



# St Francis of Assisi Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 17TH DECEMBER 2023

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| <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         |

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| <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<br>Wednesday 7:00 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help |
| <b>RECONCILIATION</b>     | Wednesday evening after Mass and Novena<br>Saturday 9:45 am                 |
| <b>ADORATION</b>          | Saturday 9:45 am – 10:45 am concluding with Benediction                     |

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| <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> | 11th February |
| <b>MALTESE MASS:</b>                        | 3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.  | <b>Next Mass:</b> | 17th February |
| <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:** Joven Mercado, Agnes Fernandez, Patricia Donahoo.
- IN MEMORIAM:** Henry Restall.
- THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Lez Meyers, David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Maeve Reardon, Greg Forrester, Anupiya Menikdiwela, Henrica Hanny, Peter Basile, Antonina Gangi, 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)



This week we will welcome back Fr Anthony to the parish. The "Acting Parish Priest" is relieved and very ready to hand back the reigns.

### CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

#### Mass Timetable

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| <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>          |                   |
| 5:00 pm                              | Saturday 23rd Dec |
| 9:00 am                              | Sunday 24th Dec   |
| 10:30 am                             | Sunday 24th Dec   |
| <i>Christmas Eve Sunday 24th Dec</i> |                   |
| 5:00 pm                              | Family Vigil Mass |
| 6:30 pm                              | Nativity Play     |
| 7:00 pm                              | Vigil Mass        |
| 9:00 pm                              | Tagalog Mass      |
| 11:30 pm                             | Christmas Carols  |
| <i>Christmas Day Monday 25th Dec</i> |                   |
| 12:00 am                             | Midnight Mass     |
| 9:00 am                              | Christmas Mass    |
| 10:30 am                             | Christmas Mass    |

#### Confessions

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| Monday 18th Dec    | 9:45 - 10:30 am |
| Tuesday 19th Dec   | 9:45 - 10:30 am |
| Wednesday 20th Dec | 9:45 - 10:30 am |
| Thursday 21st Dec  | 9:45 - 10:30 am |
| Friday 22nd Dec    | 9:45 - 10:30 am |
| Saturday 23rd Dec  | 9:45 - 10:45 am |



Please note, there is an obligation to attend Mass both for the 4th Sunday of Advent and for Christmas. One Mass does not suffice for both obligations.



### PLEASE BE AWARE:

There have been opportunists targeting churches pretending to help with collections or money counting and then stealing the money. If anyone you don't recognize asks to help with money collecting do not allow them.

You are warmly invited to our final Charismatic Mass for 2023 and Christmas break-up at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Ck Rd, Nth Greensborough. Thursday, 21st December commencing with praise & worship at 7.30pm followed by Mass at 8pm. Enquiries: Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902.

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.



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

**THANKSGIVING RECEIPTS & NEW ENVELOPES**  
Thanksgiving receipts for those that contribute via all methods, and new sets of envelopes have now been posted and should be received by next week. Thank you for your continued support.

### CAROL SINGING AT WESTFIELD PLENTY VALLEY - THIS WEDNESDAY!

COME & HEAR our 5.00 pm Sunday Youth Choir sing Christmas Carols at Westfield Plenty Valley, on Wednesday, 20th 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.



A huge thank you to all parishioners for the wonderful response to the 2023 St Vincent De Paul Annual Appeal for donations of gifts for needy families in our Parish. We thank you for your faithful support and generosity, which helps make their Christmas brighter. We wish you and your loved ones a happy, holy and joyous Christmas.



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.



### HOLIDAY ROSTERS

The rosters for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion will continue during January. If you will be absent or on holiday on your rostered turn, please contact another person to take your place.

**CHOIRS ON BREAK DURING JANUARY**  
During January our choirs at Mass will have a well-earned break. We thank them for the talents they share with us faithfully every week.

### 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.