



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN		PALM SUNDAY		24TH MARCH 2024	
PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Zaher Almhnna		
DEACON	Deacon Jean Sebastien	PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Anh Tran - 9407 6720		
YOUTH MINISTER	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6704	PARISH/SCHOOL LIAISON	Ruth Lees - 9407 6703		
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	Bernice Quinn - 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: 5th April
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass: 14th April
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass: 20th April
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.	Next Mass: 20th April
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 10:15 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 Thursday mornings after 9:15am Mass (during Lent only).	
AGAPE RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING:	Resuming Sunday 4th February. Contact Gigimon - 0402 652 646.	
LIFE TEEN:	Every Sunday during school terms after 5pm Mass. Contact Carmel at millpark.youthministry@cam.org.au for further details.	
JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP:	Every Thursday at 7 pm in the chapel. Contact Lovely - 0411 208 706.	
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.

EASTER TIMETABLE - Easter timetable cards are available to collect from the church foyer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DECEASED: Valarie Layfield, Lorraine Ring, Armelia Di Giandomenico.

IN MEMORIAM: Rosemay Bignoux, Elias Tranquille, Elsie Tranquille, Antoinette Zemma, Brian & Roxy Fernandes, Pietro Biviano, Tonino & Adriana Cellini.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL: David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Maeve Reardon, Greg Forrester, Anupiya Menikdiwela, Henrica Hanny, Peter Basile, Antonina Gangi, Gerard Mercovich, Suvie Lin, Jack Mercovich, Edna Cruz, Susan Yik, Dignus Kaemon, Maggie Campbell.

(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,

Thank you for your involvement in the Parish Offertory Giving program. I hope this process allowed you to prayerfully discern your offering towards our community. It has been so encouraging to see such a large number of pledge cards being returned to our parish office.

Thank you to everyone who handed in their cards. We are now in the follow up week where we will be seeking any pledges which haven't been returned. If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to carefully consider your offering and return your pledge cards to the parish office or into any of the collections at Mass.

PLEASE NOTE: Although the pledge cards ask you to write your donation as a weekly amount, you may cross this out and write your preferred payment frequency.

Yours in Christ, Fr Anthony Girolami.

COME AND CELEBRATE
THE 24TH WORLDWIDE

**DIVINE
MERCY**
Sunday

7TH
APRIL
2024

1:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Confessions
Holy Rosary
2:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Benediction
3:00 pm Holy Mass
Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image
Blessing of Religious articles

NINE DAY DIVINE MERCY NOVENA
The Novena of Chaplets to the Divine Mercy will commence after Solemn Liturgy on Good Friday and continues through to Holy Saturday.

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Main Celebrant - MOST REVEREND BISHOP TERRENCE CURTIN

Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday) 23 & 24 February



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent.

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

Please donate to Project Compassion

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

ALPHA IS COMING!

The next Alpha Course will run in Term 2, 2024, starting 11th April.

Explore questions of life and faith and make new friendships at Alpha! Alpha is an exciting refresher course in the Christian faith.

The Alpha Course in 2024 will start on Thursday, 11th April, and run for ten Thursdays, to be held in St Francis Hall.

Alpha will start at 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm.

Enquiries: 9407 6700.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CPYNW>



FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

The Nine Weeks Mass and Novena to St Anthony of Padua begins on the 9th of April, continuing all Tuesdays and concluding on the 4th of June with 7 pm Malayalam Mass followed by Novena to St Anthony and Benediction. The Feast of St Anthony will be celebrated on Friday 7th June beginning at 6 pm with Rosary,

St Anthony's Novena and Mass in English at 7 pm. Following Mass there will be a candle lit procession, Veneration of the Relic of St Anthony and dinner in the St Francis of Assisi hall. The relic of St Anthony will be coming from Padua. All welcome.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS / PASSION PLAY

Stations of the Cross with a live Passion Play will take place on Good Friday at 9:30 am starting near the Small Hall. More people are needed to take part in the Passion Play. Contact the Parish Office on 9407 6700.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION - GOOD FRIDAY

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, March 29th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing. Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2023 Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.4 million [\$1.4 million (2022), \$1,126,098 (2021), \$406,023 (2020) and \$1.3 million (2019)]. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.