



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

19TH JAN 2025

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: 7 th February	
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass: 9 th February	
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass: 15 th February	
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.	Next Mass: 15 th February	
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:

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:

THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Fr Varghese Kattikattu, Cliff Aquilina, 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

Saint Who? Saint Fabian Feast: 19th January

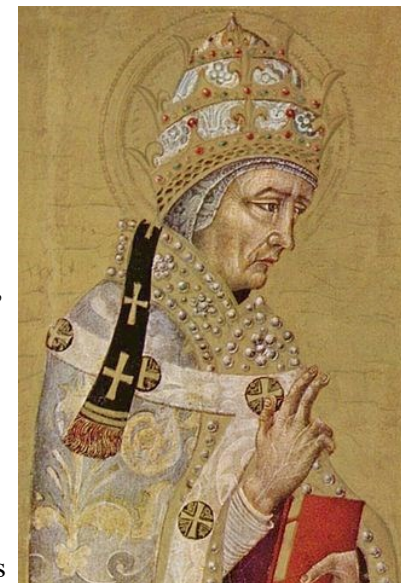
Fabian was a Roman layman who came into the city from his farm one day as clergy and people were preparing to elect a new pope. Eusebius, a Church historian, says a dove flew in and settled on the head of Fabian. This sign united the votes of clergy and laity, and he was chosen unanimously.

He led the Church for 14 years and died a martyr's death during the persecution of Decius in 250 A.D. Saint Cyprian wrote to his successor that Fabian was an "incomparable" man whose glory in death matched the holiness and purity of his life.

In the catacombs of Saint Callistus, the stone that covered Fabian's grave may still be seen, broken into four pieces, bearing the Greek words, "Fabian, bishop, martyr." St. Fabian shares the celebration of his liturgical feast with St. Sebastian on January 20.

Reflection

We can go confidently into the future and accept the change that growth demands only if we have firm roots in the past, in a living tradition. A few pieces of stone in Rome are a reminder to us that we are bearers of more than 20 centuries of a living tradition of faith and courage in living the life of Christ and showing it to the world. We have brothers and sisters who have "gone before us with the sign of faith," as the First Eucharistic Prayer puts it, to light the way for us.



MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN – NEW PRAYER GROUP AT ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

St Francis of Assisi Parish is excited to announce the formation of a Mothers Who Pray for Their Children prayer group, welcoming all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and spiritual mothers from all walks of life.

To learn more, join us for a Meet and Greet on **Thursday, 13 February 2025, at 5:00 PM in the Parish foyer.**

We are honored to host Angela Abdo, Foundress of the movement from Brazil, and Carolina, the English Mission Coordinator from South Africa, at this special event. Come and be part of this inspiring journey of prayer and fellowship!

THE JUBILEE 2025 LOGO

The logo shows four stylised figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency maneuvers to stabilise the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of hope).



CHOIRS ON BREAK DURING JANUARY

During January our choirs at Mass will have a well earned break. We thank them for the talents they share with us faithfully every week.

JANUARY ROSTERS

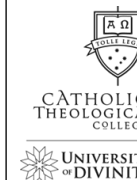
The rosters for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion will continue during January. If you will be absent or on holiday on your rostered turn, please contact another person to take your place.

2025 Enrolments are open

Study scripture, theology, pastoral ministry and spirituality

Introductory or further studies available
Face-to-face or online modes available
Audit, undergraduate or postgraduate level

For more information:
view our 2025 Prospectus
ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/



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This refund will go towards our **Marian Chapel Renovations.** Thank you for your generosity!

Check for the 10c Label on your aluminum, glass, plastic & cartons for recycling.

Donation Bins are located in the Church rear carpark OR visit a CDS VIC Location.

