



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: Sue Sherman, Bill Stephen, Christine Telfer, Erlinda Cruz, Remedios Santelices.

Death Anniversaries: Savariammar Marcou, Sarah McManus, Berta Pranic.

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,

This Thursday at 7:00 pm we will begin to live stream a time of prayer from the Church. We will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Adoration, the Rosary and a short meditation. Our prayer will conclude with Benediction. I hope this will further bolster our spirits and unite us together in prayer. See the notice below for the links.

Continuing with our reflections on the lives of saints who have suffered may we continue to support one another.

Yours in Christ, Fr Anthony Girolami.

TIME OF PRAYER LIVE STREAM Facebook Live & YouTube Thursdays 7 pm

Visit our website
www.cam.org.au/millpark
to access the YouTube link
or visit our Facebook page for the Facebook live stream.

NIGHTLY ONLINE ROSARY

If anyone wishes to join a group on Zoom online and pray 5 decades of the Rosary they can text or ring Jackie Sheehan for the code and password on 0422 443324. The Rosary is prayed very slowly at 8pm every night. The intentions are for the people of our country to turn back to God in love and adoration and worship of Him and for our Churches to be open for public worship. We also pray for our civil and religious leaders who are governing us. The Legion of Mary members attend along with other parishioner's and friends

Saints Who Suffered Serious Illness

Saint Emily de Rodat

Foundress (1852) Feast: 19 September

Although she was born into a well-off, religiously observant French family, Emily was not always devout. For a time she rejected pious friends and daily prayer.

But when she was sixteen, a dramatic experience of God's presence changed everything. She later said, "I was bored only once in my life and that was when I turned away from God."

Over several years, Emily went into and out of three different convents. None was a good fit. Then, one day, she overheard some mothers in her own parish complaining about how their children were not being educated. Emily started a little school and the students came. Three young women showed up to help her in the work—the nucleus of what would become Emily's Congregation of the Holy Family. As the order grew, the women expanded their outreach, serving orphans, prostitutes, and the imprisoned. Emily worked energetically among them. In her lifetime she founded thirty-eight convents.

Emily was tried by spiritual darkness as well as physical illness. She developed cancerous lesions in her nose and a constant ringing in her ears—probably Meniere's disease. The cancer eventually spread, and Emily's final months held great suffering. She remained calm. She told one postulant, "Keep your enthusiasm. Be brave. Put all your trust in God. And always maintain a holy cheerfulness."

Merciful Father, through the intercession of Saint Emily de Rodat, grant me cheerfulness and holy joy.

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Saint Mark Ji Tianxiang

Martyr (1900) Feast: 9 July

In the year 2000, Saint John Paul II canonised 120 men, women, and children who died for the Faith in China between 1648 and 1930. Eighty-seven were laypersons. The greatest number of these perished during the Boxer Rebellion in the year 1900, when the Boxer Rebels carried out brutal campaigns of violence against Westerners in general and Christians in particular.

Mark Ji Tianxiang was born into a Catholic family, and some sources say that he trained as a physician. What is known for certain is that Mark had become addicted to opium, and, despite his best efforts, he was unable to overcome his addiction. After Mark had repeatedly brought his sin to the confessional, his parish priest, assuming that he had no purpose of amending his life, finally refused him absolution. For thirty years, Mark was barred from receiving the sacraments.

But still Mark harboured a great desire: to die a martyr. When the Boxer Rebels entered his village, he readily admitted his Christian Faith and was captured. As he was led away to be executed, he reportedly recited the litany of the Blessed Virgin.

Mark Ji Tianxiang is popularly considered a patron of those who suffer from drug addiction.

Loving Father, through the intercession of Saint Mark Ji Tianxiang free me from addictions and obsessions.

