



# St Francis of Assisi Parish

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Parish Bulletin Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th January 2020

<b>PARISH PRIEST</b>	Fr Anthony Girolami	<b>ASSISTANT PRIEST</b>	Fr Cruz
<b>PASTORAL ASSOCIATE</b>	Sr Ignacia Coching - 9407 6707	<b>YOUTH MINISTER</b>	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6705
<b>OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR</b>	Bernice Quinn - 9407 6700	<b>PARISH BOOKKEEPER</b>	Cheryl Langford - 9407 6701
<b>SCHOOL PRINCIPAL</b>	Mark Basile - 9407 3100	<b>DEACON</b>	Rev Simeon Anthony

<b>WEEKEND MASS TIMES</b>	Saturday vigil: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm
<b>WEEKDAY MASS TIMES</b>	Monday – Saturday 9:15 am. Rosary recited after Mass. Wednesday 7:30 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help
<b>RECONCILIATION</b>	Wednesday evening after Mass and Novena Saturday 9:45 am
<b>ADORATION</b>	Saturday 9:45 am – 11:00 am concluding with Benediction Wednesday 7:30 am – 7:30 pm

<b>VIGIL MASS:</b>	1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to midnight.	<b>Next Mass:</b> 7th February
<b>FILIPINO MASS:</b>	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	<b>Next Mass:</b> 9th February
<b>ITALIAN MASS:</b>	2nd Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am. Rosary 11 am.	<b>Next Mass:</b> 11th February
<b>MALTESE MASS:</b>	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	<b>Next Mass:</b> 15th February
<b>ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:</b>	1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.	<b>Next Mass:</b> 4th February
<b>INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:</b>	3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm. (NONE DEC OR JAN)	<b>Next Mass:</b> 15th February
<b>MEN'S NIGHT:</b>	First Wed of the month at 7 pm. Contact Frank - 0414648475.	<b>Next Night:</b> 5th February
<b>MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS:</b>	2nd Sat of the month 6:30 pm. Rosary, Mass, Adoration.	<b>Next Mass:</b> 8th February
<b>NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH:</b>	2nd Wednesday of the month after morning Mass.	<b>Next Novena:</b> 12th February
<b>DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:</b>	Every Friday after 9:15am Mass and 3 pm in the chapel.	
<b>NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):</b>	Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.	
<b>JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP:</b>	Every Thursday at 7 pm in the Chapel. Contact Lovely - 0411 208 706.	
<b>AGAPE MALAYLEE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:</b>	Every Saturday 6 pm - 8:30 pm in the Chapel.	
<b>CHILDREN'S ROSARY:</b>	First Saturday of the month after 9:15 am Mass in the Chapel.	
<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b>	Sundays 10:30 am Mass during school terms. Contact - mpchildrenslit@gmail.com	
<b>LEGION OF MARY:</b>	Every Thursday at 10:15 am in the parish nook. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.	
<b>JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY:</b>	Every Thursday during school terms at 3:45 pm in the Church. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.	
<b>WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP:</b>	Fridays in the Chapel at 7:30 pm. Contact Nancy 0434 559 352.	
<b>PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP:</b>	Contact Alfons and Helen Glatzel - 9404 2050.	
<b>LIFE TEEN:</b>	Sundays after 5 pm Mass, meet in Church foyer. Contact Carmel - millpark.youthministry@cam.org.au	
<b>PRAYER COMPANIONS:</b>	Resumes in February	
<b>PLAYGROUP:</b>	Thursdays at 9 am during school terms. Contact Mary-Anne on 0411 106 283.	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**  
*Recently Deceased:* Floredeliza del Rosario, A.V. Antony, Agica Pavlovic, Alphonso Berton  
*Death Anniversaries:* Frank Mazza, Federico & Dolores Villa Delrey, P.A. Mani, Socorro Pisani  
*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, Zeny Galea, Herve Incoul.

<b>Reading Roster:</b>	<b>18/19 January (Week 3)</b>	<b>25/26 January (Week 4)</b>
<b>Sat. 5.00 pm:</b>	Teresa Wong & Anne Young	Shammi Jayasuriya & Sarah Wallace
<b>Sun. 9.00 am:</b>	John Andrews & Febra William	Angela Royston & Carlo Stocco
<b>Sun. 10.30 am:</b>	Joe Galati & Marie Sikand	Vangie Gregorio & Julie Kerr
<b>Counting Roster:</b>	<b>19h January (Team 7)</b>	<b>26th January (Team 8)</b>
	C Ponchard, B D'Avoine, T Kowal	M Dempsey, C & D Stocco, M Lin Yap
<b>Altar Linen Cleaning Roster:</b>	<b>20 - 26 January</b>	<b>27 January - 2 February</b>
	Mary Hoo	Jenny Galati

**Next Week's Readings:** Isa 8:23-9:3 Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14. R.v.1 1Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23

**MARYMEDE MASS:** The next Sunday Mass at Marymede College will be on 16th February 2020 at 10:30 am.

**VINNIES BUSHFIRE APPEAL:** Bushfire Appeal donations can be made through St Vincent De Paul's website, www.vinnies.org.au



