



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 26TH MARCH 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:** 5th May

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:** 15th April

ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS: 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm. **Next Mass:** 28th March

INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS: 3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm. **Next Mass:** 15th April

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

LENTEN DEVOTIONS: Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent after 9:15 am Mass and at 7pm before Mass.

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
As our stores of hand sanitiser have become depleted we will phase out the hand sanitisation stations within the Church. Hand sanitisation stations will remain in the foyer.

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.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA - The Friday morning Divine Mercy Novena will be recited on Tuesdays after 9.15 mass during Lent only. The normal 3 pm Friday Novena in the chapel will continue.

WOOL DONATIONS - The Wellness Activity Group is looking for donations of baby wool. If you are able to help please bring donations to the parish office. Thank you.

HOLY LAND OLIVE WOOD - Next weekend Holy Land Olive Wood will hold a stall after all Masses.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Biviano.

IN MEMORIAM: Philomena Pereira, Menino Dias, Rosemay Bignoux, Elias Tranquille, Jarrod Debono, Marlene Condello, Clint Caruana.

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

The newsletter will be available each week on our website www.cam.org.au/millpark

ARCHBISHOP'S PARISH VISITATION

It is with great joy that we welcome Archbishop Peter Comensoli to our parish for the first time. This pastoral visit will provide the Archbishop with first hand knowledge of the life and nature of all aspects of our parish. As the Shepherd of the Catholic Church in Melbourne he is seeking to know his flock more personally and in the words of Pope Francis 'to gain the smell of his sheep'. I hope everyone will take the opportunity to speak to the Archbishop personally. Introduce yourself by name and introduce your family to him as well. Tell him how long you have been part of the parish and what the parish means to you. In time to come he will give us an appraisal of his visit for all to see. May God bless the Archbishop in his mission of faith.

Palms for Palm Sunday
If anyone is able to donate palm branches for Palm Sunday would you please contact the parish office on 9407 6700. We can arrange a pick up. Many thanks.



Thank you to all those that helped with the working bee last weekend. Your help was very much appreciated. *Thank you*

PALM SUNDAY - The blessing and distribution of palms will occur outside the church 10 minutes before the beginning of each Mass.

FIAT - A WEEKEND OF PRAYER
On Saturday morning during our usual devotional prayers after the 9:15 am Mass we set aside a time of prayer commemorating the acceptance—Fiat, of Our Lady to the message given to her by the Angel Gabriel to be the Mother of Our Lord. May Our Lady's example on the feast of the Annunciation bring an inspiration to all of us to accept our Heavenly Father's will for each of us.

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 starting near the Small Hall. More people are needed to take part in the Passion Play. Contact the Parish Office: 9407 6700.



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENT FOR 2024

Enrolments for 2024 are now being taken. You are invited to view our facilities and meet our staff and students. Applications close Friday 12th May 2023.



2023 OPEN DAY
Saturday 1st April 9:00 am - 11:30 am

2023 SCHOOL TOURS
Tours are conducted every Tuesday at 9:30 am throughout terms 1 & 2 - bookings essential. Please call the office to arrange a suitable time.

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Türkiye-Syria Earthquake Disaster Caritas AUSTRALIA

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Türkiye and Syria. Over 50,000 people have been killed, with many more injured and left homeless. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs assistance.

We must act NOW and help those affected by this catastrophe. Your generous donation means our partners in Türkiye and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy.

Visit: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

ALPHA IS COMING! The next Alpha Course will run in Term 2, starting 20th April.

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 will start 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>

WALK FOR JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES

In advocating for the just and humane treatment of people seeking asylum in Australia, the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) would like to invite you to walk alongside teachers, students, principals, parents, parishioners, priests and individuals from Catholic schools, churches, and communities across Victoria this Palm Sunday at the 'Walk for Justice for Refugees'.

Sunday, April 2, 2023 1:00pm – 4:00pm
State Library of Victoria, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne

CHRISM MASS Saturday, April 1, 2023 10 am - 12 pm

St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne
You are warmly invited to join us for the annual Chrism Mass, which will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 1 April at 10am. In this ancient and beautiful liturgy, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, together with all of Melbourne's priests, will bless the oils being used in the sacraments for the year ahead. This year the Mass will be celebrated on a Saturday to enable more people to come along and participate in this significant moment in the Church's calendar.

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