



# St Francis of Assisi Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT 18TH FEBRUARY 2024

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

<b>WEEKEND MASS TIMES</b>	Saturday vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm
<b>WEEKDAY MASS TIMES</b>	Monday – Saturday 9:15 am Wednesday 7:30 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help
<b>RECONCILIATION</b>	Wednesday evening after Mass and Novena Saturday 9:45 am
<b>ADORATION</b>	Saturday 9:45 am – 10:45 am concluding with Benediction

<b>VIGIL MASS:</b>	1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to Midnight Mass.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	1st March
<b>FILIPINO MASS:</b>	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	10th March
<b>MALTESE MASS:</b>	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	17th March
<b>INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:</b>	3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	17th March
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:</b>	Wednesday 6:30 am - 7:00 pm in the chapel.		
<b>NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH:</b>	1st Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.		
<b>ANOINTING OF THE SICK:</b>	2nd Wednesday of the month after 9:15am Mass.		
<b>ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:</b>	Resuming 6th February 2024, 7:00pm.		
<b>NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):</b>	Resuming 6th February 2024, 6:30pm.		
<b>LEGION OF MARY:</b>	Every Thursday at 10:15 am in the church fellowship area. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.		
<b>WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP:</b>	Every Friday at 7:00 pm in the chapel. Contact Nancy - 0434 559 352.		
<b>PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP:</b>	Contact Regina - 0432 267 557 or Alfons and Helen Glatzel - 9404 2050.		
<b>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:</b>	Every Friday at 3:00 pm in the chapel and after Tuesday morning 9:15am Mass.		
<b>AGAPE RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING:</b>	Resuming Sunday 4th February. Contact Gigimon - 0402 652 646.		
<b>LIFE TEEN:</b>	Every Sunday during school terms after 5pm Mass. Contact Carmel at millpark.youthministry@cam.org.au for further details.		
<b>JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP:</b>	Every Thursday at 7 pm in the chapel. Contact Lovely - 0411 208 706.		
<b>CATECHIST R.E. CLASSES:</b>	For all enquiries contact May Park at sfranciscatechist@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](http://www.cam.org.au/millpark)
- PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION** - There will be NO Cells All Leaders Meeting this Tuesday - owing to the Cells Launch this month.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

- RECENTLY DECEASED:** Michael Saliba, Seth Jackson, Antonio Gaggiano, Richard Jephson, Grace Xerri, Cedric Dirckze.
  - IN MEMORIAM:** Bartholomew Xuereb, Angela Dimech, Giulia Doria.
  - THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Lez Meyers, David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Maeve Reardon, Greg Forrester, Anupiya Menikdiwela, Henrica Hanny, Peter Basile, Antonina Gangi, Gerard Mercovich, Suvi Lin, Marion Walshe.
- (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](http://www.cam.org.au/millpark)

### VALE MICHAEL SALIBA

It was with great sadness we learnt of the news that Michael Saliba died suddenly and unexpectedly while away on holidays with his wife Carmen and friends in Fiji last Tuesday 13th February. Please keep Carmen in your prayers and his daughters Melissa and Jessica and their families, as well as the extended Saliba family. Michael had been an active parishioner, a member of the building and finance committees and an involved member of the Maltese community in our local area. May he rest in peace. Carmen would like to express her appreciation for the kind expressions of prayers and condolences people have been able to convey to her. Funeral details are yet to be finalised.



The Junior Legion of Mary will recommence this Wednesday 21st February at 3:30pm after school. All children are welcome. For enquiries contact Jackie Sheehan on 0422 443 324.

### ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENT FOR 2025

Enrolments for 2025 are now being taken. You are invited to view our facilities and meet our staff and students. Applications close Friday 10th May 2024.

<b>2024 OPEN DAYS</b>	Saturday 2nd March 9:00 am - 11:30 am Saturday 23rd March 9:00 am - 11:30 am
<b>2024 SCHOOL TOURS</b>	Tours are conducted every Tuesday at 9:30 am throughout terms 1 & 2 - bookings essential. Please call the office to arrange a suitable time. 312 Childs Rd, Mill Park VIC 3082 9407 3100 <a href="http://www.sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au">www.sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au</a> <a href="mailto:principal@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au">principal@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au</a>



### Rite of Election 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Sunday 18 February 2024 3pm - 4pm

The Rite of Election is a significant occasion in the life of our local church in Melbourne. It marks the beginning of our catechumens and candidates' final preparations to receive the sacraments of initiation. Join Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and the Proclaim team at the Rite of Election for 2024.

For more information, email Proclaim or call 9926 5761.

On Fridays during Lent Stations of the Cross will follow the morning Mass and also be held at 7 pm followed by Mass.



### ALPHA IS COMING!

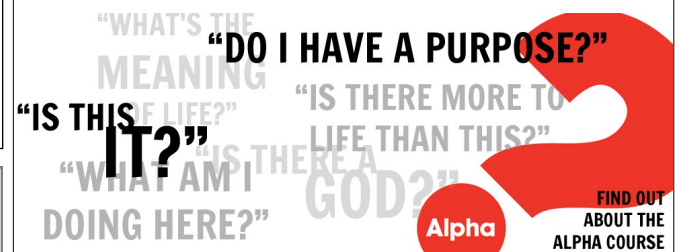
The next Alpha Course will run in Term 2, 2024, starting 11<sup>th</sup> April.

Explore questions of life and faith and make new friendships at Alpha! Alpha is an exciting refresher Course in the Christian faith.

The Alpha Course in 2024 will start on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, and run for ten Thursdays, to be held in St Francis Hall.

Alpha will start at 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm.

Enquiries: 9407 6700.



### 'ASHES TO EASTER' LENTEN CONCERT- REFLECTION with Peter Kearney

Friday 1st March 7:00pm  
St. Luke's Church: 1A David Street, LALOR  
Enquiries: 9465 2180

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 'Ashes to Easter' concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter. Mainly for adults though upper-primary and older students could also enjoy. Donations welcome.

Invite your friends; walk-ins welcome or book your free tickets online at [www.trybooking.com/COXOR](http://www.trybooking.com/COXOR)

### QUESTION EVERYTHING

A Life Night Series on Objections to the Church

What are some Objections to embracing the Catholic Faith

- 1) The Existence of God
- 2) Organised Religion
- 3) Hypocrisy, Judgement and Tolerance
- 4) Suffering

Question Everything is a series that encourages questions and thoughtfully explores four significant obstacles to fully embracing our Catholic faith. It addresses the process of questioning as a springboard to grow in our knowledge of God's love and trust in the Catholic Church, which He established.

Time: 4 Session Series: Sunday 6pm - 7:45pm weekly  
Age: 12-19 years. Contact: Carmel Walsh 0432 302 672

