



# St Francis of Assisi Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 4TH DECEMBER 2022

<b>PARISH PRIEST</b>	Fr Anthony Girolami	<b>ASSISTANT PRIEST</b>	Fr Zaher Almhnna
<b>PASTORAL ASSOCIATE</b>	Sr Anh Tran - 9407 6720	<b>YOUTH MINISTER</b>	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6704
<b>OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR</b>	Bernice Quinn - 9407 6700	<b>PARISH BOOKKEEPER</b>	Paul - 9407 6722
<b>SCHOOL PRINCIPAL</b>	Mark Basile - 9407 3100		

<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 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 – 10:30 am concluding with Benediction

<b>VIGIL MASS:</b>	1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to Midnight Mass.	<b>Next Mass:</b> 6th January
<b>FILIPINO MASS:</b>	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	<b>Next Mass:</b> 11th December
<b>MALTESE MASS:</b>	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	<b>Next Mass:</b> 17th December
<b>ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:</b>	1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm.	<b>Next Mass:</b> 6th December
<b>INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:</b>	3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm.	<b>Next Mass:</b> 17th December
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:</b>	Wednesday 7:30 am - 7:30 pm	
<b>NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH:</b>	1st Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.	
<b>ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:</b>	2nd Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.	
<b>NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):</b>	Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.	
<b>LEGION OF MARY:</b>	Every Thursday at 10:15 am in the church fellowship area. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.	
<b>WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP:</b>	Every Friday at 7:00 pm in the chapel. Contact Nancy - 0434 559 352.	
<b>PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP:</b>	Contact Regina - 0432 267 557 or Alfons and Helen Glatzel - 9404 2050.	
<b>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:</b>	Every Friday at 3:00 pm in the chapel and after Friday morning 9:15 am Mass.	
<b>AGAPEE RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING:</b>	Every Sunday at 6:30 pm in the chapel. Contact Gigimon - 0402 652 646.	
<b>LIFE TEEN:</b>	Every Sunday during school terms after 5pm Mass. Contact Carmel at millpark.youthministry@cam.org.au for further details.	
<b>JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP:</b>	Every Thursday at 7 pm in the chapel. Contact Lovely - 0411 208 706.	
<b>CATECHIST R.E. CLASSES:</b>	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.  
**HOLY SOULS** - Holy Souls envelopes are available in the Church.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Jill Fazzino, Conrad Briggs, Hyacinth Fernando, Dion Fernando, Michael McCloskey.  
**IN MEMORIAM:** Walter Forte, Lou Girolami.  
**THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Zahra McMahon, Herve Incoul, Francis Mendoza, Hazel Neilson, Joan Oram, Lez Meyers.  
*(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](http://www.cam.org.au/millpark)

The Wellness Group would like to thank everyone who supported their Christmas stall. It was 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.

St Francis of Assisi Parish Mill Park's own Olivia Chamoun is a young artist striving to keep the jazz alive in Melbourne. Olivia often plays in jazz clubs around Melbourne with her band, the Olivia Chamoun Quintet. On Sunday 20th November, she released her debut album, Still, just in time for the feast of St Cecilia, patron saint of music. Olivia's study of the Gospel roots of jazz has led to a newfound appreciation of the harmony between her faith and her music. Although we don't always associate jazz with 'sacred' music, its religious influences are a rich and an explicit part of the genre's history. Her own awakening to faith came about through Life Teen youth ministry, which has been running in our parish for more than thirty years. You can purchase Olivia Chamoun's debut album at <https://oliviachamoun.bandcamp.com/releases>



**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.

**PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION**  
**Cells Christmas Break Up**  
 Everyone is invited to our **Cells Christmas Party** to be held in **St Francis Hall** on **Tuesday 6th December, starting at 7:00 pm**, with shared Dinner & Christmas Carols. Enquiries: 9407 6700 (leave a message).

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT PACIFIC EPPING - THIS SUNDAY!**  
 COME & HEAR Carol Singing by our Saturday Night 5 pm Mass Choir at Pacific Epping today, Sunday 4th December, from 12:30 - 2:00 pm. They will sing at the **Best & Less Dome – Next to Snoopy's Christmas Village display**. All Parishioners are encouraged to come and listen to Christmas Carols and support our choir as they witness to the true spirit of Christmas.

The **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Tree** is in the Church foyer. If you would like to contribute please take a card from the tree. All gifts must be returned by Sunday 18th December. Thank you for your generous support.

The last working bee for the year will take place on Saturday 10th December at 11:30 am. If anyone is available to help at the working bee with odd jobs or cleaning please contact Carmen on 0467 604 928.

**CAROL SINGING AT WESTFIELD PLENTY VALLEY! NEXT SUNDAY**  
 Our 10.30 am Sunday Choir will sing Christmas Carols at Westfield Plenty Valley **next Sunday 11th December, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm**, on the outdoor stage in the Dining Area. All Parishioners are encouraged to come to listen next Sunday.

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.).

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS**  
**MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE** is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for 4 school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement in 2023. Email: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferred for contact) Phone: 9326 1895