



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

The Epiphany of the Lord

7th January 2018

Parish Priest:	Fr Anthony Girolami	Assistant Priest:	Fr Anthony Cruz
Pastoral Associate:	Ruth Lees - 9407 6704	Pastoral Associate:	Sr Ignacia Coching - 9407 6707
School Principal:	Mark Basile - 9407 3100	Youth Minister:	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6705
Parish Administration:	Bernice Quinn - 9407 6700	Parish Bookkeeper:	Rachael - 9407 6701

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. Rosary recited after Mass.

RECONCILIATION: Wednesday 7:30 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday evening after Mass and Novena

Saturday 9:45 am

ADORATION: Saturday 9:45 am – 11:00 am concluding with Benediction

Wednesday 7:30 am – 7:30 pm

MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS: By appointment only. Contact Parish Office.

VIGIL MASS: 1st Friday of the month 7 pm to 1 am.	Next Mass: 2nd February
FILIPINO MASS: 2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon. (None Jan)	Next Mass: 11th February
ITALIAN MASS: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am. Rosary 11 am. (None Jan)	Next Mass: 13th February
MALTESE MASS: 3rd Sat of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40. (None Jan)	Next Mass: 17th February
DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: 2nd Fri of the month 7:30 pm in Chapel & Fridays after 9:15 am Mass.	Next Novena: 12th January
YOUNG ADULTS MERCY NIGHT: Last Friday of the month 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm.	Next Night: 23rd February
ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS: 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. (None Jan)	Next Mass: 6th February
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS: 3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm. (None Jan)	Next Mass: 17th February
JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:45 pm in the Chapel.	Next Night: 20th February
MEN'S NIGHT: First Wed of the month at 7 pm. Contact Frank - 0414648475. (None Jan/Feb)	Next Night: 7th March
NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM): Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.	Next Mass: 6th February
AGAPE MALAYLEE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Every Sunday 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the Chapel or Church.	
CHILDREN'S ROSARY: First Saturday of the month after 9:15 am Mass in the Chapel.	
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sundays 10:30 am Mass during school terms. Contact - mpchildrenslit@gmail.com	
LEGION OF MARY: Every Thursday at 10:15 am in the parish nook.	
JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY: Every Thursday at 3:45 pm in the parish nook. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.	
WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP: Thursdays in the Chapel at 7:30 pm. Contact Franca - 0439 670 219.	
PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP: Contact Alfons and Helen Glatzel - 9404 2050.	
LIFE TEEN: Sundays after 5 pm Mass, meet in Church foyer. Contact Carmel - millpark.youthministry@cam.org.au	
PLAYGROUP: Every Thursday during school terms in small hall. Contact Julie - 0408 033 877 or Sandra - 0419 039 547.	

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Lola Woch, Gerard Chong Hak Ming **Death Anniversaries:** Victor Zammit, Paul Cordingly
Those who are ill: Joan Mackey, Zack Mifsud, Saturnino (Tony) Jandayan, Islay Mitchell, Anna Samanna, Fr Joe Yu, David Wallace, Anthony Lethbridge, Lucrezia Cerminara.

Reading Roster	6/7 January (week 1)	13/14 January (week 2)
Sat. 5:00 pm:	Gaby Callegari & Michelle Vanvelzon	Sanja Ovens & Cliff DaCosta
Sun. 9.00 am:	Savio Fernandes & Anagi Perera	Carmen Saliba & Sue Spiteri
Sun. 10.30 am:	Candida D'Souza & Helen Javier	Regina Di Pasquale & Marcelle Henderson
Counting Roster:	January 7 - Team 5	January 14 - Team 6
	A Lee, A Glatzel, J Perera	R Nightingale, A Zerna, J Goh, K Saviane
Altar Linen Cleaning Roster:	January 8 - 14	January 15 - 21
	Nena Smith	Olive Lord / Lizbeth Perera

Next Week's Readings: 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19. Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9. 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20. Jn 1:35-42.

ALTAR SERVERS: There will be no Altar Servers practice until further notice.



Dear Parishioners,
Thank you for your very generous Christmas donations and for your ongoing generosity supporting the St. Vincent De Paul.

Enrolment forms for 2018 Catechist Classes can be collected from the church foyer or the parish office. Forms can be returned to the parish office from Monday 5th February. Classes will begin Tuesday 6th March. Email May at mpark@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au for any enquiries.

Saint Thomas Aquinas
Priest and Docotor (+ 1274)

Feast: January 28

Thomas Aquinas, patron of the students and theologians was born at Roccasecca, Italy. His noble family sent him to be formed by the monks of Monte Cassino. When he chose to join the Dominicans, a new order of begging preachers, his brother kidnapped him and held him captive for fifteen months.

Once freed, he went to the Dominicans at Cologne and was ordained a priest. In Paris he honed his theology under Saint Albert the Great. He became a Doctor of Theology in Paris (alongside Saint Bonaventure), served the papal court as a theologian, and formed men at houses of study throughout Italy. Toward the end of his life, he composed his Summa Theologiae – a marvel of clarity, brevity, and scope.

Concerning studies, Thomas once advised a novice: “Do not plunge straight into the sea {of learning}, but rather enter it by way of little streams, because it is wise to work upward from the easier to the more difficult. I exhort you to be charitable of speech, and to go into the conversation room sparingly. Take great heed of the purity of your conscience. Never cease the practice of prayer.” Thomas himself was a man on intense, even ecstatic, prayer. After one such episode, he laid down his work, declaring it “so much straw” compared to “what I have seen and what has been revealed to me.” He was only about forty-nine when he died.

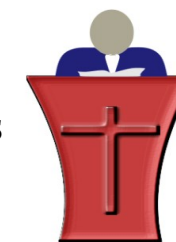
Merciful Father, through the intercession of Saint Thomas Aquinas, turn my eyes to that which the world deems irrelevant, but which is paramount to you.

FAMILY FAIR

Our Family Fair in 2018 will be on Sunday, 18th March. Preparations have begun and many volunteers will be needed. Please pick up a December Fair Newsletter after Mass. Please support all the generous sponsors of our Fair. Contact 9407 6704 for more information about the Family Fair.



Holiday Rosters



The rosters for Readers and Special Ministers of the Eucharist will continue during January. If you will be absent or on holiday, please contact another person to take your turn.

THANKSGIVING STATEMENTS

Thanksgiving statements and new sets of envelopes are now available for collection in the foyer of the Church. They are in alphabetical order of street name.