOSPEL

Mt 5:13-16

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.*You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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. O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. 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: 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 cf. Ps 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. 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.

R. Thanks be to God.**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD****FIRM FOUNDATIONS**

When the people of Israel returned from exile it was a time of great hope and rejoicing. God's promises had proved true and their persistence in faith had been rewarded. Now was the time to rebuild and people set about re-establishing their lives, homes and businesses. During the exile, they had been united in their suffering but now there was the danger of people looking after themselves at the cost of others. Isaiah was concerned to nip this in the bud showing that the best foundation on which to rebuild was their concern for others, especially the poor and the disadvantaged. In this way, their lives would be a shining example. In the gospel, Jesus calls each of us to examine the quality of our care for our brothers and sisters. It is by means of our practical concern that we can be salt for the earth and light for our world.

Paul was concerned that the faith of some of the Corinthian Christians was not built on a firm foundation. They had been overly impressed by the quality of the preaching and rhetoric of the various preachers who had worked among them. He knew that while their response was understandable, it was nonetheless misguided. At the end of the day, he knew that rhetoric and philosophy would never build a foundation that could challenge the one built on the self-giving love of Jesus. With their eyes fixed on the crucified one, they could learn true wisdom and the meaning of love.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

5 FEBRUARY 2023

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE! We all have our special gifts, but sometimes we fail to recognise this. We may feel that we have little to offer others. That is never true. As Jesus says: 'You are the salt of the earth! You are the light of the world!' Let us ask Jesus to help us recognise our unique gifts and share them with others.

INTRODUCTORY RITES**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

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. 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.**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 Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor;
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then your light will shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.**R. Thanks be to God.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 111:4-9. R. v. 4

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright. (or Alleluia!)

1. He is light in the darkness for the upright: / he is generous, merciful and just. / The good man takes pity and lends, / he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**
2. The just man will never waver: / he will be remembered for ever. / He has no fear of evil news; / with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; / open-handed, he gives to the poor; / his justice stands firm for ever. / His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

1 Cor 2:1-5

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

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!