

Dear Parishioners,

The Wednesday evening Mass and novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help has been a long-standing part of the devotional life of our parish, and one that has doubtless borne much spiritual fruit. It is a patronage of personal significance to me since the Feast Day of our Lady of Perpetual Help (27th June) also happens to be the anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood.

At present confessions follow the Novena and often extend to 10:00pm making it a late night for everyone, including those seeking the sacrament of Confession. It is, moreover, preferable to have the Confession available prior to Mass (rather than after) for those wanting to receive Holy Communion. Out of consideration of these factors there will be an update to our **weekly Wednesday evenings Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena** as follows:

6:15pm - Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Confession until 7:15pm
7:15pm - Novena followed by Benediction
7:30pm - Holy Mass

This gives the added benefit of having a longer time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, whilst keeping the Mass time unchanged. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Pray for us!

Yours in Christ,
Fr Francis Denton

RAFFLE DONATIONS

If you have any gifts you would like to **donate** for our upcoming Dinner Dance raffle, they are greatly appreciated and warmly welcomed. Please contact the Parish Office.



A sincere thank you to Tony Sakr from Man vs Dust for generously contributing to our raffle. Your support is greatly appreciated.
www.instagram.com/manvsdust

Bookings can be made via phone 9407 6700 or online

St Francis of Assisi, Mill Park Fundraiser

DINNER

Dance

SAT 27 JUNE 2026

Doors 6pm

BOOK NOW! RSVP 12 JUNE!

ADULT'S TICKET
\$65

CHILDREN'S TICKET
(8 - 13 yrs) \$30

LITTLES' TICKET
(7 & under) \$5

Complimentary tea, coffee & water! Drinks for purchase.

TRYBOOKING



LIVE BAND - ALPA DJ - JOVAN

DINNER, DANCING & DESSERT

ONE FREE DRINK

Dress Code: Semi Formal/formal



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

After all Masses **this weekend**. All proceeds will go towards a charity in need. **CASH ONLY - Organised by the Parish Wellness Group**

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

“Thank you, women who are mothers! You have sheltered human beings within yourselves in a unique experience of joy and travail. This experience makes you become God's own smile upon the newborn child, the one who guides your child's first steps, who helps it to grow, and who is the anchor as the child makes its way along the journey of life.”

- St. John Paul II, *Letter to Women* (1995)



Life Teen, Sundays 6-7:45pm

Youth aged 13-18 years welcome!

Upcoming: May 3rd (Parish Hall)

MAY: MONTH OF OUR LADY

The **Holy Rosary** will be recited throughout the month of May, Monday to Friday at 8:30am in the Church before the 9:15am Mass.



ROSARY PROCESSION

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

23 May

9:15am - Holy Mass, ending with Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration, Confession & Benediction

11:00am - Rosary Procession followed by morning tea.

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FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

St Francis of Assisi Church, Mill Park invites you to celebrate the Feast Day **on Saturday, 13 June**

6:15pm – Rosary (Malayalam)
6:30pm – Novena to St Anthony (Malayalam)
7:00pm – Solemn Holy Mass (English), Main Celebrant: Fr Anthony Girolami

8:00pm – Candlelight Procession
8:15pm – Veneration of the Relic
8:30pm – Dinner at the Parish Hall

290 Childs Road, Mill Park VIC 3082



CATECHIST CLASSES 2026

Resuming Tuesday July 14th for the duration of Term 3 (4:15pm - 5pm) **Try Booking**

Enquires: May Park, 9407 6700

The following classes are offered:

- Pre-Sacramental - *Prep, 1s, 2s*
- First Reconciliation - *Minimum Year 3 level*
- First Eucharist - *Students who have already received First Reconciliation*
- Confirmation - *Minimum Year 6 level*



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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A		SUNDAY 3 MAY 2026	
PARISH PRIEST	Fr Francis Denton	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 (7:15pm Novena - Our Lady of Perpetual Help) Wednesday 6:15pm - 7:15pm Saturday 9:45 am		
RECONCILIATION			

Car Parking: Please ensure all cars are parked in designated parking spaces only. No-standing areas must be kept clear at all times.

VIGIL MASS: 1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to Midnight Mass. **Next Mass:** 5th June

FILIPINO MASS: 2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon. **Next Mass:** 10th May

MALTESE MASS: 3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40. **Next Mass:** 16th May

INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS: 3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm. **Next Mass:** 16th May

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, ADORATION, BENEDICTION: Wednesday 6:15pm - 7:15pm & Saturday 9:45 am - 10:45 am

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH: 1st Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am 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. 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.

LIFE TEEN: Every Sunday during the school terms 6 - 7:45pm for those in high-school. Contact Michelle 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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday 10:30am Mass. All pre-school and lower to middle primary school children are welcome.

PRAYER COMPANIONS: prayers for people after Mass in the Chapel after 9 am & 10.30 am Masses.

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.

PARISH NEWS

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: This weekend there will be a second collection in support of the parish loan repayments.

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 All Leaders Meeting will be on this **Tuesday, 5th May, at 7.30 pm** in the Community Room.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DECEASED: Paul Farrugia, John Trubiano, Mary Liliyan, Karen Maree Milliken

IN MEMORIAM: Hector Roy

THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Emmanuel KJ, Jeffrey Canny, Keith Lambert, 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

SUNDAY 3 MAY 2026

5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

INTRODUCTORY RITES	
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON	cf. Ps 97:1-2
O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.	
KYRIE	
V. Lord, have mercy.	R. Lord, have mercy.
V. Christ, have mercy.	R. Christ, have mercy.
V. Lord, have mercy.	R. Lord, have mercy.
Or:	
V. Kyrie, eleison.	R. Kyrie, eleison.
V. Christe, eleison.	R. Christe, eleison.
V. Kyrie, eleison.	R. Kyrie, eleison.
GLORIA	
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.	
LITURGY OF THE WORD	
FIRST READING	Acts 6:1-7
About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, ‘It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.’ The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the	

apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.	
The word of the Lord.	
R. Thanks be to God.	
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19	
R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.	
1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. R.	
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. R.	
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. R.	
SECOND READING 1 Pet 2:4-9	
The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.	
But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.	
The word of the Lord.	
R. Thanks be to God.	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 14:6	
Alleluia! Alleluia!	
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.	
Alleluia!	

GOSPEL	Jn 14:1-12
Jesus said to his disciples:	
‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you,	
and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus said: ‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.’	
Philip said, ‘Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.’ ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip,’ said Jesus to him ‘and you still do not know me?	
‘To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, “Let us see the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.	
You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me	
will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.’	
The Gospel of the Lord.	
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.	
NICENE CREED	
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.	
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.	
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (At the words that follow, up to and including ‘and became man’, all bow.) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.	

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.	
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.	
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.	
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST	
THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER	
SANCTUS	
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.	
Or:	
Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.	
COMMUNION RITE	
ANGUS DEI	
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.	
Or:	
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.	
COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Jn 15:1,5	
I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.	