



# St Francis of Assisi Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19TH NOVEMBER 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>	1st December
<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)
- MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS** - Holy Souls envelopes for the month of November are available in the Church foyer.
- PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION** - There will be NO Cells All Leaders Meeting this Tuesday 21st November.
- EUROPE PILGRIMAGE** - One of our parishioners has organised a pilgrimage to Europe, the 'Glory of Europe' tour. It will run for 19 days from 31st March to 19th April 2024. If you are interested contact Gigimon on 0402 652 646.
- MEN'S GROUP** - Men's group will recommence on Wednesday 6th December at 7 pm in the Community Room.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

- RECENTLY DECEASED:** Eddie Noyan, Mark Smeriglio, Norma Boyer, Antonio Torcacio.
- IN MEMORIAM:** George Simmons, Joseph Nguyen, Lawrence Rozario, Natale Della Vittoria, Anna Altavilla, Mary Camilleri.
- THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Lez Meyers, David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Maeve Reardon, Greg Forrester, Anupiya Menikdiwela, Henrica Hanny, Peter Basile.

(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)

Dear Parishioners,

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated every year on November 21, commemorates "that dedication of herself which Mary made to God from her very childhood under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit who filled her with grace at her Immaculate Conception." The Presentation allows Mary to exercise her free will and choose to live her life devoted to God. Mary's choice lends us an example to follow. Each day is an opportunity for us to renew and recommit ourselves to the Lord's service, just as she did in the temple. May we follow Mary's example of faith and actions of faith.

This week we held a funeral for one of our parishioners Eddie Noyan. In my first year here at this parish I have never before experienced an occasion that brought everyone together to the church from all the different parish groups with such love, often reserved for more joyous occasions or prominent figures. Seeing everyone come together as one family touched my heart and was a powerful example of our faith through actions of love and kindness. As St James said, "I will show you my faith by my deeds" (James 2:18). May Our Lady help us keep our light burning brightly.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr Zaher, Assistant Priest.

### PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY NOVEMBER 21



On Tuesday 21st November there will be a rosary before morning Mass at 8:45 am and morning tea after Mass for the feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All are welcome.

*If you are able to assist an elderly lady who lives in Thomastown by driving her to our church for Mass on weekends please phone the parish office.*

Prayer cards for peace in the Middle East are available in the church foyer.

### PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION

*Cells Christmas Break up  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December!*

*Everyone is invited to our Cells Christmas Party to be held in St Francis Hall on  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00 pm,  
with shared Dinner & live Christmas Carols.  
Enquiries: 9407 6700 (leave a message)*

### PARISH CENSUS

Continuing over the next two weeks, we invite each member of our parish to participate in our census process. By completing the census form, which will be made available during Mass this weekend, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community. Data from this census will also enable the parish to strategically plan for important events, ministries, and other future endeavours. Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality. Thank you.



Please support the youth of St Francis of Assisi to fundraise for "Face to Face - A Retreat on Real Presence 2023"

This retreat provides youth who did not attend WYD 2023 an opportunity to attend a 3 day (2 night) Catholic retreat aimed at 12-19 year olds. An opportunity not to be missed!!!

Life Teen Mill Park thanks you for all for your ongoing generosity and for supporting such an importance cause! God bless!

All items are specially handmade/custom-made with Christmas themed designs, to be sold at each mass **THIS WEEKEND!**



### WELLNESS GROUP CHRISTMAS STALL

Next weekend the Wellness Group will hold a Christmas Stall to fund-raise. The stall will be cash only.



### GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the people affected by the conflict.



**DONATE NOW**  
[www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza)  
1800 024 413

### ST FRANCIS CAROLS BY ANDLELIGHT!

**SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER @ 7 PM**

You are invited to our Parish-School Carol's Night to be held on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6:45 pm** in St Francis Hall.

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



**Keep the date free!**