



# St Francis of Assisi Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1<sup>ST</sup> DEC 2024

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| PARISH PRIEST                        | Fr Anthony Girolami                                                                                                       | ASSISTANT PRIEST                     | Fr Simeon Anthony       |
| DEACON                               | Rev John Vespa                                                                                                            | PASTORAL ASSOCIATE                   | Sr Anh Tran - 9407 6720 |
| YOUTH MINISTER                       | Carmel Walsh - 9407 6704                                                                                                  | PARISH/SCHOOL LIAISON                | Ruth Lees - 9407 6703   |
| OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR                 | Maree Chamoun - 9407 6700                                                                                                 | PARISH BOOKKEEPER                    | Paul - 9407 6722        |
| SCHOOL PRINCIPAL                     | Mark Basile - 9407 3100                                                                                                   |                                      |                         |
| WEEKEND MASS TIMES                   | Saturday vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm                                                                |                                      |                         |
| WEEKDAY MASS TIMES                   | Monday – Saturday 9:15 am<br>Wednesday 7:30 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help                                               |                                      |                         |
| RECONCILIATION                       | Wednesday evening after Mass and Novena<br>Saturday 9:45 am                                                               |                                      |                         |
| ADORATION                            | Saturday 9:45 am – 10:45 am concluding with Benediction                                                                   |                                      |                         |
| VIGIL MASS:                          | 1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to Midnight Mass.                                                                         | Next Mass: 6 <sup>th</sup> December  |                         |
| FILIPINO MASS:                       | 2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.                                                                                       | Next Mass: 8 <sup>th</sup> December  |                         |
| MALTESE MASS:                        | 3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.                                                          | Next Mass: 21 <sup>st</sup> December |                         |
| INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:        | 3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.                                                                                         | Next Mass: NO MASS DEC/JAN           |                         |
| EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: | Wednesday 6:30 am - 7:00 pm in the chapel.                                                                                |                                      |                         |
| NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH:                 | 1st Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.                                                                            |                                      |                         |
| ANOINTING OF THE SICK:               | 2nd Wednesday of the month after 9:15am Mass.                                                                             |                                      |                         |
| ST ANTHONY’S PRAYER GROUP MASS:      | Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.                                                                                                 |                                      |                         |
| NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):    | Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm.                                                                                                 |                                      |                         |
| LIFE TEEN:                           | Every Sunday during school terms after 5pm Mass. Contact Carmel at millpark.youthministry@cam.org.au for further details. |                                      |                         |
| LEGION OF MARY:                      | Every Thursday at 10:15 am in the church fellowship area. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.                                  |                                      |                         |
| JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY:               | Every Wednesday at 3:30 pm during school terms in the fellowship area. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.                     |                                      |                         |
| WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP:           | Every Friday at 7:00 pm in the chapel. Contact Nancy - 0434 559 352.                                                      |                                      |                         |
| PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP:             | Contact Regina - 0432 267 557 or Alfons and Helen Glatzel - 9404 2050.                                                    |                                      |                         |
| DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:                | Every Friday at 3:00 pm in the chapel and Friday mornings after 9:15am Mass.                                              |                                      |                         |
| AGAPE RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING:        | Contact Jigimon - 0402 652 646.                                                                                           |                                      |                         |
| JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP:            | Every Thursday at 7 pm in the chapel. Contact Amish Joseph - 0481 717 616                                                 |                                      |                         |
| CATECHIST R.E. CLASSES:              | For all enquiries contact May Park at stfranciscatechist@gmail.com.                                                       |                                      |                         |
| MEN’S MEET & GREET GROUP:            | 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.                                                                                    |                                      |                         |

## PARISH NEWS

**PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS:** Contributions can be dropped off between 9am and 5pm each day at the parish office.

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:** Please remember to write the amount on the front of your thanksgiving envelopes.

**PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION:**

**SUGGESTION BOX:** All will be considered by the Parish Evangelisation Team each month (Location: Church Foyer)

**HOUSE BLESSINGS:** To invite our clergy to visit and bless your house, please fill in the "Family Visitation - House Blessing card found in the Church foyer.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** 1st Saturday of every month (except school holidays), meeting in the church foyer.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

**IN MEMORIAM:** Dunia Akram Solaka, Avelino Peralta, Richardo Agawin, Benedict Estrosa, Juana Robles

**THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Cliff Aquilina, Skye Dalton, David Wallace, Greg Forrester, Antonina Gangi, Fr Terry Kean, Jack Mercovich

(From time to time we will modify the sick list. If you prefer a person to remain on the list please contact the parish office.)

The newsletter will be available each week on our website [www.melbcatholic.org/millpark](http://www.melbcatholic.org/millpark)

Dear Parishioners,

As I approach the end of this pilgrimage, I am filled with gratitude for the blessings of this journey. Yesterday, we celebrated Mass at Our Lady's house in Ephesus, which I offered for our parish community.

We also visited the amphitheater where St. Paul preached and sparked a riot—a vivid reminder of his bold witness. Many of the people from other faiths joined us for Mass which has generated many questions. Hopefully the spirit is a movin'.

Tomorrow brings a final excursion before my return journey. After a brief meeting in Rome, I'll soon be home.

Know that I've been praying for you all. Please pray for me.

**Yours in Christ,  
Fr Anthony Girolami**

## ALTAR SERVING TRAINING & FELLOWSHIP

7th December 2024 @ 11am

Every **1st Saturday of the month**, there will be Altar Serving training and fellowship at 11 a.m. in the Church foyer.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will also be having our Christmas Party after our training in the Parish Small Hall. Please bring a plate of food to share and a \$10 gift for KK.  
Dress Code: anything Christmas!



*All are welcome to join the Altar Server Ministry. Those who have received their First Holy Communion and would like to be a part of the ministry are welcomed to sign up. Please take an enrollment form from the Parish*



## PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION



### Cells Christmas Break up

Everyone is invited to our Cells Christmas Party to be held in St Francis Hall on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, starting at 7.00 pm, with shared Dinner & live Christmas Carols.  
Enquiries: 9407 6700 (leave a message)

## CAROLS @ PACIFIC EPPING (EPPING PLAZA)

**COME & HEAR** Carol Singing by our **Saturday Night 5.00 pm Mass Choir** at Pacific Epping on **Sunday 8th December**. The Carols will begin at 12.00 pm – 1.30 pm. The Venue is the New Mall. All Parishioners are invited to come to listen to Christmas Carols and support our choir.

*Christmas*

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH & SCHOOL NIGHT

*All Welcome!*



**7pm Start, doors open 6:45pm**  
**Sausage Sizzle & Drinks for sale**



**Sunday**  
**15 December, 2024**



**St Francis Parish Hall**  
**290 Childs Road, Mill Park.**

## 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

First weekend of the month there will be a second collection in support of the parish loan repayments.

**ADVENT**  
*waiting in hope*



## CHRISTMAS TIMETABLES

Now available in the Church Foyer. Please take one home. (Available on our Parish Website / Facebook)

## MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

The men's group will be having it's last meeting for the year, on Wednesday the 4th of December @ 7pm in the Parish Small Hall. Please bring a plate from your culture to celebrate & share.  
*Enquires: Frank Spiteri: 0414 648475*  
*Frank Schembri: 0410 121 066*

The **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Tree** is in the Church foyer. If you would like to contribute please take a card from the tree.  
All gifts must be returned by Sunday 15th December.  
Thank you!



## PRAYER COMPANIONS

Our Parish is offering prayers for people after 9 am & 10.30 am Weekend Masses. If you have a special intention come to the Chapel after Mass today and someone will say a prayer with you.

## CHILDRENS LITURGY HAS STARTED!

Children's Liturgy is held at 10:30 Mass each Sunday. All Preschool children and lower to middle Primary school children are welcome.  
All pre-school children must have an adult present.

## DONATE YOUR REFUND!

Dear parishioners, our new bins are located in the church rear carpark and ready to receive your **10c aluminum, glass, plastic & cartons for recycling**. This refund will go towards our *Marian Chapel Renovations*.  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

