



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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This weekend a representative from the World Youth Day pilgrim group will address the congregation to give a reflection on their experience.

Many thanks to the committee who arranged the Women's Spirituality Evening on Friday 18th August. Sr Nicole Rotaru RSM gave an inspiring presentation about the relationship we can have with God.

FIRST PRIZE - \$2,000 WOOLWORTHS VOUCHER
SECOND PRIZE - \$1,000 WOOLWORTHS VOUCHER
3RD TO 10TH PRIZES - \$100 WOOLWORTHS VOUCHERS



Matt Koren	Ticket Number 00805
Miguelito Sanchez	Ticket Number 04921
Zoe London	Ticket Number 00711
Juan Dikho	Ticket Number 07036
Nevaeh Boppin	Ticket Number 03009
Harry Nichola	Ticket Number 00210
Angela Amado	Ticket Number 03921
Jimmy Jacob	Ticket Number 08526
Therese Lee	Ticket Number 04700
Jayden Gralinski	Ticket Number 08718
Teresa Scicluna	Ticket Number 04941
Matt Koren	Ticket Number 00804

PARISH BULLETIN TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20TH AUGUST 2023

PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Zaher Almhanna
PRIEST IN RESIDENCE	Fr Joel Peart	PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Anh Tran - 9407 6720
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 7:30 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:** 1st September
FILIPINO MASS: 2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon. **Next Mass:** 10th September
MALTESE MASS: 3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40. **Next Mass:** 16th September
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS: 3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm. **Next Mass:** 16th September
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 9:15 am Mass.
ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS: Every Tuesday at 7 pm.
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 Tuesday morning 9:15 am 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.

IMPORTANT REMINDER
Please do not attend Mass if you are unwell in any way or with any symptoms of illness (covid or otherwise).
HAND SANITISATION
If you wish to sanitise your hands before receiving communion please provide your own hand sanitiser.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Des Panton, Gina Roxas, Denzel Considine, Marie Mitchel.
IN MEMORIAM: Madeleine Bisnuth, Malia Sei, Aurora Reyes, John Caddaye, Alan James Stewart.
THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Lez Meyers, David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Maeve Reardon, Caterina Schiavello, Greg Forrester, Margaret Dimech, Rosemary Brandon.
(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

Australia's Catholic bishops have called on the nation to seek 'a new engagement' with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their annual Social Justice Statement being launched today. The statements are published as a focal point for Social Justice Sunday, which will be marked on 27 August this year. This year's statement, *Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*, will be launched in western Sydney on Thursday morning by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service.

'One of the objectives of this statement is that we want Catholics to understand that Catholic social teaching and Catholic social action are not simply theoretical and academic exercises,' he will say. 'We hear what God is saying to us about justice by being with our sisters and brothers on the peripheries of society.' While the Social Justice Statement is a teaching document of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, a large part of this year's statement was written by members of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council. It is part of the message's exhortation to 'listen'. 'Listening is hard. Hearing about young people taking their lives, about so many people ending up in jail, of children still being taken away from their parents and grandparents and about the ongoing racism is tough,' Bishop Long will say. The theme for this year's statement was chosen in May 2022, well before the Voice to Parliament referendum was mooted and before the timing of a vote was proposed. While the bishops don't suggest how people should vote, Bishop Long says, 'Whatever the outcome of this year's referendum, we ask the Church in Australia to make efforts to lead the way for our fellow Australians' in pursuing reconciliation.

'Our attitudes and actions towards First Nations peoples need to be grounded in justice, love and humility,' he will say. 'We need to listen with deep respect and learn from them about what needs to be done to improve their situations. We need to walk with them, day by day, and work with them to bring about change for the better—for their people and for all of us.'

'Strengthening our relationship with our First Peoples is integral and indeed critical to the strengthening of the whole nation.'

This year, 2023, marks the 70th anniversary of the commencement of Dr John Billings' research in finding a natural, reliable method of Fertility Awareness for couples. During Natural Fertility Awareness Week, in August, a special, free webinar in recognition of Dr John Billings' work, entitled "Understanding Couple Fertility: the Male Perspective" will be held on Monday 21st August 2023 at 7.30pm AEST. Please follow the link on the following website to register for the Webinar on Eventbrite: <https://billings.life/en/>

All Parishioners are invited to our 2023
PARISH RETREAT
 Led by Fr Anthony



'Listening – to God and to each other'

Take time to reflect!

THIS SATURDAY!
 Praise & Worship & Morning Mass start at 8.30 am
 Day concludes at 3.00 pm.
 At Loyola college
 325 Grimshaw Street, Watsonia

Flyer & Application forms are available in Church foyer.

INVITATION to DISCOVER



7 YOUNG PEOPLE in the GOSPELS

Participants of all ages will relate to the examples of these young people, some made negative choices, some positive and one made several mistakes but didn't give up.

23 & 24 Sept at St Thomas the Apostle Greensborough North

Adult \$40, Concession \$35. Book before 20 Sept at:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CKTUD>

ST DAMIAN'S PARISH 57TH YEAR FEAST DINNER DANCE
 Loyola Companions Hall
 325 Grimshaw St, Watsonia VIC 3087
 Saturday 16th September 2023
 6.00PM -11.00PM
 Buffet Meal Included
 Adults \$60, children \$25, under 8 years old free
 Tickets can be purchased by contacting the parish office on 9467 2797 or by emailing bundoora@cam.org.au

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED
 A young man who is an international student at La Trobe University is looking for accommodation in our local area.
 If you can assist please call Nigel \ on 0426 440 123.