



# 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

### NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

This is a week for the entire Church to consider, support and pray for those searching for their vocations in life. We might think about and pray for the young people in our community and in our families this week especially. In prayer, ask the Lord to enlighten them and give them the grace and courage to respond to His call. The Lord calls each of us to a particular vocation (marriage, consecrated life, priesthood or a single life of service).

The newsletter will be available each week in the Presbytery foyer and on our website [www.cam.org.au/millpark](http://www.cam.org.au/millpark)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Recently Deceased:** Donato Pison, Carmela Biviano, Grazia Tigano.

**Death Anniversaries:** Baltazar Gelvezon, Margot Penn, Juan & Eufemia Rosales, Isabelle Villafuerte.

**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 Incou, Maria Ljutic, Inaam Jerjis, Nilcar Gacula.

Dear Parishioners,

Recently we are hearing of people refusing to follow Government and Health and Human Services directives. They believe it is an infringement of their human rights. Apart from the legal reasons they have put forward which have been refuted by those who know the law. And apart from the people who refuse to believe Covid19 is real. Do we have a moral obligation to follow the restrictions that have been placed upon us during this state of emergency?

To understand our moral obligations in these matters we can turn to the Church's Social Teachings which have four principles.

### Principle 1 - RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

All human beings possess an unchangeable and equal dignity regardless of race, age, gender or social class, because we are all made in the image and likeness of God. To act in a way that threatens another life denies your respect for the equal dignity of another. In fact, all lives matter - equally.

### Principle 2 - THE COMMON GOOD

The primary goal of the Common Good is that everyone in society should have the opportunity to develop in the best way possible socially (including health and wellbeing), physically, economically and culturally in such a way all people are respected, treated justly, and protected so all can benefit from the common good of a society. Not only does everyone have the right to benefit from the common good, but as well they are obliged to contribute towards it, as far as their capacities allow, even if it takes a constant and prolonged effort. To disregard directives that are trying to safeguard the Common Good means you are placing yourself above the needs of others as you jeopardise their well being. This is a denial of social responsibility and your obligation to contribute to the Common Good.

### Principle 3 - SUBSIDIARITY

Subsidiarity relates to the exercise of proper authority in a way that best serves a society. Matters should be dealt with at an appropriate level. So you don't go to the High Court of Australia to dispute a parking fine. It also means that legitimate authorities have an obligation to ensure that our lives are protected by justice, fairness, truthfulness and integrity. If our rights have been infringed legitimate authorities, such as governments, at the local, state and federal level and their authorised officials including police, defence forces and health authorities are obliged to safeguard our wellbeing, and protect us from those who may harm us. These bodies have an obligation to maintain proper social order and all of us have an obligation to adhere to their directives. To deny legitimate authority is a denial of each person's right to proper order and the safety and security it brings.

### Principle 4 - SOLIDARITY

As we are all created in the image of God, and by his creative power we are all part of God's human family, we all have a natural obligation to promote the rights and wellbeing of all people. While we are all individuals, God has created us with a relational capacity and the need to live in harmony with others. Solidarity means the hopes, aspirations and wellbeing of everyone are shared by everybody without exclusion of any type. To live with an indifference or an attitude of disregard towards others ultimately destroys the social cohesiveness that is a witness to God's love and concern for all, and His will that we all live in harmony with each other.

These four principles explain why we all have a shared moral duty to make sacrifices, if need be, in order to safeguard the wellbeing and health of all in society. To God all lives matter all the time. May we all pray that by our perseverance we will give witness to our faith and trust in God and our love for our brothers and sisters.

Yours in Christ.

Rev Deacon Simeon Anthony.