



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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Parish Bulletin Fourth Sunday of Lent March 31st 2019

PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Cruz
DEACON	Rev Andrew Choi - 9407 6711	PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Ignacia Coching - 9407 6707
YOUTH MINISTER	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6705	PARISH ADMINISTRATION	Bernice Quinn - 9407 6700
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Mark Basile - 9407 3100	PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Rachel Massouh - 9407 6701

WEEKEND MASS TIMES	Saturday vigil: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm	LENTEN PROGRAM Stations of the Cross each Friday straight after the 9:15 am Mass and at 7 pm followed directly by Mass.
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: 5th April
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass: 14th April
ITALIAN MASS:	2nd Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am. Rosary 11 am.	Next Mass: 9th April
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Sat of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass: 20th April
DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:	Every Friday after 9:15am Mass and 2:45 pm in the chapel.	Next Novena: 5th April
YOUNG ADULTS MERCY NIGHT:	Last Friday of the month 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm.	Next Night: 26th April
ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:	1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.	Next Mass: 2nd April
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm. (NO MASS IN APRIL)	Next Mass: 18th May
JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP:	3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:45 pm in the Chapel.	Next Night: 16th April
MEN'S NIGHT:	First Wed of the month at 7 pm. Contact Frank - 0414648475.	Next Night: 3rd April
MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS:	2nd Sat of the month 6:30 pm. Rosary, Mass, Adoration.	Next Mass: 13th April
NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):	Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.	
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 - mpchildrenlit@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	
PLAYGROUP:	Every Thursday during school terms in small hall. Contact Katherine - 0402 858 724.	

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Recently Deceased: Antonio Romano.
Death Anniversaries: Francis Cooray, Josephine Cooray, Kenneth Newcastle, Mablie Ferrugia, Marlene Ganad, Agnus Walshe.
Those who are ill: Zack Mifsud, Fr Joe Yu, David Wallace, Anthony Lethbridge, Sam Pisani, Maria Concepcion Alcedo, Danuata Plaskota, Antonia Zaccaria, Pat Gioffre, Rebecca Scaringi, Marina Manabat.

Reading Roster	30/31 March - Week 5	6/7 April - Week 1
Sat. 5:00 pm:	Gaby & Caroline Callegari	Gaby & Michelle Vanvelzon
Sun. 9.00 am:	D&M Ramsey & P Adi-Purnomo/F Wollensack	Savio Fernandes & Anagi Perera
Sun. 10.30 am:	Judith Wright & Julie Kerr	Candida D'Souza & Helen Javier
Counting Roster:	31 March - Team 5	7 April - Team 6
	R Nightingale, A Zerna, J Goh, K Saviane	M & C Saliba, M Cellini
Altar Linen Cleaning Roster:	1 - 7 April	8 - 14 April
	Carmen L.	Nena Smith

Next Week's Readings: Ps 42:1-2, Isa 43:16-21. Ps 125. R. v. 3. Jn 8:1-11.

WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP: 5th April - Mass followed by Healing Prayers in the chapel.
ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE: The next Altar Servers practice will be held on 6th April at 2 pm in the Church.
PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION: The Cells All Leaders Meeting will be on this Tuesday, 2nd April at 7.30 pm in the Community Room.



Many happy returns to Fr Anthony as you celebrate your 60th birthday from all at St Francis of Assisi parish!

HOLY HOUR IN THE CHAPEL

There will be Holy Hour every Saturday night during Lent from 6 to 7 pm as a spiritual support for Exodus 90. All welcome, even if you are not undertaking Exodus 90.

READERS AND SPECIAL MINISTERS FOR EASTER CEREMONIES

Readers and Special Ministers are needed for the Easter Ceremonies. Please fill in your name on the roster in the Church foyer if you are able to help.

LENTEN CONCERT - TODAY!

