



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

25TH DECEMBER 2022

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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 – 10:30 am concluding with Benediction

VIGIL MASS:	1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to Midnight Mass.	Next Mass:	6th January
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass:	12th February
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass:	18th February
ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:	1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm.	Next Mass:	7th February
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm.	Next Mass:	18th February
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.		
ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:	2nd Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.		
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 Friday morning 9:15 am Mass.		
AGAPEE 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 sfranciscatechist@gmail.com.au		

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Please do not attend Mass if you are unwell in any way or with any symptoms of illness (covid or otherwise).
- Please sanitise your hands prior to receiving Holy Communion.
- Masks are no longer mandatory but are strongly recommended in large group gatherings.
- Please consume the host as soon as it is placed in your hands. Please do not walk back to your seat before consuming the host.

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIFTS - All gifts for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas tree must be returned by TODAY.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maria Deak, Doris Borg, Anthony Picardo.

IN MEMORIAM: Graeme Grieve, Reynaldo Pilapil, Roy Meyers.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Lez Meyers, David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Zahra McMahon, Herve Incoul, Francis Mendoza, Hazel Neilson, Joan Oram, Lez Meyers, Maeve Reardon.

(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 in the Presbytery foyer and on our website www.cam.org.au/millpark

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of our Parish team, Father Zaher, Sister Anh, Ruth Lees and Carmel Walsh and I would like to extend to all of you and your families the blessings of a happy and holy Christmas. The joy of knowing Our Lord Jesus Christ who came into our world to share in our human life so that one day we might share in his divine life is the greatest hope we can possess in our hearts.

May I thank all who continually support our parish in so many ways and a heartfelt welcome to all who have joined us of recent times. Have a peace filled new year and may the Christ Child give life to us all.

Yours in Christ, *Fr. Anthony Girolami*



2023 Thanksgiving Envelopes and 2022 Statements

We regret to inform you that due to logistic difficulties beyond our control, thanksgiving envelopes for 2023 and statements for 2022 cannot be issued prior to February 2023. We are sorry for this disruption and we hope to resolve the matter as quickly as possible.

CHOIRS ON BREAK DURING JANUARY

During January our choirs at Mass will have a well-earned break. We thank them for the talents they share with us faithfully every week. Please remember while at Mass to refer to the weekly newsletter for all prayers and responses.

The St Vincent de Paul Mill Park Conference would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Christmas Tree Appeal this year for your faithful support and generosity. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL FLOOD APPEAL

Contributions can be made by: 1. Calling 13 18 12. 2. Visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>. 3. Making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase 4. Via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

Through its 'Global Gifts' program, Caritas Australia—the international aid and development organisation of the Catholic Church in Australia - invites you to share a gift that can change a life. Your Global Gift will help bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable people. Gifts range in price from \$10 - providing a chicken to students in the Solomon Islands and helping them improve their livelihoods - to \$600 for the construction of a water borehole, providing clean water to a community in Tanzania.

www.globalgifts.org.au

CHANGES TO THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

As the practice of administering Holy Communion throughout the Archdiocese has returned to pre-covid times, people may receive Communion as they prefer from either the priests or the extraordinary ministers of Communion. These changes have now come into effect.

MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19 - CHANGES

COVID-19 isolation requirements have changed

The Victorian Government has announced the end of the Pandemic Declaration and associated Pandemic Orders.

It is strongly recommended that parishioners:

- who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days
- should not attend Mass after 5 days if still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend Mass, this includes any symptoms of illness

Reporting positive COVID-19 test results

The Department of Health recommends that a person who tests positive for COVID-19 should inform those with whom they have recently been in contact, including their workplace, schools and household.

Face masks

Parishioners who wish to wear a face mask are supported to do so. The Department of Health recommends that masks should be worn by a person who is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 when leaving home.

Additionally, the Department of Health recommends that masks should be worn by a person who has COVID-19, for at least 7 days after a positive test, when they need to leave home.

MASS DISPENSATION

Archbishop Comensoli has announced that the need for dispensation from our Sunday obligation to physically gather for the Eucharist has now passed. From the 1st Sunday of Advent, 27th November 2022, the general dispensation from our Sunday and Holy Day obligations has been lifted. As always, the ordinary individual exemptions will remain in place (e.g., for reasons of ill health, family care of the vulnerable, etc.).



The Piety Stall is now selling the 2023 Divine Mercy and Columban Art Church calendars for \$10 each and also the 2023 Mass reading books. Buy your copy now so as not to be disappointed. Thank you.

(Could the person who ordered the 4 x 300mm Holy Family Statues please collect them from the piety stall.)

JANUARY ROSTERS

The rosters for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion will continue during January. If you will be absent or on holiday on your rostered turn, please contact another person to take your place.

VIGIL MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ex 16:6-7

Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.

Greeting, Penitential Act, Gloria – see front page

COLLECT

O God, who gladden us year by year as we wait in hope for our redemption, grant that, just as we joyfully welcome your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer, we may also merit to face him confidently when he comes again as our Judge. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isa 62:1-5

RESP PSALM Ps 88: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia Alleluia!

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed:

The Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 1:1-25 (Shorter form, 1:18-25)

Profession of Faith – see front page

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we look forward, O Lord, to the coming festivities, may we serve you all the more eagerly for knowing that in them you make manifest the beginnings of our redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Isa 40:5

The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may draw new vigour from celebrating the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son, by whose heavenly mystery we receive both food and drink. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Solemn Blessing – see front page

MASS DURING THE NIGHT

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 2:7

The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.

or

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world.

Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

Greeting, Penitential Act, Gloria – see front page

COLLECT

O God, who have made this most sacred night radiant with the splendour of the true light, grant, we pray, that we, who have known the mysteries of his light on earth, may also delight in his gladness in heaven. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isa 9:1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 95: 1-3, 11-13

R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 2:10-11

Alleluia Alleluia!

Good news and great joy to all the world: Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 2:1-14

Profession of Faith – see front page

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the oblation of this day's feast be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we may be found in the likeness of Christ, in whom our nature is united to you. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 1:14

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, that we, who are gladdened by participation in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity, may through an honourable way of life become worthy of union with him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Solemn Blessing – see front page

DAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Isa 9:5

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Greeting, Penitential Act, Gloria – see front page

COLLECT

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isa 52:7-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:1-6

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

SECOND READING Heb 1:1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia Alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord.

Today a great light has come upon the earth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 1:1-18

Profession of Faith – see front page

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Make acceptable, O Lord, our oblation on this solemn day, when you manifested the reconciliation that makes us wholly pleasing in your sight and inaugurated for us the fullness of divine worship. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 97:3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O merciful God, that, just as the Saviour of the world, born this day, is the author of divine generation for us, so he may be the giver even of immortality. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Solemn Blessing – see front page

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD / A

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the Son of God and the Son of Mary: Christ have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Word made Flesh, the splendour of the Father: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT see back page for relevant Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in



Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS:

see back page for relevant Mass

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I, II OR III OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

see back page for relevant Mass

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

see back page for relevant Mass

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

SOLEMN BLESSING

P. May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night (day), drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.

R. Amen.

P. May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.

R. Amen.

P. And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favour and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.

R. Amen.

P. And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

