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MASS TIMES
Saturday vigil 5:00pm; Sunday 9:00am, 10:30am, 5:00pm
Weekdays: Monday – Saturday 9:15 am, Wednesdays 7:30pm (7:15pm Novena, Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

CONFESSION TIMES
Wednesday 6:15pm – 7:15pm
Saturday 9:45am – 10:45am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration & Benediction during these times.

OTHER DEVOTIONS & SERVICES	
1ST FRIDAY VIGIL MASS 1 st Friday of the month 7:30pm to Midnight Mass.	Next Mass: 6 Nov
FILIPINO MASS 2 nd Sunday of the month at 12pm.	Next Mass: 8 Nov
MALTESE MASS 3 rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30pm. Rosary 3:40pm.	Next Mass: 21 Oct
INDONESIAN FAMILY MASS 3 rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.	Next Mass: 21 Oct
AGAPE RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING Contact Jigimon – 0402 652 646.	
ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: 1st Saturdays of every month (except school holidays), meeting in the church foyer.	
AYA FELLOWSHIP Young Adults, 2nd Saturdays & last Saturdays of the month for those aged 19 –35. Trybooking now open.	
CATECHIST R.E. CLASSES Classes have resumed for 2026. Term 3 (4:15pm - 5pm). Please contact the Parish Office for late enrolments. 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	
CHILDREN’S LITURGY Sundays 10:30am Mass. Pre-school and lower to middle primary school children are welcome.	
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET Fridays, 2:45 pm in the chapel and Friday mornings after 9:15am Mass.	
HOUSE BLESSINGS Please fill in the card in the foyer.	

JESUS YOUTH YOUNG ADULTS Thursdays, 7 pm. Contact Irene K. Jacob – 0481 829 529.
JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY Wednesdays, 3:30 pm during school terms in the fellowship area. Contact Jackie.
LEGION OF MARY Thursdays, 10:00 am in the church fellowship area. Contact Jackie – 0422 443 324.
LIFE TEEN Sundays during the school terms 6–7:45pm for those in high-school. Contact Michelle, Parish Office 9407 6700.
MEN’S MEET & GREET GROUP 1st Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm (Small Hall).
MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN Mondays, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Church fellowship area.
NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM): Tuesdays, 6:30 pm.
NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH 1st Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.
PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION:
PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP Contact Regina – 0432 267 557.
PRAYER COMPANIONS Prayers for people after Mass in the Chapel after 9 am & 10.30 am Masses. <u>Only after the 10:30am Mass this weekend</u>
ST ANTHONY’S PRAYER GROUP MASS Tuesdays, 7pm.
WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP Fridays, 7:00 pm in the chapel. Contact Nancy, 0434 559 352.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS	
1st Collection Presbytery Account: To support the priests of this parish, sick and retired priests, priests of various chaplaincies of the Archdiocese, and the Archbishop.	Previous Weekend's Collection (11th October 2026) (Loose Only - does not include electronic payments) 1st Collection: \$3,537.35 2nd Collection: \$3,291.75 Parish Bank Account details for electronic payments PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT BSB: 083-347 Acc: 637480734 CHURCH ACCOUNT BSB: 083-347 Acc: 637482019
2nd Collection (Thanksgiving) Church Account: To support church operating costs (including debt repayment) and to support the growth and pastoral outreach of our parish and other agencies of the Archdiocese.	
Parish Contributions can be dropped off between 9am and 5pm each day at the parish office.	
Envelopes: Please remember to write the amount on the front of your thanksgiving envelopes.	
PLEASE PRAY FOR	

Recently Deceased: Francis Byron
In Memorium: Rosemary Brandon, Sebastian & Rosanna, Richard Dimech, Mark Smeriglio, Salvatore Smeriglio, Luigi Coco, Giuseppe Coco.
Those who are ill: Margaret Mcivor, Dolok, Teoso fia, Peter Walsh, Frank Bistricic, Paul Sirianni, Raffaele Sirianni, Johnny Atapans, Keith Lambert, Emmanuel KJ, Jeffrey Canny, Pierce Ng, Fr Anthony Fox, Julieta Bordan, Kim Ki Tan, Greg Forrester, Nancy Gheno, Caterina Schiavello, Cliff Aquilina.

