



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 21ST MARCH 2021

PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Jose Mathew
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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.

RECONCILIATION Wednesday 7:30 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday evening after Mass and Novena

ADORATION Saturday 9:45 am – 10:30 am concluding with Benediction

VIGIL MASS:	1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm	Next Mass: 9th April
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass: 11th April
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass: 17th April
ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:	1st, 2nd & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm.	Next Mass: 6th April
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm.	Next Mass: 17th April
MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS:	2nd Sat of the month 6:30 pm. Rosary, Mass, Adoration.	Next Mass: 10th April
NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):	Every Tuesday at 7:00 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 7:30 pm in the chapel. (26th March - Voice of the Shepherd in my Life)	
PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP:	Contact Alfons and Helen Glatzel - 9404 2050.	
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:	Every Friday at 3:00 pm in the chapel.	
LIFE TEEN:	Contact Carmel - 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.	



In his message for Lent 2021, Pope Francis says that Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing him to "make his dwelling" among us (cf. Jn 14:23). The Holy Father reminds the faithful that the Lenten practices of fasting, almsgiving and prayer make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity, thereby sharing in Jesus' mission of the salvation of the world.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS - Please remember to wear masks inside the church at all times and to wear masks outside if a 1.5 metre social distancing measure cannot be maintained. Face masks are required for all people 12 years and older. The wearing of masks allows us to have greater numbers in the church than otherwise.

MASS BOOKINGS - All bookings will commence Tuesday at 10:00am for the week ahead. Phone bookings for the entire week will only be taken on Tuesdays from 10 am to 4 pm on 9407 6701. If your call goes to voicemail, please remember to leave your name and number and we will get back to you. Bookings are required for all liturgical ceremonies in the Church.

TryBooking online bookings can be made by 5:00pm the previous day throughout the week, if seats are available. Please arrive 15 to 20 minutes prior to Mass to enable list checking requirements to occur without difficulty. Please be aware that entry is not permitted once Mass begins. We thank you for your understanding.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 9:45 am and at 7:00 pm (Mass will follow straight after evening Stations.)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at our parish on Sunday 11th April at 1 pm. More details will be available in next weekend's newsletter.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DECEASED: Arthur Roe, Giacomo Mattina, Mary Lukose.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Sebamalai Muithu, Sebamalai Rajah, Abdallah Baz.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL: David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Herve Incoul, Vicki Heath.

The newsletter will be available each week in the Presbytery foyer and on our website www.cam.org.au/millpark

Dear Parishioners,

Next week-end we celebrate Palm Sunday which begins the holiest week in our liturgical year. As you will recall we were unable to celebrate Easter with congregations last year. This year let's hope and pray we can. However there will be modifications to our celebrations. Notably - Palms will be blessed inside the Church. Please take a palm branch from the baskets as you enter the Church. Palms will be blessed at the beginning of Mass. Therefore palms will not be blessed in the courtyard followed by a procession.

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass will commence at 7:30 pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church finishing at midnight. Benediction will occur at 11:50 pm. The chapel will not be used as an Altar of Repose. Bookings essential.

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

PALM SUNDAY 28/03

Sat vigil 5 pm. Sun 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 5 pm
Blessing of palms will take place inside the Church at the commencement of Mass

MONDAY 29/03

Mass 9:15 am followed by Confessions to 10:30 am

TUESDAY 30/03

Mass 9:15 am followed by Confessions to 10:30 am
Confessions from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

WEDNESDAY 31/03

Mass 9:15 am followed by Confessions to 10:30 am
Mass 7:30 pm. Confessions from 7:45 pm to 8:30 pm

THURSDAY 1/04

(No morning Mass)
Mass of the Lenten Supper 7:30 pm
Watch in the church until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY 2/04

Stations of the Cross 9:30 am
Liturgical Action of the Lord's Passion 12 noon & 3 pm

HOLY SATURDAY 3/04

Confessions 9:30 am-11 am. (No morning Mass)
Family Vigil 5:00 pm
Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY 4/04

Mass 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 11/04

Confessions & Devotions 1:00 pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy 2:30 pm
Mass 3:00 pm

ALPHA IS COMING!

The next Alpha Course will run in Term 2, starting 15th 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 2021 will start on Thursday, 15th April, 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm. Alpha runs for ten Thursdays. Enquiries: 9407 6700

There will be a short Alpha presentation shown at all Masses this weekend. Pick up a flyer after Mass.

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Commencing at 9:30 am we will gather in the carpark near the hall. The carpark will be closed until 11 am. Bookings not required as this is an outdoor event.

GOOD FRIDAY

The liturgical action of the passion will take place at 12 noon and 3 pm. Bookings essential.

EASTER VIGIL

See the Holy Week timetable for more details.

RCIA

We have commenced our RCIA program. As we have just begun, candidates will not be received into the Church at Easter, but will be ready at the time of our Parish Feast Day in October.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Anthony Girolami

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults has recommenced each Thursday at 7:30 pm in the Community Room. If you know of anyone interested in the Catholic faith please invite them along. It is not too late to join. For further details please contact Fr Anthony.

Catechist Classes 2021

Catechist classes will begin on Tuesday 27th April at 4:15pm - 5:00pm. Enrolments are now open. An enrolment form and payment form are available on our website (under application forms tab) or from the parish office (Tuesdays or Fridays). These forms can be emailed back to us. Alternatively, we will have an enrolment day on Tuesday 20th April in the Church from 4pm - 5pm if you prefer to enrol face-to-face. This year, classes will run during terms two and three, every Tuesday from 4:15-5:00pm. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact May Park at mpark@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL ENROLMENT FOR 2022 PREPS

Enrolments for 2022 are now being taken. Enrolment packs can be collected from the School Office or downloaded from the school website www.sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au



Open Days: Saturday 20 March & Saturday 1 May 9.00 am - 11:30 am

School Tours: Tours are conducted every Tuesday at 9:30 am throughout terms 1 & 2 - bookings essential.

Applications close May 21st 2021. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the School on 9407 3100 or email the Principal, Mr Mark Basile at principal@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au



Fifth Sunday of Lent - 21st of March 2021



Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

