



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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Parish Bulletin First Sunday of Lent March 10th 2019

PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Cruz
DEACON	Rev Andrew Choi - 9407 6711	PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Ignacia Coching - 9407 6707
YOUTH MINISTER	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6705	PARISH ADMINISTRATION	Bernice Quinn - 9407 6700
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Mark Basile - 9407 3100	PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Rachel Massouh - 9407 6701

WEEKEND MASS TIMES	Saturday vigil: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm	LENTEN PROGRAM Stations of the Cross each Friday straight after the 9:15 am Mass and at 7 pm followed directly by Mass.
WEEKDAY MASS TIMES	Monday – Saturday 9:15 am. Rosary recited after Mass. 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 – 11:00 am concluding with Benediction Wednesday 7:30 am – 7:30 pm	

VIGIL MASS:	1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to midnight.	Next Mass: 5th April
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass: 10th March
ITALIAN MASS:	2nd Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am. Rosary 11 am.	Next Mass: 12th March
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Sat of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass: 16th March
DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:	Every Friday after 9:15am Mass and 2:45 pm in the chapel.	Next Novena: 15th March
YOUNG ADULTS MERCY NIGHT:	Last Friday of the month 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm.	Next Night: 29th March
ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:	1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.	Next Mass: 19th March
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm.	Next Mass: 16th March
JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP:	3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:45 pm in the Chapel.	Next Night: 19th March
MEN'S NIGHT:	First Wed of the month at 7 pm. Contact Frank - 0414648475.	Next Night: 3rd April
MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS:	2nd Sat of the month 6:30 pm. Rosary, Mass, Adoration.	Next Mass: 13th April
NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):	Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.	
AGAPE MALAYLEE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:	Every Saturday 6 pm - 8:30 pm in the Chapel.	
CHILDREN'S ROSARY:	First Saturday of the month after 9:15 am Mass in the Chapel.	
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:	Sundays 10:30 am Mass during school terms. Contact - mpchildrensit@gmail.com	
LEGION OF MARY:	Every Thursday at 10:15 am in the parish nook. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.	
JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY:	Every Thursday during school terms at 3:45 pm in the Church. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.	
WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP:	Fridays in the Chapel at 7:30 pm. Contact Nancy 0434 559 352.	
PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP:	Contact Alfons and Helen Glatzel - 9404 2050.	
LIFE TEEN:	Sundays after 5 pm Mass, meet in Church foyer. Contact Carmel - millpark.youthministry@cam.org.au	
PLAYGROUP:	Every Thursday during school terms in small hall. Contact Katherine - 0402 858 724.	

PLEASE PRAY FOR: *Recently Deceased:* Lucia Marcetti, Perseverando Barbudo, Maree Murphy.
Death Anniversaries: Fr Peter McGrath, Wilkie Mascarenhas, Avram L. Soosai Pillai, Bridgitte Fernandes, Danilo Peralta, Victoriana Martin, Tony Sandaran.
Those who are ill: Zack Mifsud, Fr Joe Yu, David Wallace, Anthony Lethbridge, Sam Pisani, Maria Concepcion Alcedo, Danuata Plaskota, Antonia Zaccaria, Pat Gioffre, Rebecca Scaringi, Marina Manabat.

Reading Roster	9/10 March - Week 2	16/17 March - Week 3
Sat. 5:00 pm:	Sanja Ovens & Cliff DaCosta	Teresa Wong & Anne Young
Sun. 9.00 am:	Carmen Saliba & Sue Spiteri	John Andrews & Febra William
Sun. 10.30 am:	Regina DiPasquale & Marcelle Henderson	Joe Galati & Marie Sikand
Counting Roster:	10 March - Team 2	17 March - Team 3
	A Trinchi, S Borg, S O'Rourke	M & S Ovens
Altar Linen Cleaning Roster:	11 - 17 March	18 - 24 March
	Mary Hoo	Jenny Galati

Next Week's Readings: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18. Ps 26:1,7-9,13-14. R. v. 1. Phil 3:20-4:1. Lk 9:28-36.

WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP: 15th March - Our Lady of Good Success.
PRAYER COMPANIONS: Prayer Support in the Chapel after Sunday 9.00 am and 10.30 am Masses will start next Sunday, 17th March, as the Chapel has just been painted.
ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE: The next Altar Servers practice will be held on March 23rd at 2 pm in the Church.
PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION: The Cells Executive Meeting will be on this Tuesday, 12th March at 7.30 pm in the Community Room.



FAMILY FAIR

THANK YOU

to all who helped to make our 2019 Fair a good success! Thank you to all who donated goods and made cakes, and to all who volunteered your help with setting up, cleaning up and working on the many stalls. The Family Fair Committee thanks you for your great support!



Congratulations to the following who won the prizes in the Family Fair Raffle:
 1st Prize \$2,000 Woolworths Voucher Ticket No. 06448 - Orlando DiFazio
 2nd Prize \$1,000 Woolworths Voucher Ticket No. 08218 - Mila Lapuz
 3rd Prize \$600 Woolworths Voucher Ticket No. 08881 - Babu Joseph
 4th Prize \$400 Woolworths Voucher Ticket No. 2480 - Chikaima Ohiaeu
 5th Prize \$100 Woolworths Voucher Ticket No. 6925 - Lauren Garcia
 5th Prize \$100 Woolworths Voucher Ticket No. 7471 - Alana Donald
 5th Prize \$100 Woolworths Voucher Ticket No. 9187 - B. Vidic
 5th Prize \$100 Woolworths Voucher Ticket No. 0328 - S. Ebrahim
 5th Prize \$100 Woolworths Voucher Ticket No. 9242 - Jim Hooper
 5th Prize \$100 Woolworths Voucher Ticket No. 9799 - Rose Saccalan
 5th Prize \$100 Woolworths Voucher Ticket No. 4689 - Daniella Zalac
 5th Prize \$100 Woolworths Voucher Ticket No. 2070 - Kendra Caruso

Thankyou to all those who so generously contributed towards the statue of St Joseph. We appreciate your donations and want to thank you all for helping us reach our target so quickly.

