



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.

Explore life.. faith... meaning... YOU'RE INVITED TO ALPHA



Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment.

TIME & LOCATION

Continues on October 21st 2020 at 7pm

Online Alpha (from the comfort of your own home) hosted by St Francis of Assisi Mill Park

CONTACT DETAILS

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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.

HOLY HOUR 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.

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: Salam Dikho, Ghazwan Dikho. Xavier Augustine (Fr Varghese's brother).

Death Anniversaries: Richard Dimech, Rosa Calvisi, Rafael Madlangawa.

Those who are ill: David Wallace, Sharon Barber, John Pathinathan, Alfio & Giovanna Tringal, Herve Incouf, Maria Ljutic, Nilcar Gacula, Asha Narayan, Philomena McManus.

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Even though we are all facing challenges this year as a result of the Coronavirus may we also keep in mind the work of missionaries who care for people still suffering from a lack of many of the things to which we have access. On this weekend we normally have a special collection but you can still make a contribution by your mobile phone. Simply send the word 'GIVE' to the number 0488 854 436.

God bless, Fr Anthony Girolami.

MASS TIMES:

Tuesday to Sunday	10:00 am	- by ringing 9407 6701
	11:00 am	- by ringing 9407 6701
	12:00 noon	- book through TryBooking
	5:00 pm	- book through TryBooking
Monday	10:00 am	- by ringing 9407 6701

Bookings are taken from 10:00 am Tuesday mornings. The TryBooking link will be updated on our website www.cam.org.au/millpark before 10:00 am each Tuesday. 5 people is still the limit so please limit yourself to one Mass a fortnight. Hopefully permitted numbers may increase soon!

Please note the online petition at equalityforfaith.com.au now has more than 10000 signatures. It's not too late to sign up.

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION

A few years ago Ravi Muvvala, a seminarian from Corpus Christi College, undertook a placement here at St Francis. Requesting to work in a country diocese he was accepted at Wilcannia-Forbes. On Monday 19th October at 6:00 pm (Central Australian Standard Time) Ravi will be ordained to the Priesthood. You can access the live stream by going to YouTube and searching for 'Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes' or on Facebook 'Catholic Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes'. His Mass of Thanksgiving will be on Tuesday 20th October at the same time on the same links. At some stage we hope he can visit us so we can celebrate his ordination. May God bless Rev. Ravi Muvvala in his priestly ministry.

HOW THE CHURCH HAS CHANGED THE WORLD

Pilgrimage into Poverty

Bernadette Soubirous' story continued : The Immaculate Conception

Bernadette's parish priest, an impatient fellow, finally told the girl to demand from the lady her name. This came after the lady had commanded a sacred procession to the grotto, and a chapel to be built at the site. The procession was the first organized pilgrimage to Lourdes. Ten thousand people were there. But Bernadette still did not know the lady's name. She did not presume to know. She didn't even admit that she had been responsible for any cures. She refused all money. She wanted only to obey the lady, and to study for her First Communion.

The fortnight passed. The Soubirous family was as poor as ever. Lourdes was thronged with visitors. Bernadette had returned to her ordinary life. Then on 25 March, she heard the call again, and this time the lady revealed her name, in the girl's dialect. Tell the priest, she said, Que soy era Immaculada Councepiou: I am the Immaculate Conception.

Bernadette rehearsed the strange words on her way to the priest. She didn't know what they meant. Pope Pius IX had recently declared as a matter of faith that Mary had been conceived without taint of original sin. Bernadette did not know that. The priest did and he was stunned.

How shall I put these things together? A young man with his hip devoured by cancer; enters the waters of Lourdes. He has, on one side, no hip at all. When he returns from Lourdes, he begins again to walk and run as he used to do. X-rays show that there is no more sarcoma. Instead there is a hip, sound and sure.

Where did that come from? You can't persuade your body to make new tissue out of nothing. The new bone came from the smallest of places, that mustard seed, that leaven. What lies within the smallest of the seeds? God Almighty does: the power that made the universe from nothing, the eternity that is wholly present in every smallest twitch of an atom. It's no more difficult for God to make worlds than for him to make cells rush in multiplication and build up bone; each is as nothing at all, to God.

When the flesh of Mary began to be knit in the womb of her mother Anne, what then was the work of God? He wrought a miracle, preserving Mary from that fall of Adam that is the shadow that falls upon each of us when we are conceived. We are born paralytics, hunched toward sin and death. Mary was born in full health of soul. She stood upright.

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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