



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

6th APRIL 2025

PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Simeon Anthony
DEACON	Rev John Vespa	PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Rodelia Bordan - 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: 2 nd May	
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass: 13 th April	
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass: 19 th April	
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.	Next Mass: No Mass in 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.			
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 10:00 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 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 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.			

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 Executive Meeting will be on this Tuesday, 8th April at 7.30 pm in the Parish Nook.

SUGGESTION BOX: All suggestions with full names 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: After 9am & 10:30am Masses in the Chapel, Your confidentiality will be respected.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DECEASED: Teresa Fae, Pan Soo Har, Fr Gregorio Bruno Simonelli, Fabrizio Rocca

IN MEMORIAM: Antonius Iswanto, Con Zammit, Anthony Lethbridge, Tony & Adele Galati, Agnes Walshe

THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Pope Francis, Tony Micalizzi, Matthew De Pretto, Caterina Schiavello, Deb Parker, 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

Dear Parishioners,

The Lenten course, *Metanoia*, provided a great impetus for the parishioners who participated in this program. I would like to thank all who assisted in the organising and presentation of the event.

Next Lent we will present further sessions from this series.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Anthony Girolami.



PALM SUNDAY 13TH APRIL
SATURDAY VIGIL 5PM,
SUNDAY MASS 9AM, 10:30AM & 5PM
Blessing of the Palms in the school courtyard
10 minutes before the commencement of each Mass.

PALMS DONATIONS

If anyone is interested in donating Palms for Palm Sunday, your contribution would be greatly appreciated!

If interested, please contact the Parish Office: 9407 6700

EASTER FLORAL DECORATIONS

Looking for volunteers to assist with the decorating our Church for Easter!

If interested, please contact the Parish Office: 9407 6700



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*Interest rates subject to change. View current rates on the CDF website.

ALPHA IS COMING!!!

The next Alpha Course will run in Term 2, 2025, starting 8th May.

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 2025 will start on Thursday, 8th May 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/CYSAV>



CATECHIST CLASSES 2025

Classes start Tuesday, July 22nd, from 4:15-5:00 pm. Enrolments are open.

Forms available at the parish office or parish website. For queries, email stfranciscatechist@gmail.com or call 9407 6700.

We look forward to this faith journey with you and your children.

The following classes are offered:

Pre-Sacramental:	Children in Years Prep, One or Two
First Reconciliation:	Minimum Year Three level
First Eucharist:	Students who have already received First Reconciliation
Confirmation:	Minimum Year Six level who have already received First Reconciliation & First Eucharist.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 22nd July, Term 3:	Classes resume - 4:15-5:00pm
Tuesday 16th September:	Reconciliation at 4:00pm
Saturday 11th October:	First Eucharist at 11:30am
Saturday 8th November:	Confirmation at 11:30am

CHILDRENS LITURGY IS ON A BREAK

Will recommence in the new term

HOLY WEEK EASTER TIMETABLES

Now available for collection in the Church Foyer & Parish Website / Facebook

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. **Volunteers** are needed for some roles.

Rehearsals Thursday 7pm, Church rear carpark. Contact Brian on 0478 323 646.



FRIDAYS IN LENT

9:15am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross & 7 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass.



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET TIMES

During Lent the chaplet will be held Thursdays after the 9:15am Mass and Fridays 3pm.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES NOW AVAILABLE

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025 Lenten appeal.

Good Friday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence from meat. All who

have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252).



MASS FOR

Marriage Anniversaries

SUNDAY 1 JUNE 2025 • 11AM
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and over) are invited to register: trybooking.com/DAKBR

DONATE YOUR REFUND TO THE MARIAN CHAPEL RENOVATIONS

Check for the **10c Label** on your aluminum, glass, plastic & cartons for recycling. Donation Bins found Church rear carpark or visit a CDS VIC site with the barcode.