LENTEN CONCERT - 'ASHES TO EASTER' with Peter Kearney

Sunday 31st March, 2.00pm, St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall.
 Suggested donation \$10 payable to Sr Ignacia or the parish office by Tuesday 26th March. Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic songwriter, singer and guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House', 'The Beatitudes' and 'Where Is Your Song, my Lord?'. His concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter. "Ashes to Easter creates a prayerful and spiritual atmosphere ... a worthwhile part of the Lenten journey". Call Sr Ignacia on 0413 345 019 for any enquiries.

EXODUS 90

During Lent a number of parishioners will enter into the Exodus 90 penitential / ascetical program. Apart from the list of penances, such as making Lent an alcohol, TV, social media, snacking, hot shower free zone, you are also promising to pray for 20 - 60 minutes pr day. Scripture texts and points for meditation will be provided. Attend a Holy Hour from 6 pm to 7 pm in the Chapel each Saturday night and undertake some type of intense physical exercise (of your own choosing). If you are up for the challenge come along this Saturday night for a full briefing. For further information visit <https://exodus90.com>

Avviso: Il Santo Rosario in italiano sara` recitato martedi` 12 marzo 2019 alle ore 11.00 am in questa chiesa; seguirà la Santa messa alle ore 11.30. Dopo la celebrazione ci sara` uno spuntino, nell'atrio della chiesa, con cibo da portarsi; caffe` e te` saranno disponibili.



MARY - A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER: DVD AND DISCUSSION SESSIONS

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, you will journey through the biblical narratives of Mary's earthly life and visit the places where key events in salvation history occurred. You will understand what life was like for Mary and see how Scripture, history and Jewish culture reveal the joys, sorrows, and anxieties that Mary would have held in her heart.

TIME: 11.30 AM – 1.30 PM All Welcome
NEXT SESSION: MARCH 16 2019 (SESSION 3 – THE VISITATION)
VENUE: ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH FELLOWSHIP AREA
Cost: Free (optional study guides available for approx. \$30)
Enquiries Caroline Fernandez on 0423 838 756 or smtcsf@gmail.com

LENT PODCAST SERIES: THE LENTEN PILGRIM | WEEK 1—JESUS IN THE WILDERNESS

Over the next five weeks of Lent, listeners will be offered a brief reflection on the Sunday gospel, exploring its context and themes, and how it might encourage us in our Lenten journey. In this first episode, Cathy Jenkins offers a reflection on Jesus' experience in the wilderness, one of the few times where he is without human accompaniment. Lent offers an invitation to actively reorientate ourselves to God, because for Christians, God—and the one who was so loved, Jesus—is the heart and the soul of life. And we are offered beautiful and ancient tools to help us enter into this time: tools of being prayerful, of living more simply and living more generously. For other resources to use during the Season of Lent, please visit the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation. Details: www.cam.org.au/evangelisation



First Sunday of Lent
10th March 2019



Twelve-year-old Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres each day to collect contaminated water for her family. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and to provide clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL ENROLMENT FOR 2020 PREPS

Enrolments for 2020 are now being taken. Enrolment packs can be collected from the School Office or downloaded from the school website www.sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au

Open Days
 Saturday 23 March 9.30 am - 12 pm
 Saturday 4 May 9.30 am - 12 pm

Information & Enrolment Evening
 Tuesday 2 April 7:00 pm

To book a school tour call 9407 3100. Bookings are essential. Applications close May 24th 2019. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the School on 9407 3100 or email the Principal, Mr Mark Basile at principal@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au



THE LORD'S HANDS

Presented by the Catholic School of Evangelisation. A practical course in identifying the motivational gifts of the participants and discovering how best these may be exercised in building up the Body of Christ.

Saturday 30 March 9 am – 5 pm in the Small Hall
 Please Register by 25th March:
 Trish 0438 010 018 or Rose 0411 650 339
 A suggested Donation of \$20 is appreciated.

INVITO ALLA CUMONITA DI SAN FRANCESCO D'ASSISI

Teresa Blasioli organizza un viaggio in pulma. To Wonthaggi Domenica 24 Marzo Per in formazione e prenatare contratare Teresa 94367993 o 0401 789 744.
Parishioners are invited to a trip to Wonthaggi organised by Teresa Blasioli on Sunday 24th March. For more information contact Teresa on 94367993



STATIONS OF THE CROSS / PASSION PLAY

Stations of the Cross with a live Passion Play will take place on Good Friday at 9.30 am outside the Small Hall. More people are needed to take part in the Passion Play. Contact the Parish Office: 9407 6700.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

Ever wanted to read the Bible but didn't know where to start? Tried to read it but got stuck or lost? Join us for an easy 8-week course to help you understand the most popular book of all time.

COST: Free (optional workbooks are \$30)
DATE: 8pm- 9.30pm Monday nights, starting Monday 4th March.
VENUE: St Francis Mill Park, Small Hall
CONTACT: John Smyth, 0406 747 123 johnsmyth@parousiamedia.com



The Fringe of His Garment A JOURNEY OF INNER HEALING PARTICULARLY FOR ADULTS

Loyola College Function Room 325 Grimshaw Street Watsonia Sat 16 & Sun 17 March 2019 9am - 5pm Mass included both days
 promo code: **loyola for 50% discount** when booking online at: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZPVV>