



# St Francis of Assisi Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10TH DECEMBER 2023

<b>PARISH PRIEST</b>	Fr Anthony Girolami	<b>ASSISTANT PRIEST</b>	Fr Zaher Almhanna
<b>PASTORAL ASSOCIATE</b>	Sr Anh Tran - 9407 6720	<b>PARISH/SCHOOL LIAISON</b>	Ruth Lees - 9407 6703
<b>OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR</b>	Bernice Quinn - 9407 6700	<b>YOUTH MINISTER</b>	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6704
<b>SCHOOL PRINCIPAL</b>	Mark Basile - 9407 3100	<b>PARISH BOOKKEEPER</b>	Paul - 9407 6722
<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 7:00 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 – 10:45 am concluding with Benediction		
<b>VIGIL MASS:</b>	1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to Midnight Mass.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	5th January
<b>FILIPINO MASS:</b>	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	10th December
<b>MALTESE MASS:</b>	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	16th December
<b>INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:</b>	3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm. (None Dec or Jan)	<b>Next Mass:</b>	17th February
<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>ANOINTING OF THE SICK:</b>	2nd Wednesday of the month after 9:15am Mass.		
<b>ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:</b>	Every Tuesday at 7 pm.		
<b>NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):</b>	Every Tuesday at 7 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 Tuesday morning 9:15am Mass.		
<b>AGAPE 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.		

### 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.
- PARISH FEAST DAY EXPO** - The Parish Expo slideshow featuring the Parish Groups and also the Parish Information Booklet can be viewed on the Parish Website [www.cam.org.au/millpark](http://www.cam.org.au/millpark)
- PARISH CENSUS 2023** - If you did not fill in a Parish Census Card over the last few weeks at Mass please collect one from the church foyer to fill in and return. Thank you.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

- RECENTLY DECEASED:** Fr Greg Dowling OAM & DE, Gabriel Knight, Shane MacGowan.
- IN MEMORIAM:** Olga Fialho, Maria Pereira, Rocco De Lorenzo, Henry Restall.
- THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Lez Meyers, David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Maeve Reardon, Greg Forrester, Anupiya Menikdiwela, Henrica Hanny, Peter Basile, Antonina Gangi, Agnes Fernandez, Seamus Quinn.

(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](http://www.cam.org.au/millpark)

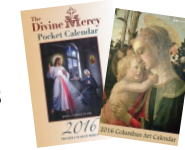
### ST FRANCIS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT! TONIGHT @ 7 PM!

You are invited to our Parish-School Carol's Night to be held on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7 pm** in St Francis Hall.

Enjoy Carol singing by our School and Parish Choirs! Sausage Sizzle & Drinks for sale. Everyone is invited!



The Piety Stall is now selling the 2023 Divine Mercy and Columban Art Church calendars. Buy your copy now so as not to be disappointed. Thank you.



We are very thankful and grateful to the Samoan choir, who joined us last weekend, for the angelic singing they brought to our church.



### CAROL SINGING AT WESTFIELD PLENTY VALLEY!

COME & HEAR our 5.00 pm Sunday Youth Choir sing Christmas Carols at Westfield Plenty Valley, on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, at 7 pm, on the outdoor stage in the Dining Area. All Parishioners are encouraged to come to listen and support our choir as they witness to the true spirit of Christmas to the shoppers.



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 17th December. Thank you for your generous support.



Our parish would like to thank the Coburg branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross who donated this crib scene to our parish to be displayed. This crib scene had been placed on the corner of Bell St and Sydney Road in Coburg for 30 years and we hope it will have a long association with our parish on this, the 800th anniversary of St Francis of Assisi creating the first crib scene.



The Wellness group is seeking donations of unwanted teapots and cotton or cotton or polyester material to help with its fundraising. Please leave at Parish Office or give to Sr Anh. Thank you.



### ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

Since the start of the war, millions of Ukrainians have fled their home country, with thousands of refugees coming to Australia.

In response to the continued conflict in Ukraine, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli is launching a special Advent appeal, the proceeds of which will go towards providing aid and practical assistance to those who have been displaced and are without basic supplies, especially as winter approaches.

'There are no winners in war, only families torn apart. Sadly, this is the painful reality facing so many at this time,' Archbishop Comensoli reflected. 'I'm inviting the faithful of Melbourne to offer whatever they can at this time. And I pray that, together, we can be a sign of God's nearness to those who need it most.'

Please collect a Christmas card from the Archbishop from the church foyer.

Christmas timetable cards are now available in the church foyer. Please take one home.