

Prayers of the Faithful

PRESIDER: Jesus came to Jerusalem to fulfil the words of prophecy, died for us and rose in triumph. We make these prayers to God who, through his son, has shown us unending love for us, his people.

READER: As we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, behaving humbly by riding on a donkey, we ask for the courage to imitate his example, putting others before ourselves, and humbling ourselves in order to raise them up. Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: As we remember how Jesus suffered and died for our sins, we remember all those who have been tortured and abused, including in our own nation and community. We ask that their hurts may be healed, that justice be done, and that suffering may end. Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: For peace and healing throughout the world. Jesus came among us, knowing that he must die to redeem the sins of the world. Now that they have been redeemed, we pray for an end to war and conflict, and a new age of listening, understanding, empathy and peacemaking. May we be inspired by the example of Jesus to play our part in healing the wounds of the world. Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: For families who are forced to be apart at this time, whether divided by war, poverty, necessity, incarceration or for any other reason. May the distance between them be bridged by love, and may they ultimately be reunited. Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: As we begin this Holy Week, may our reflections on the Easter mystery bring us closer to Jesus, and may we emerge from Lent refreshed in soul, enriched in wisdom and renewed in the willingness to follow His teaching. Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

PRESIDER: God of all goodness, you know the secrets of all our hearts. Grant these prayers, we ask, in Jesus' name.
Amen

Please note Second Rite of Reconciliation

St Francis Paddington Tue 26th March: 7pm

St Joseph Edgecliff Wed 27th March 5.30pm

SIP/SOS "Lets Talk about Consent."

Wed 3rd April 7.30 zoom meeting

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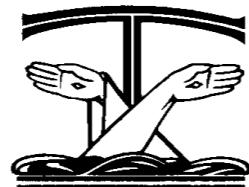
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Cupcakes Sale for Caritas- after 8.30am Mass (St Francis).

Yr 6 St Francis students will be selling delicious cupcakes in the school playground. Please come around after mass (or before 10am mass).

Holy Land Good Friday Collection

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My God and My All

St Francis of Assisi Paddington & St Joseph Edgecliff Parish Newsletter 24th March 2024 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord—Year B

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Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death.

It seems only recently we celebrated Christmas and now we are entering into Holy Week. Birth and death are two key events, like bookends to life. The Incarnation of Jesus is about God becoming human, sharing life on earth with others. Though it was a short life and his public ministry was brief, his story transformed life on earth.

There is something about faith and love that helps us to live life well. We seek wholeness and balance without trespassing or doing evil to others. Jesus is no stranger to pain, rejection, hatred and suffering. In fact, Jesus has shown us the joy of sacrifice for the love of others. The story we have just heard invites us to identify with those who saw Jesus with the eyes of faith and love.

There was the anonymous woman who in a gesture of love and respect anointed the head of Jesus. Simon of Cyrene the passer-by who helped Jesus to carry the cross, the Roman centurion, who looked on as Jesus died and exclaimed, 'this man was son of God'. Joseph of Arimathea took the bold step

of going to Pilate to ensure Jesus had a dignified burial. The women disciples who looked on from a distance noted where Jesus was buried. All of these men and women saw Jesus with eyes of faith and love. Gazing on Jesus with such eyes, we see a divine love that is stronger than sin, light that shines in darknesses, power that brings new life out of all our deaths. The humility of Jesus enriches us at the deepest level of our being.

This Holy Week let us travel that journey at a much slower pace. We are invited to enter into that story with eyes open to the pain and suffering of others. Let us listen deeply to all that is taking place, so as to recognize the good Shepherd who laid down his life for us all, so that we might have life and have it to the full. For many, a good life is about reaching their potential and enjoying life in the company of loved ones. When personal interests and security are threatened, people can be misguided and their attitudes can change. Jesus chose an alternative way in the face of hostility.

The way of Jesus leads to fulness of life for all.

Fr Anthoni Selvaraj OFM

Children's Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's.

Good Friday 9.30am. (29th March) All children welcome with parents and grandparents. See below...

Calling Children (over 7yrs)

Children over 7 are invited to participate in the re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross. St Josephs Parish Centre on **Wednesday of Holy Week (27th March), 5.30 to 6.30pm** and will be provided with pizza dinner.

Please RSVP to the parish office via email.

Holy Week and Triduum (Volunteer List in church).

Please let us know if you are available to help out during Easter weekend for both parishes, except Sunday evening as there will be no mass. The Holy Week details are now on the website. Thankyou to those who have volunteered so far.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce the details for 2024. Parents wishing to have their children participate in

- First Reconciliation (children Year 2 and above)
- First Holy Communion (children Year 3 and above)
- Confirmation (children Year 6 and above and over 11 years of age)

Please download the Sacramental Registration Form at from our website below. For any enquiries, please contact the parish office.

