



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 7TH MAY 2023

PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Zaher Almhanna
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.	Next Mass:	2nd June
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass:	14th May
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass:	20th May
ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:	1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm.	Next Mass:	9th May
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm.	Next Mass:	20th May
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.		
ANOINTING 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 Tuesday 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 stfranciscatechist@gmail.com.au		

IMPORTANT REMINDER
Please do not attend Mass if you are unwell in any way or with any symptoms of illness (covid or otherwise).
HAND SANITISATION
If you wish to sanitise your hands before receiving communion please provide your own hand sanitiser.

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 CELLS OF EVANGELISATION - The Cells Executive Meeting will be on this Tuesday, 9th May, at 7.30 pm in the Community Room.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DECEASED: Angelica Das.
IN MEMORIAM: Gilberto Biondi, Conchita Peralta, Zenaida Santos, Merlyn Meyers, Joseph Cyschieri, Susan Fernandes.
THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Lez Meyers, David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Maeve Reardon, Fr Brian Carey, Joan Oram, Hazel Neilson.

(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

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

This weekend Julie Zaar will speak about the work of the Aid to the Church in Need, that brings assistance and support to Christians suffering persecution throughout the world. It aims to keep the faith alive and well in very difficult circumstances.

Mother's Day Sale May 13th-14th

Let's celebrate all the mothers & spiritual mothers in our lives!

Fantastic variety of items on offer for mothers, grandmothers, aunts, godmothers, sisters, friends and even yourself!!

All items specially handmade and custom-made with saint quotes & other Catholic icons.

All proceeds go towards
WYD Lisbon 2023 Fundraising
CARD & CASH AVAILABLE




HOURS OF GRACE

Hours of Grace (Perpetual adoration) is a national initiative of Jesus Youth Australia, that occurs from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday across many parishes in Australia. These are moments of Grace where Jesus invites each one of us into an intimate encounter for living embrace and to pray for the various needs of the world and Church. This year we will be having HOG at our Parish as follows:

Thursday 11th May - 10 am to 8 pm
Friday 12th May - 10 am to 8 pm
Saturday 13th May - 10 am to 5 pm

Individuals and groups are encouraged to come together for prayers. The Chapel will remain open for entire time and Blessed Sacrament will be exposed except during liturgies.

A roster is available at the entrance of the church for those who wish to sign on in advance for a selected period of time.

DIVINE MERCY - INTERNATIONAL PRESENTER FATHER CHRIS ALAR - FRIDAY 2ND JUNE

Father Chris Alar will be offering Mass and giving an oration.

The evening programme is as follows:
6:30pm Rosary
7:00pm Mass - Principal Celebrant Fr Chris Alar
8:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8:30pm Oration - Fr Chris Alar
Confessions will be heard from 7:00pm onwards

Following Fr Chris Alar's talk First Friday devotions will continue until Mass at Midnight.

**** THIS IS NOT A TICKETED EVENT ****

First in best dressed - seats will not be reserved or held for latecomers. Book sales will be available in the foyer.

This weekend four of our seven grade 3 classes will make their First Holy Communion. May they be blessed in their faith in the Eucharist.

This weekend we also welcome the children of Marymede to the 10:30 am Mass who are preparing for their First Holy Communion. May we support them with our prayers.

WELLNESS GROUP
Mothers day Cards made by the Wellness group are available in the Church foyer for a gold coin donation. All proceeds will go towards World Youth Day.

MAY - MONTH OF OUR LADY
Legion of Mary will lead the Rosary at 8:45 am every Monday to Friday.

1. Peace in the World
2. Priests and all Religious
3. Conversions of Sinners
4. Souls in Purgatory
5. The Sick of our Parish

Congratulations to the Passionist Family Groups! This weekend marks the 50th anniversary of the "birth" of the movement in May 1973.



At St Francis, we have had Passionist Family Groups for more than 30 years. Later this year, we will mark this momentous achievement at the annual celebration of our own Passionist Family Groups on Saturday 21st October.

The Passionist Family Group logo captures what the family groups are. A heart encloses a cross section of different people, reminding us that the movement is about love. The cross within demonstrates that we carry each other's crosses, and the cross within the heart also remind us that the cross is the greatest sign we have of God's love.

The motto, "a family for all" is the whole philosophy of the Passionist Family Groups. Groups include people of different ages, cultures and very often a spouse of a different faith. People find a practical way of living the gospel – not through discussion, but through practical care and support of one another. This in turn brings us to a deeper understanding of the faith we are trying to live.

We welcome any new member.
Happy 50th Anniversary to the international Passionist Family Group Movement!
Regina Huning, Parish Coordinator.

Caritas AUSTRALIA Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.
Project Compassion boxes may be left in the Church foyer or Sacristy.

SISTERS FROM BELARUS
On 20th & 21st May the sisters from Belarus will be selling Holy Artefacts to support their important work for the many needy people within their care.

"DO I HAVE A PURPOSE?"
"IS THERE MORE TO THIS LIFE?"
"WHAT AM I DOING HERE?"
"WHAT IS THERE A GOD?"

ALPHA HAS ARRIVED!
The Alpha Course continues this Thursday.
It is not too late to join!

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 2023 has started on Thursday, 20th April, 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.
Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/1033171>

CATECHIST CLASSES 2023

Catechist classes will begin on Tuesday 11th July at 4:15 pm - 5 pm. Enrolments are now open. Enrolment and payment forms are available on our website (under application forms tab) or from the parish office. These forms can be emailed back to stfranciscatechist@gmail.com.au Alternatively, you can phone the parish office on 9407 6700.

- The following classes are offered:
- Pre-Sacramental - Children in Years Prep, One or Two
 - First Reconciliation - Minimum Year Three level
 - First Eucharist - Students who have already received First Reconciliation
 - Confirmation - Minimum Year Six level who have already received First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

This year, classes will run during term three on Tuesdays from 4:15-5:00pm. We look forward to sharing this faith journey with you and your children this year. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact May Park at stfranciscatechist@gmail.com.au