



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11TH FEBRUARY 2024

PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Zaher Almhanna
DEACON	Deacon Jean Sebastien	PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Anh Tran - 9407 6720
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 7:30 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.		

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** - The Cells All Executive Meeting will be on this Tuesday, 13th February, at 7.30 pm in the Small Hall.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- RECENTLY DECEASED:** Anna Colacino, Thomas Loi, Irene Park.
- IN MEMORIAM:** Cyril Fonseca, Ben Soares, Saby Fernandes, Nicholapillai David, Gloria Doria, Benedictus Saputra.
- 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.

(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

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the Lenten season let us support each other with our prayers and also to make a concerted effort to avoid being late for Mass.

The Wednesday morning anointing of the sick will take place on the 21st February.

Please take a project compassion box home with you this weekend.

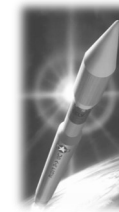
God bless, Fr Anthony Girolami.

CELLS LAUNCH 2024 TODAY 11th February!

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

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

If you are interested in finding out about Cell Groups – Come & see!



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENT FOR 2025

Enrolments for 2025 are now being taken. You are invited to view our facilities and meet our staff and students. Applications close Friday 10th May 2024.

2024 OPEN DAYS

Saturday 2nd March 9:00 am - 11:30 am
Saturday 23rd March 9:00 am - 11:30 am

2024 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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St Francis of Assisi Parish Primary School



7:30 am
9:15 am
10:15 am
12:15 pm
7:30 pm

On Fridays during Lent Stations of the Cross will follow the morning Mass and also be held at 7 pm followed by Mass.



Alpha is Coming!

The next Alpha Course will run in Term 2, 2024, starting 11th 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 2024 will start on Thursday, 11th 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.

Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

A Charismatic Mass with Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated on Thursday 15th February at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Ck Rd, Nth Greensborough. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship, followed by Mass and supper. All welcome. For further details, please contact Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902.

PREPARATION FOR LENT 2024

The Lenten season has a twofold character: it recalls baptism or prepares for it and it stresses a penitential spirit. By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- Prayer** - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
- Self-Denial** - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
- Helping Others** - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened; or in other ways.

- All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast.

- All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252).

- The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.

- Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2024 and Trinity Sunday, 26 May 2024 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.

- The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament. All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.