



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021

PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Jose Mathew
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Ignacia Coching - 9407 6720	YOUTH MINISTER	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6704
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	Bernice Quinn - 9407 6700	PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Paul - 9407 6722
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Mark Basile - 9407 3100		

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.

RECONCILIATION Wednesday 7:30 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help
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 9:00 pm	Next Mass: TBD
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass: TBD
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass: TBD
ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:	1st, 2nd & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm.	Next Mass: TBD
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm.	Next Mass: TBD
MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS:	2nd Sat of the month 6:30 pm. Rosary, Mass, Adoration.	Next Mass: TBD
NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH:	1st Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.	
ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:	2nd Wednesday of the month after 9:15am 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.	
PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP:	Contact Alfons and Helen Glatzel - 9404 2050.	
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:	Every Friday at 3:00 pm in the chapel and after Friday morning 9:15am mass.	
LIFE TEEN:	Every Sunday during school terms after 5pm Mass. Contact Carmel - millpark.youthministry@cam.org.au for further details.	

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR WHEN WE RETURN:

- Masks must be worn inside the church for those 12 years and older.
- Please do not attend if you are unwell.
- Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to enable check in via QR code.
- Please bring your mobile phone to check in.
- Children under 12 months of age do not require a booking.
- The Church doors are required to be closed at the beginning of Mass so late entry will not be permitted.
- If you have made a booking and are no longer able to attend please cancel your booking by following the prompts in your Trybooking confirmation email, or if you are unable, phone the presbytery on 9407 6700.

STREAMING OF MASS

Mass will be livestreamed this 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.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS - Contributions can be dropped off between 9am and 5pm each day at the parish office.
PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION - The Cells All Leaders Meeting will be on this Tuesday, 21st September, at 7.30 pm on Zoom. This will be a Cell Leaders Training Session.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DECEASED: Darmo Dewanto, Glenda Da Costa, Benjamin Capitulo, Florencia Barcibal.
IN MEMORIAM: Brian O'Sullivan, Eufomia Rosales, Rowena Trino, Nominada Endaya, Enrico Girolami.
THOSE WHO ARE ILL: David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Herve Incoul, Vicki Heath, Rosy See, Pria Jacob, Koshy Philip, Varghese Paul, Zahra McMahan, Nora Gacillos, Philomena McManus.

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

Dear Parishioners,

As our state has just attained a 70% rate of first vaccinations it is a promising sign for the future. Whether we are permitted to open when our state is fully vaxxed at 70% or 80% remains to be seen. So obviously the more who are vaccinated the earlier these lockdowns will come to an end and we can get back together at Mass. There are a number of issues being discussed among government and health officials regarding the possibility of only allowing those who are fully vaccinated to enter places of gathering, such as sporting precincts, entertainment venues, cultural centres and even possibly places of worship. Though the Church is in general pro-vaccination, it also makes it clear, like other medical treatments, Covid vaccination must be voluntary. But we also must remember we do have amoral obligation to protect our health, and also a duty to safeguard the health and wellbeing of others. Some people have raised the issue about the morality of the production of some of the vaccines, such as using material from the cell lines of aborted fetuses. In December 2021 the Congregation for Faith and Morals, and further authorised by Pope Francis, reassured the faithful that they may receive the vaccination without morally co-operating with the killing of children from whom they are sourced. So putting it plainly, there are no religious or ethical reasons not to be vaccinated. If people have an underlying medical condition then of course consult your doctor about what you might do or avoid. The message is simple - the earlier people are vaccinated, the earlier we can return to Mass. For further references please go to our web page (www.cam.org.au/millpark). For a very accurate summary please see the joint letter written by Fr Michael McCaffrey (formerly a medical practitioner) and Fr John Fleming (a bioethicist).

God bless,

Fr. Anthony Girolami



WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY EVENING 2021

Theme: Celebrating Women's Strengths

Guest Speaker: Sr. Nicole Rotaru RSM
Friday 29th October 2021 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Due to current restrictions this event may have to be postponed. Please await further updates. Bookings have been temporarily suspended. If the event does not go ahead all bookings will be fully refunded.

LOCKDOWN LIGHT—WEEK THREE

A WEEKLY SERIES BRINGING 'LIGHT' TO THIS TIME OF LOCKDOWN ...

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

Resources for Christian living: Making the most of lockdown

In this blog post, local Melbourne mum of six, Kate Moriarty, shares some fun and creative ideas to help families make the most of their time together in lockdown. Find out more at www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving3

Getting to know your Bible: Opening up the Old Testament

Getting Started: This video by Bible Snap brings you the Old Testament in 8 minutes, with a comprehensive overview of where the books and people fit in the timeline of history. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted3
Going Deeper: Exodus is one of the key books of the Old Testament. Hear about the pivotal events in Exodus from a range of other Christian Biblical scholars and theological experts in this 10-minute video. View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper3

SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER – A TIME TO REFLECT AND GIVE THANKS

On 19 September 2021, we mark Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we invite all to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our communities. We recognise with deep gratitude, those working within Catholic Social Services Victoria's 43 member organisations, the 7,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who together, serve more than 200,000 people in need each year. We also give thanks for all in our parishes, who are so often at the forefront of providing practical support and care to those in need within their local communities, and beyond.

We call to mind the recent [2021/22 Social Justice Statement](#) – *Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor* – released by the Australian Catholic bishops, which reminds us of the social mission of the Church and which urges us to reflect on 'the bigger picture' and to act together on social, economic and ecological issues. Together, we all have a role to play in building a just and equitable society, where all have equal opportunities to flourish and prosper.