



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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STREAMING OF MASSES

Mass is being streamed every Sunday at 9:00 am and Wednesday at 8:00 am. To access the stream, please visit our website www.cam.org.au/millpark and click on the link provided on the homepage.

ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL

We now have an online parish payment portal, CDFpay for Parishes.

You can set up a recurring payment, if you haven't done so already, or you can choose a one-off offering. The St Francis of Assisi Mill Park site can be found via the link on our website www.cam.org.au/millpark

You can select to contribute to either the parish or presbytery. Please note that contributions to 'presbytery' will not be recorded towards your family's thanksgiving contributions.

We ask that you please enter your current envelope number under the 'notes' section. If you don't know your number please email millpark@cam.org.au or call 9407 6701.

Thank you to all who are supporting our parish.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

While the Church is closed during this time we are currently undertaking some repairs and replacement of lights that are no longer working.

The newsletter will be available each week in the Presbytery foyer and on our website www.cam.org.au/millpark

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Rosa Berardone

Death Anniversaries:

Luciano Moretto, Paul, Josephine & Demitri Azzila, Richard, Lorenza & Giuseppe Dimech, Frank Mazza.

Those who are ill:

David Wallace, Anthony Lethbridge, Sam Pisani, Maria Concepcion Alcedo, Danuata Plaskota, Rebecca Scaringi, Marina Manabat, Isau Issac, Sharon Barber, Flor Madio, Brian Rooney, John Pathinathan, Alfio & Giovanna Tringal, Herve Incoul, Maria Ljutic, Inaam Jerjis, Nilcar Gacula.

Dear Parishioners,

It seems astronomers are prepared to travel around the world to find the best place to view a total solar eclipse. Apparently when the sun is completely eclipsed by the moon it gives a rare opportunity to spot things happening in space around the sun, while the daytime is temporarily darkened. One thing they came to realise was how the gravity of massive objects could bend light! Don't ask me how they worked that out. However we could possibly see how the coronavirus has had an enormous impact on our lives - a little like the sun being blocked by the moon. Because our normal lives have been blocked by the spread of a microscopic germ. We may understand something of the science of this virus, but we are still scrambling to find a cure or vaccine.

One of the many things astronomers see around the sun at an eclipse is a corona. A corona - not coronavirus, is like a pearly glow surrounding the darkened disc of the moon. In a corona they see things otherwise not noticeable. A reference to this in the scriptures is found in Revelation 12 'adorned with the sun, standing on the moon: the woman who is at once a figure of Israel, of the Church and of Our Lady. The woman crowned (corona) with twelve stars, bearing witness, bearing forth in her very flesh - the Word Incarnate - Jesus Christ'.

At this time of eclipse - or overshadowing of our normal way of life - by this coronavirus, are we able to see something of God and his ability to bend the light of faith around massive objects that are an obstacle to our normal way of life? Let us pray we will have the eyes of faith to see the corona of God at work.

St Francis of Assisi, Pray for us.

Yours in Christ.

Fr Anthony Girolami.



Catechist Classes

Catechist Classes (Religious Education Classes) will be resuming this term in a re-structured format beginning with home lessons. We have now sent out relevant workbook packs to participants. If you have enrolled but have not received your workbook in the mail please contact us. If you have not yet enrolled your children you can still do so this week by filling in the forms located on our website www.cam.org.au/millpark. For enquiries please phone 9407 6701 or email millpark@cam.org.au