



# St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN		OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE		26TH NOVEMBER 2023	
PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Zaher Almhnna		
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Anh Tran - 9407 6720	PARISH/SCHOOL LIAISON	Ruth Lees - 9407 6703		
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	Bernice Quinn - 9407 6700	YOUTH MINISTER	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6704		
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Mark Basile - 9407 3100	PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Paul - 9407 6722		
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 December		
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.		Next Mass: 10th December		
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.		Next Mass: 16th December		
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm. (None Dec or Jan)		Next Mass: 17th February		
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 9:15am Mass.					
ST ANTHONY’S PRAYER GROUP MASS: Every Tuesday at 7 pm.					
NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM): Every Tuesday at 7 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 9:15am Mass.					
AGAPE 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.					

## 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](http://www.cam.org.au/millpark)

**MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS** - Holy Souls envelopes for the month of November are available in the Church foyer.

**EUROPE PILGRIMAGE** - One of our parishioners has organised a pilgrimage to Europe, the 'Glory of Europe' tour. It will run for 19 days from 31st March to 19th April 2024. If you are interested contact Gigimon on 0402 652 646.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Juana Robles.

**IN MEMORIAM:** Mary Camilleri, Gregory Silva, George Youssef Abdallah, Houda Gharzouzi.

**THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Lez Meyers, David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Maeve Reardon, Greg Forrester, Anupiya Menikdiwela, Henrica Hanny, Peter Basile, Antonina Gangi, Agnes Fernandez.

*(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](http://www.cam.org.au/millpark)*

## PARISH CENSUS

Finishing this week, we invite each member of our parish to participate in our census process. By completing the census form, which will be made available during Mass this weekend, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community. Data from this census will also enable the parish to strategically plan for important events, ministries, and other future endeavours. Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality. Thank you.

*This Sunday marks the 28th anniversary of the consecration of our church. In the last year I have experienced a parish that is very alive and I pray for St Francis to be a place for prayer, healing, love, mercy, forgiveness and peace.*

*Thank you to the group of Cell Leaders from our parish who spoke at the Proclaim Inaugural Archdiocesan Gathering. We appreciate you all representing our parish and sharing how parish cells of evangelisation has renewed and transformed our parish over the last 25 years.*

*Yours in Christ,  
Fr Zaher.*

*Thank  
you*

*If you are able to assist an elderly lady who lives in Thomastown by driving her to our church for Mass on weekends please phone the parish office.*

Prayer cards for peace in the Middle East are available in the church foyer.

## PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION

*Cells Christmas Break up*

*Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December!*

*Everyone is invited to our Cells Christmas Party to be held in St Francis Hall on*

*Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00 pm,  
with shared Dinner & live Christmas Carols.  
Enquiries: 9407 6700 (leave a message)*

## ST DAMIEN'S ADVENT RETREAT

You are invited to a full-day Advent Retreat on

**December 9, 2023,  
at St Damian's Church,  
5 Settlement Road, Bundoora, Vic 3083.**

The retreat will run from 10 am to 4 pm and promises to be a day of spiritual enrichment and reflection.

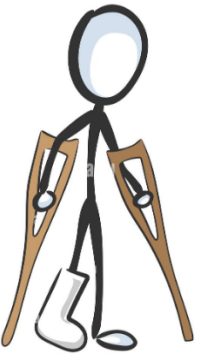
The theme for this special day is  
**"Mary's Yes to God's Call."**

Led by the Melbourne Archdiocesan Proclaim Office, the retreat will encompass various elements such as Praise & Worship, insightful Talks, moments for Reflection, enriching Discussion, and an opportunity for Sharing.

The parish will be providing Morning Tea and Lunch, ensuring a nourishing and enjoyable day for everyone attending. I encourage you to mark this date in your diary and extend this invitation to your friends and families.

## PARISH PRIEST INJURY REPORT

Fr Anthony was due to return from his holidays this week but unfortunately has had a mishap while overseas and after a slip has broken his leg (fractured his distal fibula to be precise). Therefore, his return to the parish will be delayed by a few weeks. Please keep him in your prayers. Please also keep our assistant Fr Zaher in your prayers 😊



## WELLNESS GROUP CHRISTMAS STALL

This weekend the Wellness Group will hold a Christmas Stall to fundraise. The stall will be cash only.



## MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will recommence on Wednesday 6th December at 7 pm in the Community Room for a Christmas gathering. Please bring a plate of your favourite childhood food. All men welcome.

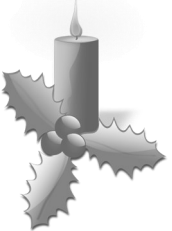
## ST FRANCIS CAROLS BY ANDLELIGHT!

**SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER @ 7 PM**

You are invited to our Parish-School Carol's Night to be held on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6:45 pm** in St Francis Hall.

Enjoy Carol singing by our School and Parish Choirs!  
Sausage Sizzle & Drinks for sale.  
Everyone is invited!

**Keep the date free!**



## GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the people affected by the conflict.



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