



# St Francis of Assisi Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN

## ALL SOULS DAY

2ND NOV 2025

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| 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<br>Wednesday 7:30 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help |                       |                               |
| RECONCILIATION       | Wednesday evening after Mass and Novena<br>Saturday 9:45 am                 |                       |                               |
| ADORATION            | Saturday 9:45 am – 10:45 am concluding with Benediction                     |                       |                               |

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| VIGIL MASS:                               | 1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to Midnight Mass.                                                                     | Next Mass: 7 <sup>th</sup> November  |
| FILIPINO MASS:                            | 2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.                                                                                   | Next Mass: 9 <sup>th</sup> November  |
| MALTESE MASS:                             | 3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.                                                      | Next Mass: 15 <sup>th</sup> November |
| INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:             | 3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.                                                                                     | Next Mass: 15 <sup>th</sup> November |
| 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:** Second collection for the **parish loan** this weekend (First weekend of the month)

**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:** Mary Smith, Fr Peter O'Rourke, Fr Barry Moran, Mario DeVincentis, Giulia Mammarella

**IN MEMORIAM:** Erlinda Diaz, Pasquale Cristiano, Henry Jayasunya,

**THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Charlie (Karmel) Restall, Kim Ki Tan, Greg Forrester, Nancy Gheno, Caterina Schiavello, Cliff Aquilina, David Wallace, Fr Terry Kean, Jack Mercovich, Julieta Bordan.

(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](http://www.melbcatholic.org/millpark)

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

## Dear Parishioners,

As a long held custom and practice of our faith, during November we remember those who have died before us marked with the sign of faith.

To quote, St. Thomas More,  
“**Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.**”  
May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Fr Anthony Girolami PP

## NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASSES

Envelopes for **Holy Souls** remembrance Masses are located on the pews and on the table in front of the lectern. You can fill out the envelope with the offering and return it at anytime, either place it in the collection plate at Mass or place it in the basket in front of the lectern.

## ALL SOULS DAY EXPLAINED!

*Nick Longo, LifeTeen USA*

We, as Christians, are called and reminded on All Souls' Day to celebrate and pray for all the souls in the world.  
**According to the Catholic Church, the soul of a person who dies goes to one of three places:**

1. Heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes.
2. Hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their own choice.
3. Purgatory, which is thought to be where most people who are free of mortal sin, but still in a state of venial sin must go before they can enter heaven. Purgatory is where souls are cleansed and perfected before they enter heaven.

So, on All Souls' Day, we celebrate and pray for all souls in the world, but especially those who have died.

## 4 Things you Should do on All Souls Day

1. Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
2. Go to Mass and offer it up for all the faithful departed.
3. Go to Adoration and pray for all those who have passed away.
4. Go to a cemetery to pray for the souls that have been buried there and remember your own mortality.

We are called to remember all souls that Christ gives life to and celebrate the saints in heaven.

Moreover, we are reminded to grow in holiness and proclaim Christ's victory over death and evil by the cross.

This is a powerful time but, contrary to popular belief, **we have nothing to fear, because Christ defeated anything we would ever need to be afraid of - on the cross!**



On the 33rd Anniversary celebration and thanksgiving Mass of our parish **Passionist Family Group** last Saturday, I wish to acknowledge and express my appreciation for enormous, vital support of Fr.Anthony, my committed Group leaders, for their team work and members, guests for their participation.  
*Regina Huning (Coordinator)*

## CHILDRENS LITURGY IS ON AT 10.30 AM MASS - IN THE FELLOWSHIP AREA.

Children's Liturgy is held at 10:30 Mass each Sunday. All Preschool children and lower to middle Primary school children are welcome. All pre-school children must be accompanied by an adult.

## THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Thank you as always for your continuous generosity and support of the life of the parish.  
**Please remember to seal the envelope and write the donation amount of the front of the envelope.**  
**Thanksgiving statements and 2026 Envelopes will become available early December.**

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

A heartfelt thank you to all parishioners who took the time to sign the petition opposing the proposed amendments to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017, provided by **Evan Mulholland MP**.  
We are pleased to share that **278** signatures were collected from our parish community. Your support is a powerful witness to the dignity of every human life.

**Presented by:**  
Simon Carrington

# ADVENT

## PARISH MISSION

**Talk 1**

The Good News: Why God Became Man

**Talk 2**

Mary, Mother of God: How this Dogma Safeguards the Real Jesus

**Talk 3**

True Repentance: Avoiding the 3 Nooses of Satan

10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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

## FR SIMEON TAKES ON THE AUSSIE CAMINO

**Congratulations to Fr Simeon**, who has been awarded the winner of the September 10,000 Steps Challenge among the Melbourne clergy!



He's now taking his next steps—quite literally—by exploring the spirituality of St Mary MacKillop on a **10-day walking pilgrimage**.

The Aussie Camino is a pilgrimage rout running from Portland in Victoria to Penola in South Australia, inspired by *the life and journeys of Australian's Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop*.

Fr Simeon will be away on **Nov 10-20**. Please keep him in your prayers as he will do the same for us!

**DONATE YOUR REFUND TO THE MARIAN CHAPEL**



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