



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

15TH DEC 2024

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: 3 rd January	
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass: 12 th January	
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass: 21 st December	
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.	Next Mass: NO MASS DEC/JAN	
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: Assunta Bruno

IN MEMORIAM: Michel Chaanine, Michael Saliba, Reta Misconi, Patricia Donahoo, Vincenzo Paladino, Merlyn, Conrad, Ayndn, Vivian & Roy Meyers, Joe Bugeja, Melita Bugeja, Pat Foster, Tessie Craig, Most Rev Joseph Angelo Grech, Maria Consiglio, Charlie Restall White, Emidia Micallef.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Sue Sinclair, 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,

As we draw closer to Christmas, may we continue to bring Christ into the public forum.

With this in mind, I would like to thank the Saturday Night Choir, assisted by members of the 10.30 Choir, who sang Christmas carols at Epping Plaza last Sunday, and to our Youth Choir who sang carols at Plenty Valley last Wednesday night. I would like to thank the parishioners who came to offer support. Also I would like to thank the Sunday morning Mass choirs for singing Christmas carols at nursing homes.

This weekend we have a special collection for Sr Anh to assist her in her future ministry. Sr Anh will address the congregation at all Masses next weekend. A formal farewell for Sr Anh will follow the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome!

Yours in Christ,
Fr Anthony Girolami

Silent Night! Holy Night
And they... found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

***THIS SUNDAY!!!**
Christmas
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH & SCHOOL NIGHT
All Welcome!

7pm Start, doors open 6:45pm
Sausage Sizzle & Drinks for sale

Sunday
15 December, 2024*

St Francis Parish Hall
290 Childs Road, Mill Park.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES / STATEMENTS

Envelopes Givers & Electronic Givers

Now available for collection in the church foyer.
The envelopes are listed **street address alphabetical order**.
Please note that there may be discrepancies with the amount expected if you increased your pledge this year.



We would like to take this opportunity to **thank you** for contributing to our Parish Thanksgiving Programme. Your contributions are both **vital** and **deeply** appreciated.

HOLY LAND OLIVE WOOD STALL

This weekend Holy Land Olive Wood will be having a stall in the foyer of the Church. Holy Land Olive Wood is a family-owned and operated business based in the city of Bethlehem. Proceeds go towards persecuted Christians in Palestine.



FAREWELL SR ANH

NEXT WEEKEND: 20th/21st DEC

On Saturday and Sunday, 20th and 21st December, Sr. Anh will speak at all Masses. There will also be a morning tea and farewell after the 10:30 am Mass. A special collection will be held to support Sr. Anh in her future ministry.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS TREE APPEAL

Our most sincere thankyou to all parishioners, for the wonderful response to our 2024 annual Christmas Appeal for donations of gifts for needy families in our area. We really appreciate your dedicated ongoing support and generosity. May you and your loved ones enjoy a happy joyous and holy Christmas.



HOLIDAY 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.

CHOIRS ON BREAK DURING JANUARY

From Christmas Day on and 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.

PIETY STALL

Columban and Divine Mercy calendars are now selling in the Piety Stall for \$10 each
Large Devine Mercy calendars - \$20
God's Word - \$22! Don't Miss Out!

PRAYER COMPANIONS

Our Parish is offering prayers for people after 9 am & 10.30 am Weekend Masses. If you have a special intention come to the Chapel after Mass today and someone will say a prayer with you. Your confidentiality will be respected.

DONATE YOUR REFUND!

Dear parishioners, our new bins are located in the church rear carpark and ready to receive your **10c aluminum, glass, plastic & cartons for recycling**. This refund will go towards our *Marian Chapel Renovations*. Thank you for your generosity!