(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,

The faith of the Church from its beginnings has held that the offering of the Mass is the greatest prayer we can offer to honour the heavenly Father. For this reason the Church shows the greatest possible care and attention to every aspect of the Divine Liturgy, to ensure that it helps express and clearly communicate what we believe: that Christ’s work of redemption is made present in the perfect sacrificial offering of the Eucharist. One vital component of liturgical prayer is the role of sacred music.

The beauty of the music and the articulation of the truths of faith that it expresses helps to raise the mind and heart to the contemplation of God and the sacred mysteries we celebrate. As the Second Vatican Council teaches: *“Liturgical worship is given a more noble form when it is celebrated in song, with the ministers of each degree fulfilling their ministry and the people participating in it. Indeed, through this form, prayer is expressed in a more attractive way, the mystery of the liturgy, with its hierarchical and community nature, is more openly shown, the unity of hearts is more profoundly achieved by the union of voices, minds are more easily raised to heavenly things by the beauty of the sacred rites, and the whole celebration more clearly prefigures that heavenly liturgy.”* (Musicam Sacram, 1967).

Interestingly, the first document of the Second Vatican Council, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (1963), specifically mentions the preeminent place of the organ in liturgical music: *“The pipe organ is to be held in high esteem in the Latin Church, since it is its traditional instrument, the sound of which can add a wonderful splendour to the church’s ceremonies and powerfully lift up men’s minds to God and higher things.”* (Sacrosanctum Concilium, par.120). This is a recognition of the fact that for centuries the organ has had pride of place among all the instruments of the Church’s music, occupying a (literally!) immovable place within the church’s own architecture. Virtually all the great cathedrals of the world and, indeed, even most small country churches, have an organ to enrich the liturgical life of the people of God. The broad palette of the organ with its innumerable stops creates the opportunity for an almost endless array of sounds to correspond to the changing moods and seasons of the Church’s celebrations.

Although St Francis of Assisi Church is blessed with an abundance of incredibly talented musicians and singers, thus far we have not had the blessing of a proper organ. After much consultation with experienced organists we are currently trialing a new **Content Electric Organ (Celeste 236R)** which we have on loan for two weeks. This will provide us with an opportunity to test whether this instrument is suitable for our church. This is a very impressive instrument augmented with the latest innovative technology that not only creates a vast array of beautiful sounds, but is also designed to help make playing the instrument easier, especially for musicians more familiar with the keyboard. Already our pianists have shown great excitement exploring the potential of this instrument.

Such a highly specialized instrument is not cheap, but it is important to invest in an organ that will be able to accommodate the specific acoustic demands of our church, with its ‘auditorium’ configuration. The dispersion of sound from this instrument is quite remarkable: it is able to fill the church with an evenly distributed sound, without overpowering any one section of the congregation.

The price-tag for this instrument is **approximately \$40,000** and will therefore require some significant fund-raising. Anticipate a few organ concerts in the coming months!

If you would like to be a major donor for this new organ, please contact the parish office. Platinum sponsors (for contributions over \$1000) will have their names recognised on a commemorative plaque.

My hope would be to have a blessing of the organ for the feast of Christ the King (22nd November) which also happens to be the Feast of St Cecilia, the patron saint of music.

I take the opportunity to thank our many musicians and singers for their invaluable contribution to our parish in this important ministry. We hope they will share in the excitement of this project as we strive to give glory to God.

St Cecilia, pray for us!

- Fr Francis Denton P.P.



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI FEAST DAY
SCAN THE CODE TO VIEW THE GALLERY

Thank you again to Adam & Alexya from **Raw & Reel Moments**, for capturing our parish feast day in such a beautiful and memorable way!



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INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
And, striking their breast, they say:
through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

Isa: 45:1,4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of
the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10. R. v. 7

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

- O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**
- The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**
- Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**
- Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: ‘God is king.’ He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Thess 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power

and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2: 15-16

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, ‘Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man’s rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?’ But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, ‘You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.’ They handed him a denarius and he said, ‘Whose head is this? Whose name?’ ‘Caesar’s’ they replied. He then said to them, ‘Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.’

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

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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Or:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Or:

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE

AGNUS 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

Mk 10:45

The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.