



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN		FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		30TH NOV 2025	
PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Simeon Anthony		
YOUTH MINISTER	Carmel Walsh - 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: 5 th December		
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.		Next Mass: 14 th December		
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.		Next Mass: 20 th December		
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: Jack Mercovich, Rosaria Coscarella, Rocco Losurdo, Pat Gordon

IN MEMORIAM: Ken & Elaine Sharples, Rosina Care, Bruno Care, Dominic Trapani, Angel Trapani, Joseph Spiteri

THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Fr Michael Shadbolt, 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,

As I announced last weekend, on the 30th of January 2026, at the Archbishops request, I will take up the role of Director of the Clergy, Life and Ministry Office. Consequently, my role as Parish Priest of Mill Park will end on that day. My office will be at the Cardinal Knox Centre next to St Patrick's Cathedral. I will be living as a priest in residence at St Michael's North Melbourne. My role will be to offer support, guidance and pastoral care to priests, deacons and bishops of the Melbourne Archdiocese. Please pray for me.

The newly appointed Parish Priest is Fr Francis Denton, who is currently the Parish Priest of Lilydale and Healesville. He will take up residence on the 30th of January 2026. In the words of St Mary MacKillop, "We are but travelers here."

On another note, you will see our statue of Our Lady of St Francis is now in her proper place. That means the Marian Chapel is open for business!

Yours in Christ,
Fr Anthony Girolami P.P.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS

To be sold after masses THIS weekend
Over 50 wonderful prizes to be won!
\$2 per ticket - Cash Only!



SAVE THE DATE - SAT 20 DEC
THANK YOU & FAREWELL FR ANTHONY GIROLAMI
5pm Vigil Mass, followed by supper in the Parish Hall.
We ask that you please bring a plate to share. All are invited!
More details to come in the following weeks.

**PARISH CELLS CHRISTMAS
BREAK UP THIS TUES, 2ND DEC**
Everyone is invited to our Cells Christmas Party to be held in
St Francis Hall, starting at 7.00 pm
with shared Dinner & live Christmas Carols. Enquiries: 9407 6700

CAROLS AT PACIFIC EPPING SUN 7th DEC
On Sunday 7th December - Our Saturday Night Choir will sing
Christmas Carols at Pacific Epping Shopping Centre from 12.30
pm. All parishioners are encouraged to come to hear and support
them. The venue is the New Mall at Pacific Epping.

THANK YOU!

The Wellness Group would like to thank all parishioners for their generous contributions and donations to the Christmas stall.
The proceeds will be donated to support Ukrainian Hospitals.

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

Now available in the Church Foyer. Please take one home. (Available on our Parish Website)



CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

St Vincent de Paul's annual Christmas gift appeal to support families in need has commenced. If you can help, please take a card from the Christmas tree located in the foyer and buy an appropriate gift. Return the unwrapped gift and place it in the box provided (do not wrap it, so it can be sorted easily). Last day for gifts to be accepted will be the 14th of December.

CHILDRENS LITURGY DURING THE 10.30 AM MASS
This is the **final** session for the year. Many thanks to all those who have assisted throughout the year. All pre-schoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LIFE TEEN
The youth raffle will be drawn next Sunday 7th



ACYF 30 Nov - 2 Dec 2025

"6,000 young people from right across Australia and the Pacific will be traveling to our city to celebrate their faith, deepen their discipleship, and encounter the living Christ in the heart of His Church" - Archbishop Peter Comensoli



**Christmas
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH & SCHOOL NIGHT
7pm Start, doors open 6:45pm
Sausage Sizzle & Drinks for sale
Sun 7 Dec
Parish Hall

**ADVENT
PARISH MISSION**

Presented by:
Simon Carrington

10th | Talk 1 The Good News: Why God Became Man

11th | Talk 2 Mary, Mother of God: How this Dogma Safeguards the Real Jesus

12th | Talk 3 True Repentance: Avoiding the 3 Nooses of Satan

10th - 12th December 2025
Wednesday to Friday

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
290 Childs Road, Mill Park, 3082

6:30PM Rosary (Church)
7:00PM Talk (Hall)

SCAN THE QR TO REGISTER

**CHILDREN'S
NATIVITY
PLAY**

CALLING ALL CHILDREN AGES 0-13!
WE INVITE ALL CHILDREN TO TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S
CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY PLAY.
THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
TO HELP SHARE AND RETELL THE TIMELESS STORY OF JESUS'
BIRTH . A STORY THAT REMINDS US OF LOVE, HOPE, AND THE
JOY CHRIST BRINGS INTO THE WORLD. YOUR PARTICIPATION
HELPS KEEP THIS SPECIAL TRADITION ALIVE FOR OUR CHURCH
COMMUNITY.

**DONATE YOUR REFUND
TO THE MARIAN CHAPEL
RENOVATIONS**



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