



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: Anne Antoine, Dorothy Van Cuylenburg.

Death Anniversaries: Sr Cesarina (Pastorelle Sister).

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, Lina Frezza.

Dear Parishioners,

As we wait for new government directives to be given, we will have to be patient. Please know that apart from the streaming of Masses at 9 am each Sunday and 8 am each Wednesday, we are having a Holy Hour each Thursday night starting at 7 pm. Also Cells Groups and The Legion of Mary invite all parishioners to participate in their meetings. All details are listed below. With regard to our usual 'snapshots' of Saints who have suffered I would like to present to you a 'serialised' depiction of the life of Saint Bernadette Soubirous; a saint known to many of you. 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.

Feeling burdened and trying to make sense of it all?

Come lighten the load with others online! And help lighten the load of others!

Spending time with God as a community puts everything else in perspective . . .

You are invited to visit a Cell group to share fellowship and friendship with like-minded people belonging to St Francis parish. We will help you link in online if you need. Please contact someone on the list or call the parish: 9407 6701.

Meeting Times:

Monday 7:00 pm

Zoom

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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.

HOW THE CHURCH HAS CHANGED THE WORLD

Pilgrimage into Poverty

Writing about Lourdes my fingers should tremble. Six million people visit the grotto every year. Franz Wetiel, though not himself a Christian, wrote a fine book about Saint Bernadette's visions, and how no one believed her at first, not even her family; how she was ridiculed, slapped in prison, called a fraud by sceptics; how she maintained her simple faith throughout; and her honest account of the facts.

The journalist Malcolm Muggeridge - he who would introduce the world to Mother Teresa in the 1969 documentary *Something Beautiful for God* - accompanied a pilgrimage to Lourdes with his film crew in 1965. This was long before he and his wife entered the Church in their very old age. He didn't witness what the Church, with her severe criteria, would certify as a miraculous cure. But he recalled the 'beauty of the place; the light shining in the eyes of a young lady, crippled and dying, whom he had met and spoken to as she went down to the waters. He believed, in a way he couldn't yet describe, that Jesus the healer was present: "At Lourdes, too, bowing their heads, abating their twitchings, holding out their hands, if they have any, as the Blessed Sacrament approaches, they recall his healing words: *Daughter, your faith has made you whole; go in peace.*"

There's no place in the world like Lourdes. To go there in faith is to make a pilgrimage into poverty. Muggeridge would understand, because he had seen through the vanity of what the world calls great. Mother Teresa would understand. Muslims go to Mecca, to adore the power of God. Hindus go to the mighty Ganges River to immerse themselves in the waters of an ancient mythology. But Lourdes? It's a mustard seed by comparison. It's a bit of leaven that an ordinary woman kneaded into some dough. It is a pearl hidden in a field. It is a stone that the builders tossed aside.

Come Along Online!

During the pandemic the Parish Cells of Evangelisation are meeting online each week and we would like to share this opportunity with our fellow parishioners. You are invited to come and join with a group to share fellowship and friendship with like-minded people belonging to St Francis parish. You are welcome to make contact with people on the list below – we will help you link in online if you need. (There is no future obligation to become a member of a Cell group).

Meeting Times:		Contacts:			
Monday 7:00 pm	Zoom	Regina Di Pasquale	0448 732 113	H: 9408 5230	reginadp@bigpond.com.au
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