'ASHES TO EASTER' with Peter Kearney

Sunday 31st March, 2.00pm, St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall.
 Suggested donation \$10 payable to Sr Ignacia or the parish office.
 Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic songwriter, singer and guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House', 'The Beatitudes' and 'Where Is Your Song, my Lord?'.
 His concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter.
 "Ashes to Easter creates a prayerful and spiritual atmosphere ... a worthwhile part of the Lenten journey".
 Call Sr Ignacia on 0413 345 019 for any enquiries.

Catechist Sacrament Dates

Reconciliation: Tuesday 17th September 4:00 pm
 First Communion: Sunday 20th October 2:00 pm
 Confirmation: Saturday 16th November 11:30 am



PRAYER COMPANIONS

Our Parish is offering prayers for people after 9 am & 10.30 am Masses. If you have a special intention come to the Chapel after Mass today and someone will say a prayer with you. Your confidentiality will be respected.

Alpha is Coming!

The next Alpha Course will run in Term 2, 2019, starting 2nd May

Explore questions of life and faith and make new friendships at Alpha! Alpha is an exciting refresher Course in the Christian faith. The Alpha Course in 2019 will start on Thursday, 2nd May, and run for ten Thursdays, to be held in St Francis Hall. Alpha will start at 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm. Enquiries: 9407 6700.

THE LENTEN PILGRIM

We are offered this gracious time, when we can reflect on what has formed us since we trod last year's Lenten path. And we are offered beautiful and ancient tools to help us enter into this time. These Lenten practices cultivate an environment in which we are able to think more deeply about God and about how we are responding to God's call in our daily lives. Visit the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation Melbourne at www.cam.org.au/evangelisation to download a range of free and easy-to-use resources for the Season of Lent including a poster of Daily Lenten reflections, booklets, checklist for the Triduum, Liturgy outline for Ash Wednesday and seasonal articles on *The Summit Online*.



Fourth Sunday of Lent
31st March 2019



Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis center in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential health care, employment and training for First Australians like Michaela.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL ENROLMENT FOR 2020 PREPS

Enrolments for 2020 are now being taken. Enrolment packs can be collected from the School Office or downloaded from the school website www.sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au

Final Open Day
Saturday 4 May 9.30 am - 12 pm
Information & Enrolment Evening
Tuesday 2 April 7:00 pm



To book a school tour call 9407 3100. Bookings are essential. Applications close May 24th 2019. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the School on 9407 3100 or email the Principal, Mr Mark Basile at principal@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au

STATIONS OF THE CROSS / PASSION PLAY

Stations of the Cross with a live Passion Play will take place on Good Friday at 9.30 am outside the Small Hall. More people are needed to take part in the Passion Play. Contact the Parish Office: 9407 6700.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE ST MARY MACKILLOP SYDNEY 27th and 28th July 2019

Return economy class airfare.
 1 night accommodation hotel in North Sydney.
 2 course dinner, breakfast and lunch.
 Visiting tomb, Museum, Site Seeing by Coach.
 St Mary's Cathedral for Mass on Sunday.
 Visiting St. Peters Church built in 1880.
 Please let us know if you are going to be attending, \$200.00 deposit P/P is required by **26th of June**.
 Please contact Elio & Chiara for booking or any queries on 0449 193 511 or 0439 612 694.

We cannot ignore the fact that there is as much slavery in the world today, as there was before, or perhaps more – said Pope Francis last month.

Can't find slavery-free Easter eggs in your supermarket?

Ten years ago there was almost no slavery-free chocolate in our supermarkets in Australia. Now, because of public pressure and consumer demands, most supermarkets will sell some. Thank you for contributing to the demand for slavery-free chocolate, but we have a long way to go. **Good news:** There is now slavery-free chocolate available in so many places. It tastes delicious and is no more expensive than other chocolate. Try ALDI, Haighs, OXFAM and leading supermarkets.

The Catholic Archdiocese Melbourne is also converting to slavery-free tea and coffee. Get on board!

Action: When you go to your local supermarket, look for chocolate that has one of these three symbols. If you can't find any, ask the manager if they stock any. <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter/> for information and resources.

