



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 11TH DECEMBER 2022

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

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
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 – 10:30 am concluding with Benediction

VIGIL MASS: 1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to Midnight Mass.

FILIPINO MASS: 2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.

MALTESE MASS: 3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.

ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS: 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm.

INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS: 3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Wednesday 7:30 am - 7:30 pm

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH: 1st Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: 2nd Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.

NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM): Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

LEGION OF MARY: Every Thursday at 10:15 am in the church fellowship area. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.

WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP: Every Friday at 7:00 pm in the chapel. Contact Nancy - 0434 559 352.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP: Contact Regina - 0432 267 557 or Alfons and Helen Glatzel - 9404 2050.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Every Friday at 3:00 pm in the chapel and after Friday morning 9:15 am Mass.

AGAPEE RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING: Every Sunday at 6:30 pm in the chapel. Contact Gigimon - 0402 652 646.

LIFE TEEN: Every Sunday during school terms after 5pm Mass. Contact Carmel at millpark.youthministry@cam.org.au for further details.

JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP: Every Thursday at 7 pm in the chapel. Contact Lovely - 0411 208 706.

CATECHIST R.E. CLASSES: For all enquiries contact May Park at sfranciscatechist@gmail.com.au

Next Mass: 6th January
Next Mass: 11th December
Next Mass: 17th December
Next Mass: 13th December
Next Mass: 18th February

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.

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE - Christmas timetable cards are available in the foyer of the church. Please take one home.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DECEASED: Valda Kelly.

IN MEMORIAM: Brian Fernandez, Lidia Calafiore, Connie Tabone, Joseph Spiteri, Charlie Camilleri, Merlyn Meyers, Edward Roks, Crispine De Vos, Maria Katty, VJ Alexander.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL: David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Zahra McMahon, Herve Incoul, Francis Mendoza, Hazel Neilson, Joan Oram, Lez Meyers, Maeve Reardon.

(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

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>. 2. 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.

CHANGES TO THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

As the practice of administering Holy Communion throughout the Archdiocese has returned to pre-covid times people may receive Communion as they prefer from either the priests or the extraordinary ministers of Communion. These changes will come into effect on Monday 12th December.

Through its 'Global Gifts' program, Caritas Australia—the international aid and development organisation of the Catholic Church in Australia - invites you to share a gift that can change a life. Your Global Gift will help bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable people. Gifts range in price from \$10 - providing a chicken to students in the Solomon Islands and helping them improve their livelihoods - to \$600 for the construction of a water borehole, providing clean water to a community in Tanzania. www.globalgifts.org.au

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 be 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.

CAROL SINGING AT WESTFIELD PLENTY VALLEY! TODAY!

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 to Christmas Carols 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 **NEXT WEEKEND**, Sunday 18th December. Thank you for your generous support.



The Piety Stall is now selling the 2022 Divine Mercy and Columban Art Church calendars for \$10 each and also the 2023 Mass reading books. Buy your copy now so as not to be disappointed. Thank you.



You are warmly invited to the final Charismatic Mass for 2022 and Christmas break-up at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Ck Rd, Nth Greensborough. Thursday, 15th December commencing with praise & worship at 7.30pm followed by Mass at 8pm. Enquiries: Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902.

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 (preferred for contact) Phone: 9326 1895