



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 27TH NOVEMBER 2022

PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Zaher Almhna
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Anh Tran - 9407 6720	YOUTH MINISTER	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6704
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	Bernice Quinn - 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 – 10:30 am concluding with Benediction

VIGIL MASS: 1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to Midnight Mass.

FILIPINO MASS: 2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.

MALTESE MASS: 3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.

ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS: 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm.

INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS: 3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Wednesday 7:30 am – 7:30 pm

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH: 1st Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: 2nd Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.

NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM): Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

LEGION OF MARY: Every Thursday at 10:15 am in the church 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 after Friday morning 9:15 am Mass.

AGAPEE RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING: Every Sunday at 6:30 pm in the chapel. 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.au

Next Mass: 2nd December

Next Mass: 11th December

Next Mass: 17th December

Next Mass: 6th December

Next Mass: 17th December

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Please do not attend Mass if you are unwell in any way or with any symptoms of illness (covid or otherwise).
- Please sanitise your hands prior to receiving Holy Communion.
- Masks are no longer mandatory but are strongly recommended in large group gatherings.
- Please consume the host as soon as it is placed in your hands. Please do not walk back to your seat before consuming the host.

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.

HOLY SOULS - Holy Souls envelopes are available in the Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

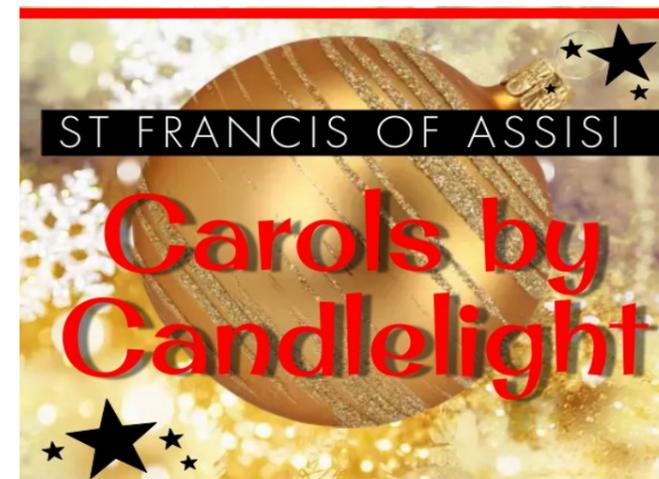
RECENTLY DECEASED:

IN MEMORIAM: Joseph Pulickal, Robert Lord, Florencia Garcia, Joseph Spiteri.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL: David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Zahra McMahon, Herve Incoul, Francis Mendoza, Jill Fazzino.

(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 in the Presbytery foyer and on our website www.cam.org.au/millpark



SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER @ 6:45 PM
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH HALL
290 CHILDS RD, MILL PARK (NEXT TO STABLES SHOPPING CENTRE)

SAUSAGES & DRINKS FOR SALE
BATTERY CANDLES FOR SALE
EVERYONE IS INVITED



★ ENJOY CAROL SINGING BY OUR
SCHOOL AND PARISH CHOIRS

THIS WEEKEND the Wellness Group will hold a Christmas stall after all Masses. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Celebrating Father Jaycee Napoles

On 3rd December, Father Jaycee will be celebrating one year of being a priest. You are all warmly welcome to celebrate this milestone. Celebrations will commence after 5pm mass in the big hall.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FLOOD APPEAL

Devastating floods have affected communities across the state in recent weeks. To respond to the needs of affected communities, St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria (Vinnies Victoria) has launched a Flood Appeal. Local Vinnies volunteers will play a critical role in continuing to lift people out of crisis for weeks, months and perhaps years ahead—and your support will enable that vital work. .

Contributions can be made by: 1. Calling 13 18 12. 2. Visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>. 3. Making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase 4. Via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19 - CHANGES

COVID-19 isolation requirements have changed

The Victorian Government has announced the end of the Pandemic Declaration and associated Pandemic Orders.

It is strongly recommended that parishioners:

- who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days
- should not attend Mass after 5 days if still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend Mass, this includes any symptoms of illness

Reporting positive COVID-19 test results

The Department of Health recommends that a person who tests positive for COVID-19 should inform those with whom they have recently been in contact, including their workplace, schools and household.

Face masks

Parishioners who wish to wear a face mask are supported to do so. The Department of Health recommends that masks should be worn by a person who is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 when leaving home.

Additionally, the Department of Health recommends that masks should be worn by a person who has COVID-19, for at least 7 days after a positive test, when they need to leave home.

PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION

Cells Christmas Break Up



Everyone is invited to our **Cells Christmas Party** to be held in **St Francis Hall** on **Tuesday 6th December, starting at 7:00 pm**, with shared Dinner & Christmas Carols. Enquiries: 9407 6700 (leave a message).

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT PACIFIC EPPING - NEXT SUNDAY!



COME & HEAR Carol Singing by our Saturday Night 5:00 pm Mass Choir at Pacific Epping next Sunday 4th December from 12.30 - 2.00 pm.

They will sing at the **Best & Less Dome – Next to Snoopy's Christmas Village display.**

All Parishioners are encouraged to come and listen to Christmas Carols and support our choir as they witness to the true spirit of Christmas.

The **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Tree** is in the Church foyer. If you would like to contribute please take a card from the tree.

All gifts must be returned by Sunday 18th December. Thank you for your generous support.



The last working bee for the year will take place on Saturday 10th December at 11:30 am.

If anyone is available to help at the working bee with odd jobs or cleaning please contact Carmen on 0467 604 928.

Archbishop Comensoli has announced that the need for dispensation from our Sunday obligation to physically gather for the Eucharist has now passed. From the 1st Sunday of Advent, 27th November 2022, the general dispensation from our Sunday and Holy Day obligations will be lifted. As always, the ordinary individual exemptions will remain in place (e.g., for reasons of ill health, family care of the vulnerable, etc.).

Advent 2022 – Preparing for Christmas With Bruce Downes The Catholic Guy

“You don't become who you hope to become, you only become what you do!” You are invited to **Prepare for Christmas** this Advent (starting November 27th) with a new Daily Devotional series. Each day, you will receive a short inspirational video from Bruce Downes, known as The Catholic Guy, full of inspiration, real-life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be!

Register now or for more information:

<https://BruceDownes.org/Advent>
Email: info@brucedownes.org