



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4TH FEBRUARY 2024

PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Zaher Almhnna
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YOUTH MINISTER	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6704	PARISH/SCHOOL LIAISON	Ruth Lees - 9407 6703
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 7:00 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help
RECONCILIATION	Wednesday evening after Mass and Novena Saturday 9:45 am
ADORATION	Saturday 9:45 am – 10:45 am concluding with Benediction

VIGIL MASS:	1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to Midnight Mass.	Next Mass:	1st March
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass:	11th February
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass:	17th February
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.	Next Mass:	17th February
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	Wednesday 6:30 am - 7:00 pm in the chapel.		
NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH:	1st Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.		
ANOINTING OF THE SICK:	2nd Wednesday of the month after 9:15am Mass.		
ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:	Resuming 6th February 2024, 7:00pm.		
NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):	Resuming 6th February 2024, 6:30pm.		
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 9:15am Mass.		
AGAPE RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING:	Resuming Sunday 4th February. 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 sfranciscatechist@gmail.com.		

Dear Parishioners,

This week marks the return of many of our parish groups as we now embark on the new year. So welcome back everybody. And of course our choirs will resume duties this weekend. The best way to appreciate our choirs is to sing at Mass with gusto. As St Augustine once said 'he who sings prays twice'.

This year our school enrolments have reached 1256. This is a new record. The total staff number including classroom teachers and all ancillary staff is at 121. So please pray for our school community led by our principal Mr Mark Basile.

In a few weeks time we will be presenting the state of our parish finances. Our hope is to consolidate our financial loans for the future with a project in mind. More details to follow.

God bless, Fr Anthony Girolami.

CELLS LAUNCH 2024

NEXT Sunday 11th February!

All Cell groups, families, and friends are invited to get together for this New Year of Cells in St Francis Hall NEXT Sunday 11th February, starting at 12 pm

- * Inspirational Talk & Discussion! Theme for 2024!
- * Bring your own Lunch / Social time!
- * Bring your friends!

If you are interested in finding out about Cell Groups – Come & see!!
Enquiries contact: 9407 6700



I HATE LENT, BUT I'LL DO IT ANYWAY
Monday, 5th February, 2024

Talk: I hate Lent, but I'll do it anyway
Speaker: Fr Michael Buck
Date: Monday, February 5th, 2024
Live Music: 6:30pm with Kyle Correa

Theology at the Pub is an opportunity for Catholics aged 18-35 (and religious of all ages) to meet, have great conversations over a meal and a drink and listen to interesting talks by engaging Catholic speakers.

Doors open: 6pm
Talk starts: 7:30pm
NEW Location: The Crafty Squire

ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Saturday 10 February 2024
10.30am–11.30am

The Order of Malta invites you to the annual Lourdes Day Mass—an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm, particularly those who would not otherwise have the possibility of visiting Lourdes. The Mass will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant.

For further information, please call Sauro Antonelli on 0411 250 288.

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
- PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION** - Our Parish Cell Groups resume THIS week, from Monday 5th February at their normal times and venues. The Cells All Leaders Meeting will be on this Tuesday 6th February, at 7:30 pm in the Small Hall & via Zoom.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- RECENTLY DECEASED:** Colin Rosario, Tony O'Meara, Ray Forbes.
- IN MEMORIAM:** Bruna Vatta, Brian Fernandez, Ravi Joseph, Caterina Girolami, Joseph Guarnaccia, Gordon O'Rourke, Anthony Safi, Sr Doreen Da Costa, Angelo Soligo, Olivia & Clement Da Costa, Anthony Sebastian Fernando.
- THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Lez Meyers, David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Maeve Reardon, Greg Forrester, Anupiya Menikdiwela, Henrica Hanny, Peter Basile, Antonina Gangi, Seamus Quinn, Gerard Mercovich.

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

SMC St Monica's College, Epping Enrol Now for Year 7, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians & Carers,

If you have a child presently in Grade 6 and have not yet enrolled into St Monica's College for Year 7, 2025 please do so immediately.

Applications for Grade 5 students starting Year 7 in 2026 are now open and will close on Friday, 16 August 2024.

Application for enrolment is available on the St Monica's College Website: www.stmonicas-epping.com/apply. Click on the apply button to complete your online form and submit with documentation required.

If you would like to attend a school tour, please visit our website to make a booking.

For enquiries, please contact the College Registrar, Mrs Lina Sirianni on 9409 8800 or email registrar@stmonicas-epping.com.

ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI ON HOW TO ENTER INTO THE YEAR OF PRAYER

The theme of the 2025 Jubilee Year is 'Pilgrims of hope'—a theme that according to Pope Francis reflects the life of every Christian: 'The Christian, like Mary, is a pilgrim of hope.' To prepare for the jubilee, the Holy Father has called for a Year of Prayer, a time of 'rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world'.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, who was recently in Rome, recorded a special message for the local church of Melbourne, in which he suggests three simple prayers to help us enter into this time of preparation.

'Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory Be ... three simple prayers that can open up our lives. Just to say those three prayers each day would be a lovely thing.'

He encourages viewers to turn to the Bible and spend time reading the gospels and exploring the psalms, which he says 'share the life of faith through all of the human emotions' of needs, joys and hopes. Archbishop Comensoli also challenges the community to pray for those within our own neighbourhoods.