



**St Francis of Assisi Parish**  
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**PARISH BULLETIN** **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** **18TH DECEMBER 2022**

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

<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 7:30 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 – 10:30 am concluding with Benediction

<b>VIGIL MASS:</b>	1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to Midnight Mass.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	6th January
<b>FILIPINO MASS:</b>	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	12th February
<b>MALTESE MASS:</b>	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	18th February
<b>ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:</b>	1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	20th December
<b>INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:</b>	3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	18th 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>ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:</b>	2nd Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.		
<b>NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):</b>	Every Tuesday at 7:00 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 Friday morning 9:15 am Mass.		
<b>AGAPEE 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.au		

**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.  
**ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIFTS** - All gifts for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas tree must be returned by TODAY.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Father Joseph Patrick Hynan PE.  
**IN MEMORIAM:** Lidia Calafiore, Ana & Frank Udovce.  
**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](http://www.cam.org.au/millpark)*

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**CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE**

**MASS TIMETABLE**  
*Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December*  
 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  
*Christmas Day Sunday 25th December*  
 12:00 am Midnight Mass  
 9:00 am Christmas Mass  
 10:30 am Christmas Mass

**CONFESSIONS**  
 Monday 19th December 9:45 am - 10:30 am  
 Tuesday 20th December 9:45 am - 10:30 am  
 Wednesday 21st December 9:45 am - 10:30 am  
 Thursday 22nd December 9:45 am - 10:30 am  
 Friday 23rd December 9:45 am - 10:30 am  
 Saturday 24th December 9:45 am - 10:30 am

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Dear parishioners, this weekend Fr Zaher celebrates his twelfth anniversary of priestly ordination. May God bless him in his priesthood and the ministry he shares with us at our parish.  
*'Ad multos annos.'*

The Piety Stall is now selling the 2023 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.  
*(Could the person who ordered the 4 x 300mm Holy Family Statues please collect them from the piety stall.)*

The St Vincent de Paul Mill Park Conference would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Christmas Tree Appeal this year for your faithful support and generosity. Your donations are greatly appreciated.  
**Thank You!**

**JANUARY 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.

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](http://www.globalgifts.org.au)

**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.

**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 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.

**MASS DISPENSATION**  
 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.).