<https://stfrancis-stjoseph.com/sacraments/2022-sacramental-program/>

Please put your mass intentions in with the collection or the office to ensure that it is published in a timely manner. Please indicate the most relevant. i.e. recently deceased, significant anniversary, health etc.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER - SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM 2024

St Joseph, Edgecliff

Palm Sunday, 24th March:

9am, 10.30am, 5.30pm Mass

Monday, 25th March:

5:30pm Mass

Tuesday, 26th March:

5.30pm Liturgy of the Word – Communion Service

Wednesday, 27th March:

5.30pm Reconciliation Service**

Holy Thursday, 28th March:

6pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, 29th March:

9.30am Children's Stations of the Cross

11am Stations of the Cross

3pm Solemn Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday, 30th March:

6pm Easter Vigil - Service of Light

Light

Easter Sunday, 31st March:

9am & 10.30am Mass

NO 5:30pm Mass on Easter

Sunday.

St Francis of Assisi, Paddington

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5:30pm Mass (Palm Sunday Vigil)

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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

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

MASS TIMES (During Lent)

St Joseph, Edgecliff

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am & 5.30pm

Monday, Thursday & Friday: 5.30pm

Liturgy of the Word/Communion: Tuesday/ Wednesday: 5.30pm
(*Reconciliation: prior to Thursday evening Mass - from 5pm)

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 11.45am

St Francis of Assisi, Paddington

Saturday Vigil*: 5.30pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10am with choir

Monday, Thursday & Friday: 9am

Liturgy of the Word/Communion: Tuesday/ Wednesday: 9am
(*Reconciliation: prior to Saturday Vigil Mass - from 5pm)

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11.45am

Children's Liturgy 2nd & 4th Sundays during 8.30 mass.

Parents and Children Welcome

4th Sunday –Join us for Morning Tea in the School Play Ground.

Weekly St Francis Play Group for Babies Toddlers and Preschoolers

On Tuesdays: 9 - 10.30am Location: St Francis of Assisi Hall. (School)

Contact Family Educator—Bernice.wong@syd.catholic.edu.au

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER AND MASSES

Prayer Intentions – for the sick, the elderly in aged care facilities and homebound, and peace in the Holy Land and in the Ukraine.

Recently Deceased: Captain Edmund Ip, Bp Austen Crapp ofm, Francesca Yii, Mary-Joan Yii, Phillip Ryan, Dianne Corrie, Peter Starr, Michelle Hegarty, Sr Annette Brown OSC, Robert Rose, Geoffrey Damian Hughes, Michael Duncan, Gabrielle McDonagh, Michael Egan, Mario Zanatta, Sr Paulina Pilkington, Sr Anne Crowley, Sr Patricia Heenan, Tim Campbell, William 'Billy' O'Riordan,

In Memoriam: James Evans, Ann Beglin, John McCue, John McLoughlin, Osbert De Rosario, Eva Curran (1yr), James Yii, Souls of Tico, Galan, Salcedo and Gania Families, John Lagudi, Annette Mary Lunney, Ian Stewart, Joan and Gus Maloney, Frank, Lena and Ann Kaine, David Roderick, Sr Mary Hereward,

Health and Family: Members of the Salcedo Family, Rachel Lynch, Luke Curran, Patricia Dainer, David Crees.

Mass Intentions: Frances Avery, Jacqueline Roche, McCaffery, Thyer and Buffier Families, Kevin De Souza, Shirley O'Shea, Katharina Lemech, Manfred Lemech, Hector Destro, Domenico & Nita Casamento, David Crees, Giuliano Family, Sarah Tabone, Kevin De Souza, The Silva Family, Jill N, David and Josie White

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 9390 5180 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 SUNDAY CELEBRATION

24 MARCH 2024

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY / B



N. Pilate asked them,
O. Why? What harm has he done?
N. But they shouted all the louder,
C. Crucify him!
N. So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

C. Hail, king of the Jews!
N. They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,
C. Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!
N. The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

C. He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.
N. Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

J. Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?
N. This means 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said,
C. Listen, he is calling on Elijah.
N. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying,
O. Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

N. But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment
And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said,

O. In truth this man was a son of God.
The longer form of this passion narrative may be read: Mk 14:1-15:47

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. 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 branches and sprinkles them with holy water; The Gospel (Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16) 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

Mk 15: 1-39

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

C. Crowd, or more than one other speaker)

N. The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

N. First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. He answered,

J. It is you who say it.

N. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,

O. Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

N. But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,

O. Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

N. For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again,

O. But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

N. They shouted back,

C. Crucify him!