



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN		FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		28TH APRIL 2024	
PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Zaher Almhnna		
DEACON	Deacon Jean Sebastien	PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Anh Tran - 9407 6720		
YOUTH MINISTER	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6704	PARISH/SCHOOL LIAISON	Ruth Lees - 9407 6703		
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	Maree Chamoun - 9407 6700	PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Paul - 9407 6722		
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Mark Basile - 9407 3100				
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: 3rd May	
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.			Next Mass: 12th May	
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.			Next Mass: 25th May (MOVED)	
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.			Next Mass: 18th May	
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 10:15 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 or Alfons and Helen Glatzel - 9404 2050.				
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:	Every Friday at 3:00 pm in the chapel and Friday mornings after 9:15am Mass.				
AGAPE RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING:	Resuming Sunday 4th February. Contact Gigimon - 0402 652 646.				
LIFE TEEN:	Every Sunday during school terms after 5pm Mass. Contact Carmel at millpark.youthministry@cam.org.au for further details.				
JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP:	Every Thursday at 7 pm in the chapel. Contact Lovely - 0411 208 706.				
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.				
PARISH NEWS					
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 - There is NO Cells All Leaders Meeting this Tuesday 30th April (5th Tuesday of the month).					
PLEASE PRAY FOR					
RECENTLY DECEASED: Benjamin De Leon, Cynthia D’Costa.					
IN MEMORIAM: Alexander Fernando, Emmanuel Marcou, Jacques Johana, Brian, Archie & Roxie Fernandez, Halley Barnett, Eleazar Santos, Maria Caparas, Celine Ozi D’Cunha.					
THOSE WHO ARE ILL: David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Maeve Reardon, Greg Forrester, Anupiya Menikdiwela, Henrica Hanny, Peter Basile, Antonina Gangi, Gerard Mercovich, Jack Mercovich, Edna Cruz, Dignus Kaemon, Maggie Campbell, Fr Terry Kean, Grace Lim.					
(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					

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend our children preparing for their first Holy Communion will begin their 'Sacramental Smart Phone' programme where each week they will receive an 'app' highlighting an important aspect of the Eucharist. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare to receive this most important sacrament.

On another note, it has become noticeable that some people are walking back to their seats without consuming the Host. If you are receiving Communion in your hand you are required to consume the Host immediately, i.e. prior to making your way back to your seat.

Yours in the Risen Lord,
Fr Anthony Girolami.

May - The Month of Mary

You are invited by the Legion of Mary to join a daily Rosary at 8:45am on weekdays during the month of May. This is in honour of Our Blessed Mother Mary.

They will also host a morning tea for the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker on Wednesday 1st May after Mass. All are welcome!



HOURS OF GRACE

Hours of Grace (Perpetual adoration) is a national initiative of Jesus Youth Australia, that occurs from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday across many parishes in Australia. These are moments of Grace where Jesus invites each one of us into an intimate encounter for living embrace and to pray for the various needs of the world and Church.

This year we will be having HOG at our Parish as follows:

Thursday 9th May - 10 am to 8pm
Friday 10th May - 10 am to 8pm
Saturday 11th May - 10 am to 5 pm

Individuals and groups are encouraged to come together for prayers. The Chapel will remain open for entire the time and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed except during liturgies.

A roster is available at the entrance of the church for those who wish to sign on in advance for a selected period of time.

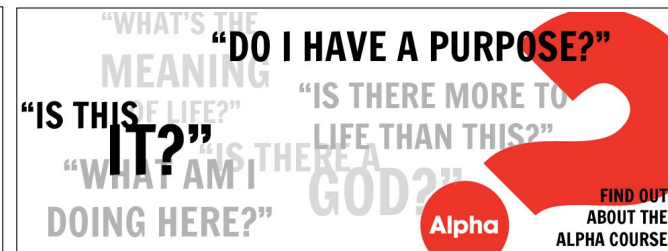
CATECHIST CLASSES 2024

Catechist classes will begin on Tuesday 16th July at 4:15 pm - 5 pm. Enrolments are now open. Enrolment and payment forms are available on our website or from the parish office. These forms can be emailed back to sfranciscatechist@gmail.com. Alternatively, you can phone the parish office on 9407 6700.

The following classes are offered:

Pre-Sacramental -	Children in Years Prep, One or Two
First Reconciliation -	Minimum Year Three level
First Eucharist -	Students who have already received First Reconciliation
Confirmation -	Minimum Year Six level who have already received First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

This year, classes will run during term three on Tuesdays from 4:15-5:00pm. We look forward to sharing this faith journey with you and your children this year. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact May Park at sfranciscatechist@gmail.com



ALPHA CONTINUES THIS THURSDAY
AT 7 PM IN THE HALL -
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

Explore questions of life and faith and make new friendships at Alpha! Alpha is an exciting refresher Course in the Christian Faith.

ENQUIRIES - 9407 6700
BROCHURES ARE AVAILABLE AFTER MASS

CHILDRENS LITURGY TO RESTART

Children's Liturgy was held at 10:30 Mass each Sunday. We hope to get a team of people to help run Children's Liturgy during the Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30 am Mass through the school terms. If you are interested in helping please contact Ruth on 9407 6703.



GODSTART PARTY FOR 4 YEAR OLDS TODAY!

There will be a Birthday Party for all children in the parish who turn 4 this year, TODAY, Sunday 28th April, starting at 11:30 am in the Church Fellowship Area (after 10.30 am Mass). All 3-4 year-old children and their families are invited.



INFORMATION SESSION

FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

COME & SEE!

An Information Session will be held on **Saturday 4 May**, 10 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne.

Contact: 03 9412 3357