



# St Francis of Assisi Parish

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## STREAMING OF MASSES

Mass is being streamed every Sunday and Wednesday at 8.00am

To access the stream, please visit our website  
[www.cam.org.au/millpark](http://www.cam.org.au/millpark)  
and click on the link provided on the homepage.

Many thanks to all who are still able to contribute to the Thanksgiving campaign. Again if you would like to change from envelopes to electronic giving please call the office. Please keep in mind for those who contribute using envelopes, a collection box has been placed at the parish office where you can simply drop off your offering on any day at any time or you can leave it with the office staff.

### Mass Intentions

A number of people have asked me about having Masses offered for peoples intentions. While Fr. Jose and myself are not offering public Masses we are still offering Mass privately everyday. If you would like a Mass offered you can fill out the Mass intention envelopes at the Parish Office, or simply use your own envelope and leave it in the box, set aside for Parish contributions in the presbytery foyer.

### Project Compassion

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can be returned to the Parish Office at anytime. Please place them in the baskets provided.

### Cardinal George Pell

Space does not permit me to offer you my reflections on the trial and subsequent acquittal of His Eminence Cardinal George Pell in the newsletter, however I have written a few thoughts that you can access on our Parish web page.

**The newsletter will be available each week in the Presbytery foyer and on our website.**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

*Recently Deceased:* Sr. Leonie McGuire *RSJ*

### Death Anniversaries:

*Those who are ill:* David Wallace, Anthony Lethbridge, Sam Pisani, Maria Concepcion Alcedo, Danuata Plaskota, Rebecca Scaringi, Marina Manabat, Isau Issac, Sharon Barber, Flor Madio, Brian Rooney, John Pathinathan, Alfio & Giovanna Tringal, Herve Incoul, Maria Ljutic.

Dear Parishioners,

Undoubtedly this is the most unusual Easter many of us have ever known. Older people told me they were still able to celebrate Easter ceremonies even during the Second World War. However, our threat is not from an obvious enemy but an unseeable microbe that can be passed onto us so easily and possibly from those who are closest to us. Hence requiring us to socially distance ourselves from one another is vitally important. However we are still able to truly gather and really gather in great numbers and legally as well! How? We can gather spiritually. We can join one another in a Spiritual Communion, and unite ourselves with the entire Church. So this Easter may we all make a Spiritual Communion and may these words be of assistance

My Dear Lord,

I believe you are present in the Blessed Sacrament

I love you above all things

And I desire to receive you into my Soul.

Since at this moment I cannot receive you sacramentally

I ask you to become present in my heart

I wish to embrace you with all of my brothers and sisters in the Church with the fervour in which

I receive you in the Eucharist so I may be united with you ever more deeply.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

To all Parishioners on behalf of the parish Team

I wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter

Yours in Christ

Fr Anthony Girolami

### Saints Who Suffered Serious Illness

#### Saint Bernadette Soubiros

Born the eldest of six children to a desperately poor family in Lourdes, France, Bernadette suffered from asthma from the age of six. At the age of fourteen she was collecting firewood near the river one day when she met a beautiful woman who invited her to pray the rosary. The woman who invited her to pray the rosary. The woman came seventeen more times, joining Bernadette in prayer, urging her to do penance, and pointing out a spring that became a pool of healing water. In the end, thousands of curious onlookers watched Bernadette in her ecstasy. Many were sceptical, but in 1862, the Church acknowledged that Bernadette had seen the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Four years later, Bernadette entered the convent of the Sisters of Notre Dame of Nevers. "I have come here to hide myself," she declared. Anxious to test her humility, her superior assigned Bernadette to the lowest place. When she became ill, she was relegated to the corner of the infirmary. The superior found her one day. "What are you doing there lazy, little things?" she asked. "My dear Mother," Bernadette said, "I am doing my job." "And what is your job?" the nun asked. And Bernadette replied: "To be sick."

Tuberculosis penetrated the bone of Bernadette's leg, and her death was long and painful. To the end she spoke of her joy. She died reciting the words, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for me a poor sinner, a poor sinner."

Merciful Father, through the intercession of Saint Bernadette Soubiros, make me meek and humble of heart.