



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 3RD DECEMBER 2023

PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Zaher Almhnna
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Anh Tran - 9407 6720	PARISH/SCHOOL LIAISON	Ruth Lees - 9407 6703
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	Bernice Quinn - 9407 6700	YOUTH MINISTER	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6704
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Mark Basile - 9407 3100	PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Paul - 9407 6722

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 7:00 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help
RECONCILIATION	Wednesday evening after Mass and Novena Saturday 9:45 am
ADORATION	Saturday 9:45 am – 10:45 am concluding with Benediction

VIGIL MASS:	1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to Midnight Mass.	Next Mass: 5th January
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass: 10th December
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass: 16th December
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm. (None Dec or Jan)	Next Mass: 17th February
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.	
ANOINTING OF THE SICK:	2nd Wednesday of the month after 9:15am Mass.	
ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:	Every Tuesday at 7 pm.	
NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):	Every Tuesday at 7 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 Tuesday morning 9:15am Mass.	
AGAPE 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 stfranciscatechist@gmail.com .	

PARISH NEWS

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.

PARISH FEAST DAY EXPO - The Parish Expo slideshow featuring the Parish Groups and also the Parish Information Booklet can be viewed on the Parish Website www.cam.org.au/millpark

PARISH CENSUS 2023 - If you did not fill in a Parish Census Card over the last few weeks at Mass please collect one from the church foyer to fill in and return. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

IN MEMORIAM: Dion Fernando, Racardo Agawin, Avelino Peralta, Merlyn Meyers.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Lez Meyers, David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Maeve Reardon, Greg Forrester, Anupiya Menikdiwela, Henrica Hanny, Peter Basile, Antonina Gangi, Agnes Fernandez.

(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.cam.org.au/millpark



Life Teen Mill Park would like to thank all parishioners for your ongoing support! With your generosity, Life Teen were able to attend their retreat called "FACE TO FACE" - A Retreat on Real Presence.

This faith-filled weekend provided our youth with the opportunity to attend Mass, Adoration & Benediction and Confession. The youth were provided with 5 Life Teen Sessions, allowing them to come Face to Face with God, Self, Family, Friends and Community! The youth were able to examine all areas of their lives in order to strive for holiness!

We ask for your continuous prayers as the Life Teen leaders strive to "LEAD TEENS CLOSER TO CHRIST" in 2024!



PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION

Cells Christmas Break up

Tuesday 5th December!

Everyone is invited to our Cells Christmas Party to be held in St Francis Hall on Tuesday 5th December at 7:00 pm with shared Dinner & live Christmas Carols. Enquiries: 9407 6700 (leave a message)

The Piety Stall is now selling the 2023 Divine Mercy and Columban Art Church calendars. Buy your copy now so as not to be disappointed. Thank you.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Friday 8th December there will be a rosary at 8:45 am and a morning tea in the Church foyer after morning Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. All are welcome.

If you are able to assist an elderly lady who lives in Thomastown by driving her to our church for Mass on weekends please phone the parish office.

ST DAMIEN'S ADVENT RETREAT

You are invited to a full-day Advent Retreat on

**December 9, 2023,
at St Damian's Church,
5 Settlement Road, Bundoora, Vic 3083.**

The retreat will run from 10 am to 4 pm and promises to be a day of spiritual enrichment and reflection.

The theme for this special day is
"Mary's Yes to God's Call."

Led by the Melbourne Archdiocesan Proclaim Office, the retreat will encompass various elements such as Praise & Worship, insightful Talks, moments for Reflection, enriching Discussion, and an opportunity for Sharing.

The parish will be providing Morning Tea and Lunch.

PARISH PRIEST INJURY REPORT

Fr Anthony unfortunately has had a mishap while overseas and after a slip has broken his leg (fractured his distal fibula to be precise). Therefore, his return to the parish will be delayed by a few weeks. Please keep him in your prayers. Please also keep our assistant Fr Zaher in your prayers 😊



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 17th December. Thank you for your generous support.



Fr Zaher is very thankful and grateful to all those who showed love and care by coming to help with the Church cleaning last week.

Thank you

ST FRANCIS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT!

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER @ 7 PM

You are invited to our Parish-School Carol's Night to be held on **Sunday 10th December at 7 pm** in St Francis Hall.

Enjoy Carol singing by our School and Parish Choirs!
Sausage Sizzle & Drinks for sale.
Everyone is invited!



KEEP THE DATE FREE!

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will recommence on Wednesday 6th December at 7 pm in the Community Room for a Christmas gathering. Please bring a plate of your favourite childhood food. All men welcome.

WELLNESS GROUP CHRISTMAS STALL

The Wellness Group would like to thank all parishioners for their generous contributions to the Christmas stall, held last weekend. The proceeds will be donated to Caritas for its Gaza, Ukraine and Philippines Flood Appeals.



GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the people affected by the conflict.



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