



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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STREAMING OF MASSES

Mass is being streamed every Sunday at 9:00 am and Wednesday at 8:00 am. To access the stream, please visit our website www.cam.org.au/millpark and click on the link provided on the homepage.

ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL

We now have an online parish payment portal, CDFpay for Parishes.

You can set up a recurring payment, if you haven't done so already, or you can choose a one-off offering. The St Francis of Assisi Mill Park site can be found via the link on our website www.cam.org.au/millpark

You can select to contribute to either the parish or presbytery. Please note that contributions to 'presbytery' will not be recorded towards your family's thanksgiving contributions.

We ask that you please enter your current envelope number under the 'notes' section. If you don't know your number please email millpark@cam.org.au or call 9407 6701.

Thank you to all who are supporting our parish.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

The newsletter will be available each week in the Presbytery foyer and on our website www.cam.org.au/millpark

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Colette Hickey (St Francis school teacher), Fr Michael Wheeler P.E., Louis Bartolo.

Death Anniversaries: Rodolfo Teodosio, Peter D'Arcy, Jack Imlay, Agica Pavlovic, Bobby Legaspi.

Those who are ill: David Wallace, Anthony Lethbridge, Sam Pisani, Maria Concepcion Alcedo, Danuata Plaskota, Rebecca Scaringi, Marina Manabat, Isau Issac, Sharon Barber, Flor Madio, Brian Rooney, John Pathinathan, Alfio & Giovanna Tringal, Herve Incou, Maria Ljutic, Inaam Jerjis, Nilcar Gacula.

Dear Parishioners,

A few weeks ago a man asked me if I knew of anyone who had died from the Coronavirus. I said no - thank God. However, of recent days I have come to know of a number of people who have died and parishioners have conveyed to me they too have lost family members and friends. So the stark reality is moving closer to us all the time. Let us continue to keep faith and pray for one another and for those who are vulnerable and families grieving at this time.

Also for your awareness after nineteen years the Italian Social Group has decided to disband. With declining numbers and the ill-health of some of the group, placed within the context of Covid-19 the group and the monthly Italian Mass will now cease. May I thank Oscar Altavilla for his leadership and tireless work that enabled the group to continue for so many years. God bless all who were part of it. Ciao.

Apart from the Cells of Evangelisation, our Prayer Group are also meeting online and the details are in this newsletter. All are welcome.

And finally we will continue to print a few more extracts of the Saints who suffered serious illness. I hope they give heart to all of us.

God Bless, Fr Anthony Girolami.

SAINT WHO?

Saints Who Suffered Serious Illness

Saint Joseph of Leonessa

Religious († 1612)

Feast: 4 February

Eufrean was born at Leonessa in Umbria (present-day Italy). He took the name Joseph when he joined the Capuchins at eighteen. From the first, he united himself to the suffering Christ through mortifications. He fasted three days a week and slept on a board, with a mass of vines for his pillow.

In 1587, Joseph was assigned to preach in a suburb of Constantinople, where he served the Christians who were held as galley slaves. Twice Joseph's ministry riled their Muslim masters, and he was beaten and imprisoned. The second time, his tormentors hung him from hooks on a gibbet. When this torture did not bring about his death, he was released—an event that the Capuchins have always counted as a miracle.

Joseph returned to Leonessa, where he continued to preach with great energy as many as seven or eight times a day for twenty years. "Neither bad roads nor rain nor snow could stop him, so great was his desire to win souls for Christ," recounts one source. At the end of his life, he suffered a severe form of cancer and endured two operations without anaesthetic. When it was suggested that he ought to be bound or held down while the surgeon did his work, Joseph pointed to the crucifix: "This is the strongest band, this will hold me unmoved better than any cords could do."

Eternal Father, through the intercession of Saint Joseph of Leonessa, may my sufferings bind me ever closer to my crucified Lord.

WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP

- * Praise & Worship *
- * Guest Speakers *
- * Scripture nights *

All Welcome!

We pray for many people, our families, friends and ourselves.

We normally meet every Friday @ 7:30pm in the Chapel at St Francis of Assisi, Milk Park, though during COVID-19 period our prayer group meets online using Zoom.

New members are welcome.

Please contact Nancy D'Cruz on 0434 559 352 or email nancy.dacruz@hotmail.com or contact Jane Gill on 0438 108 413.

It is with great heartbreak that we learnt of the explosion in Beirut which killed over 100 people and wounded thousands.

Caritas Australia has committed to provide immediate response in the form of crucial financial support as part of its already established Middle East Regional Appeal and additionally, through its in-country staff and partners in Lebanon throughout the wider Caritas network.

You can support Caritas Australia's current programs in Lebanon through our Middle East Regional Appeal.

Donations can be given through the following link;

<https://www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/middle-east-emergency-appeal>

or by ringing **1800 024 413**.

Thank to all for your concern for our brothers and sisters devastated by the disaster. Your work to put

