



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Cruz
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Ignacia Coching - 9407 6707	YOUTH MINISTER	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6705
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SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Mark Basile - 9407 3100	DEACON	Simeon Anthony

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

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Recently Deceased: Alphonso Berton, Nicola Ciavarella, Herman Salomon, Rita Nathan
Death Anniversaries: Beatrice O'Brien, Mila Rivera, Felisa Laqui San Agwstin, Antonio Alicastro, Teresa Alicastro, Jacqy Vella
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.

Reading Roster:	25/26 January (Week 4)	1/2 February (Week 1)
Sat. 5.00 pm:	Shammi Jayasuriya & Sarah Wallace	Gaby Callegari & Michelle Vanvelzon
Sun. 9.00 am:	Angela Royston & Carlo Stocco	Peppy Adi-Purnomo & Franca Wollensack
Sun. 10.30 am:	Vangie Gregorio & Julie Kerr	Candida D'Souza & Veronica Cordeiro
Counting Roster:	26th January (Team 8)	2nd February (Team 1)
	M Dempsey, C & D Stocco, M Lin Yap	R & H Baz, M Wojtonis, J Chamoun
Altar Linen Cleaning Roster:	27 January - 2 February	3 - 9 February
	Jenny Galati	Tina Da Costa

Next Week's Readings: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 23:7-10. R. v. 8 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend there will be a special collection for those affected by the bushfires
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.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

FAMILY FAIR 2020

Our Family Fair in 2020 will be on **Sunday 22nd March. Preparations have begun and many volunteers will be needed. Please support all the generous sponsors of our Fair.**
Contact 9407 6700 for more information.



FAMILY FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Family Fair Committee on Wednesday 5th February at 7:00pm in the school staffroom. If you are interested in joining, new members are welcome.

PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION

Our **Parish Cell Groups** resume next week, from Monday 3rd February at their normal times and venues.

Our first **All Leaders Meeting** will be on Tuesday 4th February at 7.30pm in the community room.



CHOIR HOLIDAY

Next week all of our choirs will resume. We hope they have had a refreshing break.

LIVING IN CHRIST SEMINAR

Internationally renowned speakers from Sri Lanka, Bro. Lalith Perera together with Fr. Augustine Vallooran from India, will lead us in Healing Adoration & Sharing the Word followed by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

Sunday 9th February, 2020
 6.30pm – 8.30pm at St Francis Church Mill Park
 ALL WELCOME
 Enquiries: Rukmal 0411 468 571 or Shammi 0403558776

Saint Who?

Saints Who Renewed Parish Life
Saint Joseph Baptist de Rossi
 (Priest) Feast: 23rd May

Born of simple folk in Voltaggio, Liguria, Italy, John went at the age of thirteen to study in Rome under the care of one of his relatives. John's desire to give himself was great, and in his youth he took on numerous mortifications that led to stomach problems and epileptic fits. Later in life, he would counsel young people to fast with prudence.

John was ordained as a priest of Rome in 1721. He devoted himself to the genuine needs of the local church, preaching in the forum to the cattlemen and the shepherds and visiting the desperately ill. On the streets he met many women who had fallen into prostitution; eventually, he founded a home for them. Prisoners especially moved his heart, and he spent much time with the convicted. One Lent, John gave most of his time to catechising adults. "Catechesis," he said, "is worth more than a well observed Lent."

John was a priest for eighteen years before he sought the faculty to hear confessions. Afterward, the reconciliation of souls became his main occupation. He spoke words that healed wounded hearts.

Toward the end of his life, the epilepsy of his early days returned with a vengeance, and John suffered paralyzing fits. He submitted to the pain, rosary in hand. The "apostle to the abandoned," John was venerated soon after his death in 1764.

Merciful Father, through the intercessions of Saint John Baptist de Rossi, make me a bringer of mercy.

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Saint Vincenzo Romano
 (Priest) Feast: 20th December

Vincenzo Romano was born in 1751 in Torre del Greco, Italy, on the slopes of Mount Vesuvius. His parents were poor, yet maintained a peaceful home in which Vincenzo began to read the writings of Saint Alphonsus de Ligouri. Though they hoped that Vincenzo would become a goldsmith, they accepted his decision to enter the seminary at the age of fourteen.

Vincenzo was ordained in 1775, and assigned to Santa Croce parish, which included his entire hometown. The rest of Vincenzo's life was spent among his own. The poor and children - especially the abandoned ones - drew his attention. He devoted much time to catechesis of youth and personally encouraged young men who showed a desire for the priesthood. Vincenzo preached in a simple, direct style that moved hearts.

When Mount Vesuvius erupted on 15 June 1794, lava engulfed Torre del Greco. Vincenzo threw his own back into the rebuilding effort, earning the nickname "the worker priest." In the midst of political strife, Vincenzo oversaw the construction of a new parish church that was more beautiful than its predecessor.

In 1825, Vincenzo fell and broke his left femur. He accepted a slow, painful decline with patience. He died of pneumonia on 20 December 1831. Pope Francis canonised Vincenzo in 2018.

Compassionate Father, through the intercession of Saint Vincenzo Romano, protect me from indifference. Help me to throw myself into the tasks you have given me.