## St Francis of Assisi Mill Park PILGRIMAGE

Footsteps of St Paul Oct 21 - Nov 9 2020

**A reminder to all who wish to go on the 2020 pilgrimage, your deposit of \$500 is required by Friday 10th January. Payment is to be made directly to Olive Tree Travel.**

Total estimated price for Greece, Malta, and Italy:  
Price per person based on 25 - 29 full paying passengers: \$7,590.  
Price per person based on 30 - 34 full paying passengers: \$7,490.  
Optional room supplement: \$1,375.  
Optional Santorini shore excursion: \$110 per person  
Supplement for outside cabin on cruise: \$300 per person twin share or \$460 per person single supplement.

Contact Elio on 0449193511 or Chiara on 0439612694.

The Piety Stall is now selling the 2020 Divine Mercy and Columban Art Church calendars. Buy your copy so as not to be disappointed. Thank you.



### Holiday Rosters

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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please note the Parish Office will have minimal staff until February. If you need to contact the Parish please leave a phone message or email millpark@cam.org.au and someone will get back to you when able.

### CHOIR HOLIDAY

During January our choirs will have a well-earned break. Please use the prayer cards or the newsletter for responses and prayers during Mass.

### SPECIAL BUSHFIRE COLLECTION

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have asked all parishes throughout the country to have a special collection for those affected by the bushfires. A special collection will take place on Australia Day weekend, the 25th and 26th January.

Please keep all those affected in your prayers. Those wishing to donate can also do so through the St Vincent de Paul Bushfire Appeal.

### PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION

Our Parish Cell Groups recommence the week starting Monday 3rd February

### FAMILY FAIR 2020

Our Family Fair in 2020 will be on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Preparations have begun and many volunteers will be needed. Please pick up a December Fair Newsletter after Mass. Please support all the generous sponsors of our Fair. Contact 9407 6700 for more information about the Family Fair.



### VIOLIN LESSONS

I am a classically trained violinist who is passionate about discovering a student's potential. I teach students of all ages, so feel free to contact me, Amir Yacoub on 0469 739 862. The introductory lesson is for free.



### Saint Who?

Saints Who Renewed Parish Life  
**Saint Maria Soledad Torres Acosta**  
(Foundress) Feast: 11th October

Manuela was the second of five children born to a Spanish family of modest means. Of a thoughtful, generous nature, she wanted to enter the Dominicans. But a Servite priest leading a nearby parish convinced her to take a different path. Having struggled to provide for his parishioners who were too sick to even go to the hospital, the priest had begun to gather young women to nurse them in their own homes. Though frail herself, Manuela joined the group, becoming Maria Soledad, "Mary Desolate," after the Mother of Sorrows.

At first, the putrid wounds of the sick repulsed Maria. Little by little, she came to see Christ in each person she served. Five years passed, and the priest who had recruited Maria took six of the women to Africa to start a new community, leaving her alone to lead the sisters in Madrid. The women were as poor as those they served, and often had only bread to eat. When vicious rumours about Maria were spread, the work seemed to be in jeopardy. In the nick of time, powerful friends - including the queen of Spain herself - came to the rescue.

The order came to be called the Handmaids of Mary Serving the Sick. Maria told them: "Do not be so anxious about a house on earth when we have such a beautiful one in heaven. We are poor, but charity compels us. We must share what God gives us among his poor."

*Eternal Father, through the intercession of Saint Maria Soledad Torres Acosta, help me to see the poor and the sick in the midst. Give me the strength to help them.*

### Saint Who?

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**Saint Joseph Cafasso**  
(Priest) Feast: 23rd June

Joseph came from Castelnuovo d'Asti in Piedmont, Italy. He went to the seminary and was ordained in 1833 at the unusually young age of twenty-two. Joseph's slight build and twisted spine did not prevent the rector of the Institute of Saint Francis from seeing Joseph's evident gifts; he asked Joseph to teach moral theology only four months after his ordination.

Joseph had a powerful influence over the country boys who came to Turin to be formed into priests. After meeting Joseph, a fourteen-year-old John Bosco immediately declared him "a saint!" Joseph gave spiritual direction to John Bosco for twenty-five years and formed many others in the essentials of priestly life: prayer, preaching and catechesis. A deeply committed confessor himself, Joseph mentored young would-be-confessors, teaching them to draw souls gently but persistently to Christ. Citing Joseph's witness at the end of the Year for Priests in 2010, Pope Benedict XVI affirmed that Joseph's ministry was a real "school of priestly holiness."

Joseph carried on a prison ministry that amazed his contemporaries. He seemed never to tire of visiting men who suffered in wretched conditions. He accompanied over fifty penitent convicts to their executions, his "hanged saints." After Joseph died in 1860, John Bosco penned his biography.

*Compassionate Father, through the intercession of Saint Joseph Cafasso, help me to see others with your eyes of mercy.*