



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8TH OCTOBER 2023

PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Zaher Almhanna
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Anh Tran - 9407 6720	PARISH/SCHOOL LIAISON	Ruth Lees - 9407 6703
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	Bernice Quinn - 9407 6700	YOUTH MINISTER	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6704
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Mark Basile - 9407 3100	PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Paul - 9407 6722

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 7:00 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help
RECONCILIATION	Wednesday evening after Mass and Novena Saturday 9:45 am
ADORATION	Saturday 9:45 am – 10:45 am concluding with Benediction

VIGIL MASS:	1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to Midnight Mass.	Next Mass:	3rd November
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon. (NO MASS IN OCTOBER)	Next Mass:	12th November
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass:	21st October
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.	Next Mass:	21st October
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.		
ANOINTING OF THE SICK:	2nd Wednesday of the month after 9:15am Mass.		
ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:	Every Tuesday at 7 pm.		
NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):	Every Tuesday at 7 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 Tuesday morning 9:15am Mass.		
AGAPE 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.		

PARISH NEWS

- 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.
- COLLECTION TOWARDS ST FRANCIS FEAST DAY** - There will be a second Collection this weekend towards the expenses of the Feast Day celebration.
- PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION** - The Cells Executive Meeting will be on this Tuesday 10th October at 7:30 pm in the Community Room.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- RECENTLY DECEASED:** Jason Gelvezon, Keith Forbes.
 - IN MEMORIAM:** Mary Zita Fernando, Richard Dimech, Erminia Stocco, Maria Carvana, Mary Woods.
 - THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Lez Meyers, David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Maeve Reardon, Greg Forrester, Rosemary Brandon, Anupiya Menikdiwela, Henrica Hanny.
- (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 on our website www.cam.org.au/millpark

It's a celebration!
We invite you to join us for
**ST FRANCIS PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP'S
31ST BIRTHDAY**

Saturday 21st October 2023
St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall



Thanksgiving Mass at 5pm. Dinner and entertainment to follow. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome!

Contact Regina on 0432 267 557
or Candy on 0450 820 002

*Dear Parishioners,
This Thursday I will be leading 40 people on our Parish Pilgrimage to Jordan, Thy Holy Land, Rome, Assisi and San Giovanni Rotondo. Please keep us in your prayers through our travels as we will be praying for all of you. We welcome Fr Zaher back after his well earned break.
God bless, Fr Anthony.*

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Legion of Mary will lead the Rosary during October every weekday morning at 8:45 am and every Saturday after morning Mass.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On Friday 13th October there will be a rosary procession after Mass followed by morning tea.

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:4-9, 11-15
A reading from the first Book of Kings

Elijah went on into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. "Lord" he said, "I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you." So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. There he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord. Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then a voice came to him, which said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He replied, "I am filled with jealous zeal for the Lord of hosts, because the sons of Israel have deserted you, broken down your altars and put your prophets to the sword. I am the only one left and they want to kill me." "Go" the Lord said, "Go back by the same way to the wilderness of Damascus."

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 15:1-2, 7-8, 11. R v.5
R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. **R**
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. Since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R**
3. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **R**

SECOND READING Galatians 6:14-18
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

As for me, the only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God. I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Mt 11:25
Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 11:25-30
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, "I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light."

The Gospel of the Lord.