



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

DIVNE MERCY SUNDAY

12TH APRIL

PARISH PRIEST	Fr Francis Denton	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Simeon Anthony
YOUTH MINISTER	Michelle Biju - 9407 6704	PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Rodelia Bordan - 9407 6720
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	Maree Chamoun - 9407 6700	PARISH/SCHOOL LIAISON	Ruth Lees - 9407 6703
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Mark Basile - 9407 3100	PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Paul - 9407 6722
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		

Car Parking: Please ensure all cars are parked in designated parking spaces only. No-standing areas must be kept clear at all times.

VIGIL MASS:	1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to Midnight Mass.	Next Mass: 1 st May
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass: 10 th May
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass: 18 th April
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.	Next Mass: 18 th April
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	During Lent Wednesdays 10 am - 6pm in the chapel.	
NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH:	1st Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.	
ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:	Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.	
NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):	Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm.	
LEGION OF MARY:	Every Thursday at 10:00 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	
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 YOUNG ADULTS PRAYER MEETING :	Every Thursday at 7 pm in the chapel. Contact Irene K. Jacob - 0481 829 529	
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 (Small Hall).	
MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN:	Every Monday night 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Church fellowship area.	
LIFE TEEN:	Every Sunday during the school terms 6 -7:45pm for those in high-school. Contact Michelle at the Parish Office 9407 6700	
AYA FELLOWSHIP:	Young Adults aged 19-35. Every Last Saturday of the Month. Contact the Parish Office 9407 6700	
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:	Sunday 10:30am Mass. All pre-school and lower to middle primary school children are welcome.	

PARISH NEWS

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:
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 Executive Meeting will be on this Tues, 14th April at 7.30 pm in the Parish Nook.
HOUSE BLESSINGS: To invite our clergy to visit and bless your house, please fill in the card in the church foyer.
ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: 1st Saturday of every month (except school holidays), meeting in the church foyer.
PRAYER COMPANIONS: prayers for people after Mass in the Chapel after 9 am & 10.30 am Masses.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DECEASED: Renato Sansonetti, Raffaele Polifiore, Carmela Mazza

IN MEMORIAM: Domenico Murrone

THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Keith Lambert, Pierce Ng, Angus Santosa, Fr Anthony Fox, Julieta Bordan, Kim Ki Tan, Greg Forrester, Nancy Gheno, Caterina Schiavello, Cliff Aquilina, David Wallace, Fr Terry Kean.

(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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



On 22nd February 1931, Jesus appeared to an obscure cloistered sister of Our Lady of Mercy by the name of Sr Faustina Kowalska in her convent cell in Plock, Poland. Jesus appeared to her as the "King of Divine Mercy" wearing a white garment with red and pale rays emanating from His heart. This was to be the first in a series of apparitions whereby Jesus was to reveal to St Faustina His desire for devotion to His Divine Mercy. This included instructions on the recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet, as well as His desire to have painted the now familiar image of Divine Mercy, which shows Jesus as he appeared to St Faustina accompanied by the inscription: "Jesus, I trust in You."

Perhaps even more remarkable than either of these directives was St Faustina's insistence that Jesus had requested the institution of a new Feast Day on the Octave of Easter that would be dedicated to the celebration of Divine Mercy. In God's providence, seventy years later Christ's Will was finally fulfilled by the Polish Pope, John Paul II. On the 30th April 2000, at the canonisation of St Faustina, the Second Sunday of Easter was officially given the title 'Divine Mercy Sunday' in the General Roman Calendar.

In several entries in her diary, Faustina recorded promises of Grace and Mercy which he would pour out upon the faithful on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Jesus Stated:

"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet." (Diary 699)

Accordingly, the Church offers the faithful a Plenary Indulgence to any of the faithful who either:

- 1) take part in the prayers and devotions in honour of the Divine Mercy in any church or chapel, OR
- 2) recite an Our Father and the Creed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, exposed or reserved in the tabernacle.

This Plenary Indulgence is obtained by observing the usual requirements that are in place for the granting of any Plenary indulgence, that is: Sacramental Confession (the confession may take place some days before), reception of Holy Communion, prayers for the intentions of the pope (an Our Father and Hail Mary is the minimum requirement), and not least, having the requisite detachment from all sin.

From its obscure beginnings, hidden in a convent in Poland, devotion to Divine Mercy has now swept across the whole world. In many churches (including St Francis of Assisi, Mill Park) there will be special Masses held at 3:00pm – the hour that commemorates when Christ died on the cross for love of us and when the pierced side of Christ became for us the fount of grace. Even if we can't make the 3pm Mass, every Mass this Sunday is an opportunity to turn again with renewed trust in the mercy of God: to cry from the heart, "Jesus I trust in You!"

As we celebrate the Octave of Easter Sunday let us especially open our hearts to receive the gift of Divine Mercy, so that we might share more perfectly in the joy of Christ's Resurrection.

Happy Easter!

Yours in Christ, Fr Francis Denton

GODSTART PARTY FOR 4-YEAR-OLDS

There will be a Birthday Party for all children in the parish who turn 4 this year, on Sunday, 26th April, starting at 11.30 am in the Church Fellowship Area (after 10.30 am Mass). All 3-4 year-old children and their families are invited. **RSVP: 9407 6700.**

THE SECRET OF THE HOLY FACE AUSTRALIAN TOUR

Fr Lawrence Carney, author of The Secret of the Holy Face, has dedicated many years to promoting and teaching this powerful devotion. Fr Carney will share the history, meaning, and spiritual significance of the Holy Face devotion and how simple daily prayers can become a profound act of reparation and renewal in our world.



26 APRIL, SUNDAY, 6:30pm - 7:45pm ST FRANCIS PARISH HALL - FREE TICKETS Evelyn Ogilby 0405 156 971

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

- 1:00pm** Exposition & Adoration, Confessions, Holy Rosary
- 2:15pm** Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction
- 3:00pm** Holy Mass Blessing of the Divine Mercy image & religious articles.
Main Celebrant: Fr Denton

TWO WEEKS AWAY

Fr Simeon will be away from the *20th of April until the 4th of May*. Please keep him in your prayers.

PARISH DINNER DANCE FUNDRAISING
JUNE 27 2026 - TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!!!





THE ALPHA COURSE

16 April 7pm
St Francis Parish Hall
TRYBOOKING



"MY CHRISTIAN FAITH IS THE BACKBONE OF MY LIFE"
Bear Grylls

AYA: ASSISI YOUNG ADULTS - TRY BOOKING
Sat 25th April 6pm,
Prayer, Adoration, Lectio Divina, Fellowship. All those aged 19-35 are welcome.



CATECHIST CLASSES 2026

Religious Education Classes for children outside the Catholic School System. **Scan for Try Booking**

The following classes are offered:

- Pre-Sacramental - Prep, 1s, 2s
- First Reconciliation - Minimum Year 3 level
- First Eucharist - Students who have already received First Reconciliation
- Confirmation - Minimum Year 6 level

FOR IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

- Tuesday July 14th Classes resume for all students for the duration of Term 3 (4:15pm - 5:00pm)

For Enquires: May Park, 9407 6700