



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

THE HOLY FAMILY

28TH DEC 2025

PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	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: 2 nd January	
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass: 11 th January	
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass: 18 th January	
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.	Next Mass: 21 st February 2026	
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 stfranciscatechist@gmail.com.		
MEN’S MEET & GREET GROUP:	1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm (Small Hall). Welcoming John O’Connell from Man Alive.		
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 Carmel 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:
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 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:

IN MEMORIAM:

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

St Francis of Assisi, Mill Park, is committed to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne's Safeguarding Policies.

Dear Parishioners

It was with great joy and faith we celebrated the Christmas Feast Day. May the joy continue in our hearts.

Until the 9th of January, I am away for a short break prior to my leaving. The choirs are on a well earned break until the first weekend of February.

Have a happy and peace filled New Year.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Anthony Girolami P.P.

Saint Who?

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

Feast: 28th April

(1922–1962)

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla was an Italian paediatrician, wife, and mother whose life radiated a deep love for Christ and a tender devotion to the **Blessed Virgin Mary**. From a young age, Gianna was formed by daily prayer, frequent reception of the sacraments, and a strong Marian spirituality, which shaped both her personal life and her medical vocation.



As a doctor, Gianna viewed each patient as a person made in the image of God, especially children and the poor. As a wife and mother, she lived her vocation with joy, seeing marriage and family life as a path to holiness.

During her fourth pregnancy, Gianna was diagnosed with a uterine tumour. She was presented with medical options that could have saved her life but would have endangered her unborn child. Gianna chose treatment that protected her baby, fully aware that it placed her own life at risk. She entrusted herself to God and to **Our Lady**, repeating: *“If you must choose between me and the child, choose the child.”*

Gianna gave birth to a healthy daughter, Gianna Emanuela, and died shortly after from complications. She was canonised in 2004 as a saint of family life, motherhood, and the sanctity of life.

Reflection (A Mother's Marian Yes)

Saint Gianna's holiness is a lived echo of Mary's *fiat*. Like the Blessed Virgin, she embraced life even when it demanded suffering. Her choice was not driven by heroics alone, but by **trust**, a trust formed through prayer, the sacraments, and a heart placed beneath Mary's mantle.

Gianna teaches us that sanctity is often found in ordinary vocations lived with extraordinary love. Her “yes” was quiet, maternal, and hidden, yet it bore eternal fruit. Entrusting herself to Our Lady, she shows us that true love always chooses life, and that every sacrifice made in love is gathered and transformed by God.

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed from the 30th December - 15th January.
Thank you for your understanding.
All Mass times will be as per usual.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES & STATEMENTS

Thanksgiving Statements & Envelopes are ready for collection in the church foyer. **Listed in street address alphabetical order.**
NOTE: Please be aware that your envelope number may have changed for the new year.
Please contact the Parish office if you have any queries.

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

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.



FAREWELL MESSAGES

As we farewell
Fr Anthony Girolami in Janurary, we invite you to share a message of gratitude.

THE MARRIAGE COURSE

The aim of The Marriage Course is to help couples grow closer and build a healthy relationship that will last a lifetime. Over seven sessions, the couples learn practical tools to help them invest time in their marriage, heal ways they've hurt each other, discover how their partner feels loved and much, much more.

6:30PM Sat 7th of Feb 2026

Enquires: Please contact Chiara & Elio

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DONATE YOUR REFUND TO THE MARIAN CHAPEL RENOVATIONS



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