



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST FEB 2026

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		
VIGIL MASS:	1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to Midnight Mass.	Next Mass: 6 th February	
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass: 8 th February	
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass: 21 st February	
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.	Next Mass: 21 st March	
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.			
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 sfranciscatechist@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			

PARISH NEWS

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: This weekend there will be a second collection in support of the parish loan repayments.

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: Our **Parish Cell Groups resume** this week starting this **Monday, 2nd February**. The **Cells All Leaders Meeting** will be on this **Tuesday, 3rd February**, at 7.30 pm in the Community Room.

SUGGESTION BOX: All suggestions with full names & Phone No included will be considered. (Location: Church Foyer)

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: Leo Javier, Patrick Phelan, Michael Armenio

IN MEMORIAM: Melda Escudero, Colin Anthony Rozario, Bruna Vatta, Antonio Comito.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL: 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

WELCOME FR FRANCIS DENTON

To St Francis of Assisi Parish

In the Year of St Francis of Assisi

We, the parishioners warmly welcome Fr Francis Denton, who will join us in February as Parish Priest of St Francis of Assisi, Mill Park.



Fr Francis was ordained to the priesthood in 2015 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.

Born and raised in Ballarat, he is one of nine children and was the 317th former student of St Patrick's College, Ballarat, to be ordained to the priesthood.

Following his ordination, Fr Francis served in parish ministry and was appointed Parish Administrator in April 2020, serving the Catholic communities of Lilydale and Healesville (St Patrick's Lilydale and St Brigids Healesville).

He is known for his pastoral care and his engagement with community and culture, including his reflection on the relationship between faith and art.

Fr Francis is himself a painter and iconographer, and the place of art in human life and in the Church is deeply personal to him.

May God bless him abundantly in his priestly ministry among us.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PARISHIONER REGINA HUNNING

Regina was recognised in the **2026 Australia Day Honours** where she received the Medal of the **Order of Australia (OAM)** for service to the community of Whittlesea (in Victoria, Australia).



The Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) is awarded for service worthy of particular recognition and is part of the Australian Honours System administered by the Governor-General.

In a word, Regina has truly been a 'stalwart' of our parish. She has made a contribution that has deeply impacted the lives of many. May we acknowledge her contribution to our community and the community at large.

RCIA RECOMMENCES 5TH OF FEBRUARY

7:30pm Thursdays,
St Francis Small Hall. For all enquires, contact the parish office: 9407 6700

AYA: FELLOWSHIP RECOMMENCES Sat 28th February 6:00pm

Prayer, Adoration,
Lectio Divina

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This is a story of a joyful and faithful man of God, who has been in this parish from 2009 to 2025. Who has become the heart beat of St Francis of Assisi parish and school community.

He has shared the Joy, Like St Francis of Assisi, finding God in the simple things and approached every soul with a spirit of "Peace and Goodness."

He has shared the hope, Like St Anthony, he has been our "Finder of Lost Things," whether that was lost hope, lost faith, or simply the right path forward for our community.

He has shared the strength, like St Peter, he has been the Rock of this parish and school community of Mill Park. In times of unsureness, his steady hand and firm foundation kept this parish and school upright and thriving. He cared his flock deeply, and worked tirelessly to keep the community united. He has always pointing us toward Christ while walking right beside us.

He has shared the wisdom and heart of the Apostle like St. Paul: Just as St. Paul's letters nourished the early Church, his words— written and spoken have been a masterclass in guidance, challenging us to grow while always wrapping us in love. He didn't just lead from a distance; he knew us by name and wanted to leave us with words of encouragement to sustain us.

He has shared the Voice of God through the Word of God, his preaching has been the heartbeat of our Sundays. He has a gift for taking the profound mysteries of our faith and making God's love feel real and practical. He has reminded us constantly that God is a loving Father walking right beside us.

He has shared his pastoral zeal, We've seen the way he visit the sick, the way he listen to our struggles and the way he built this community into a true family of God. He is a family oriented person, treating every parishioner like a brother and sister in Christ. He understands that the church is not only an institution but also a family of families.

He have shared his apostolic Vision, Like the early Church leaders, he kept his eyes on the mission, ensuring that the Crucified Cross remained the center of everything we do. He bought back the Crucified Cross in the Church and devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary which has been the strength behind his ministry, wrapping this parish in her protection. He recently even provided this community with the stunning Statue of Our Lady of St Francis of Assisi.

His name is called ... Fr ANTHONY GIROLAMI

Written by Fr Simeon Anthony (Assistant Priest)

LIFE TEEN RECOMENCES 22 FEB 2026

All those aged 13-18 are invited!



If you are interested in gaining a **deeper understanding** of our **Catholic faith** this year, then Life Teen is for you!

Contact our Youth Minister: Michelle Biju 9407 6700
An international Catholic movement which aims to lead teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church (more details to come).

