



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

17TH NOV 2024

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 Wednesday 7:30 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help		
RECONCILIATION	Wednesday evening after Mass and Novena 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 th December	
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass: 8 th December	
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass: 21 st December	
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.	Next Mass: 21 st December	
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 sfranciscatechist@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: The Cells All Leaders Meeting will be on this Tuesday, 19th November, at 7.30 pm in the Community Room or link in on Zoom.

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: Joseph Borg, Asuncion Gutierrez Llanto

IN MEMORIAM: Edna Taponan, Antonio & Maria Sutura, Antonio & Linda Calafiore, Joseph Nguyen, Cheryl Marshal, Roxie Fernandez, Ada Barnett, Teresraj Zacharias

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

Dear Parishioners,

I am very glad to announce that Reverend John Vespa, a recently ordained deacon, has been appointed to our parish until his priestly ordination next year. John will be staying with us until Christmas, then will work in the parish on weekends once the seminary recommences next February.

Ruth Lees: We were very happy to welcome Ruth back to work this past week. Please keep her in your prayers, as we pray for a full and speedy recovery.

Clergy Site Inspection Tour: I am leaving on Monday, 18th November, to attend a clergy pilgrimage of biblical sites in Turkey. The purpose of the tour is to assist in planning a parish pilgrimage, 'In the Steps of St. Paul', which we hope to undertake in 2026.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Anthony Girolami

JOURNEY TO THE BIBLICAL SITES OF TURKEY

Wishing Fr. Anthony a blessed and fulfilling journey as he embarks on his pilgrimage to Turkey on the 18th of November. May this trip be a time of prayer, renewal and inspiration. Safe travels, Fr. Anthony — we'll keep you in our prayers and look forward to hearing about the graces you receive on this blessed journey!



LIFE TEEN'S "SPOKEN" RETREAT FUNDRAISING THIS WEEKEND!!!

God spoke each of us into existence and desires a personal relationship with us. We can learn to hear His voice by becoming familiar with the way He has communicated throughout salvation history and ultimately through Jesus Christ.

"Spoken" leads teens through the Scriptures and offers unique encounters with God through prayer and the sacraments so that they live rooted in His Word."



Thank you for your generosity and support!

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 3rd December, starting at 7.00 pm**, with shared Dinner & live Christmas Carols. Enquiries: 9407 6700 (leave a message)

WELLNESS GROUP CHRISTMAS STALL NEXT WEEKEND



There will be a stall after each Mass on the weekend of the 23rd / 24th of November the church foyer organised by the Wellness Group. All proceeds will be donated to charity. Please give generously to support this cause. **Cash Only**

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASSES

Envelopes for Holy Souls remembrance Masses are located on the table in front of the lectern. You can fill out the envelope with the offering and return it at anytime, either place it in the collection plate at Mass or place it in the basket in front of the lectern.

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.

Your confidentiality will be respected.

DONATE YOUR REFUND! MARIAN CHAPEL RENOVATIONS

Scan the **barcode** at your local refund point, and all donations will go towards the new Marian statue and chapel renovations.

CDS VIC provides a 10c refund for every eligible container you return, helping divert valuable containers from landfills.



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 be accompanied by an adult.

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.