



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN		SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		18 TH JAN 2026
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 February	
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.		Next Mass: 8 th February	
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.		Next Mass: 21 st February	
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.		Next Mass: 21 st February	
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 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				
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: Concettina Loscarella, Giovana Modica, Giuseppe Marciano				
IN MEMORIAM: Edna Cruz, Avelino & Renato Peralta, Kamalawathi, Monsignor Gerard Diamond, Cardinal George Pell, Rosie Magalotti, Vito & Giulia Doria, Robert Lord, Juliana Agawin, Tom Barnsley				
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				



Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a “Special Year of St. Francis” to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint’s death.

During this time of grace, which will extend until January 2027, the faithful are granted the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence.

This Franciscan Jubilee Year, considered a gift for the entire Church and an occasion for authentic spiritual renewal, was inaugurated on Jan. 10 with a decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See.

Until Jan. 10 of next year, the faithful can obtain this grace under the usual conditions — sacramental confession, Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope — by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world.

Furthermore, the elderly, the sick, and those who, for serious reasons, cannot leave their homes can obtain the plenary indulgence by spiritually joining in the jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers, pains, or sufferings to God.

In a world where “the virtual takes over the real, disagreements and social violence are part of everyday life, and peace becomes more insecure and distant every day, this Year of St. Francis spurs all of us, each according to our possibilities, to imitate the poor man of Assisi, to form ourselves as far as possible on the model of Christ,” the decree states.

For the Order of Friars Minor, this time is also an opportunity for the faithful to become “models of holiness of life and constant witnesses of peace.”

On the occasion of this anniversary, Pope Leo XIV addressed a letter to the ministers general of the Franciscan Family Conference in which he emphasized that “in this era, marked by so many seemingly endless wars, by internal and social divisions that create distrust and fear, he continues to speak. Not because he offers technical solutions, but because his life points to the authentic source of peace.”

In this regard, he highlighted that St. Francis reminds us that “peace with God, peace among people, and peace with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation.”

By Almudena Martínez-Bordiú EWTN
January 12, 2026 at 5:21 PM ET

Dear Parishioners,

Please be aware of the notice that explains how our parish, under the patronage of St Francis of Assisi, has been given the privilege of a pilgrimage church as decreed by Pope Leo XIV.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Anthony Girolami P.P.

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.

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 DeSimone
0439 612 694, desimonefamily@bigpond.com

Thank you for your contributions and donations. We can now conclude our fundraising for our statue of Our Lady.



FAREWELL MESSAGES

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