



St Francis of Assisi Parish

290 Childs Road, Mill Park 3082 phone: 9407 6700

web: www.cam.org.au/millpark email: millpark@cam.org.au

Parish Bulletin Fifth Sunday of Lent 29th March 2020

PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Jose Mathew
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Ignacia Coching - 9407 6720	YOUTH MINISTER	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6704
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	Bernice Quinn - 9407 6700	PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Cheryl Langford - 9407 6722
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Mark Basile - 9407 3100	DEACON	Rev Simeon Anthony

We will be **LIVE STREAMING** Mass at 8 am on Wednesdays and 8 am on Sundays. We will also stream the Easter Triduum Masses. To access the stream, please visit our website www.cam.org.au/millpark and click on the link provided on the homepage.

Even though Masses have ceased the ongoing financial commitments of the parish remain. I know many of you will be concerned about keeping up to date with your thanksgiving contribution. For those who contribute by direct debit or credit card all will remain in place. For those who contribute using envelopes a collection box has been placed at the parish office each day where you can simply drop off your offering on any day at any time or you can leave it with the office staff.

If you would like to switch your contributions to direct debit or credit card this is a timely moment and the office staff will be able to assist you or you can download the forms from our website www.cam.org.au/millpark and email them to us at millpark@cam.org.au

If I may further request from you. Many who contribute using envelopes give little or even nothing to the presbytery side of the envelopes. Not only does this support your local priests but it is also needed to assist the priests in parishes with minimal support, priests who are sick and infirm and retired priests. If you could help us with this it would be greatly appreciated.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Kevin Anderson

Death Anniversaries: Dane Malone

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.

FAIR RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following who won the prizes in the Parish Fair Raffle:

1st Prize	\$2,000 Woolworths Voucher	Ticket No. 2788	Rita Savona
2nd Prize	\$1,000 Woolworths Voucher	Ticket No. 3497	Yacoub Family
3rd Prize	\$600 Woolworths Voucher	Ticket No. 08701	Rizza Pasion
4th Prize	\$400 Woolworths Voucher	Ticket No. 0287	Biondi Family
5th Prize	\$100 Woolworths Voucher	Ticket No. 0983	Ramsey Family
5th Prize	\$100 Woolworths Voucher	Ticket No. 1675	Liam Baird
5th Prize	\$100 Woolworths Voucher	Ticket No. 06507	Alissia Bortolin
5th Prize	\$100 Woolworths Voucher	Ticket No. 06084	Armando Gregorio
5th Prize	\$100 Woolworths Voucher	Ticket No. 2383	Richard Falzon
5th Prize	\$100 Woolworths Voucher	Ticket No. 3610	Macie Gaetano
5th Prize	\$100 Woolworths Voucher	Ticket No. 09087	Carol McBain
5th Prize	\$100 Woolworths Voucher	Ticket No. 1416	Tom Johnson
5th Prize	\$100 Woolworths Voucher	Ticket No. 0016	Aleksandra Lazorovski
5th Prize	\$100 Woolworths Voucher	Ticket No. 0936	P. Belegrios

Dear parishioners,

Who would have thought eight weeks ago when we heard of this unusual illness in a region of China, most of us had never heard of before, would have such an impact on our lives at this time.

Here we are living under measures not seen in Australia since the Second World War. Yet despite the restrictive nature of these directives, they are necessary. How many European countries would have wished they did what we are doing now in the early stages of the virus' spread.

One of the consequences of the Governments restrictions is the closing of our churches, and all parish activities. Accordingly, all of the activities and various groups in our parish have now ceased.

There is certainly a sense of loss each of us will undoubtedly feel not being able to have contact with those who we have developed important and strong bonds over the years. However, and very importantly, it would be good to keep contact with each other by phone, and more importantly to keep each other in our prayers.

Every Sunday and Wednesday at 8:00am we are streaming Mass, which can be accessed by going to the parish webpage, www.cam.org.au/millpark and just click on the links.

While viewing Mass online you can also make a Spiritual Communion. A Spiritual Communion is a prayer that is prayed by people who are unable to attend Mass and so at the time of communion, they combine their prayers with others who are unable to receive the Eucharist, and then pray for those graces we normally ask God for, when we receive Holy Communion.

After ringing nearly forty families informing them we have to postpone their child's baptism, along with the couples whose weddings we have to defer, the question all of them asked 'How long will the restriction last?' My response was 'I don't know'. We are hearing Government officials say six months! All of this is a reminder that we walk on sand and not on concrete.

Let us pray that this pandemic will be curtailed soon. Also let us pray for those people around the world who have lost loved ones to its ravaging effects.

May we all do our bit to help others. May we support and pray for each other everyday. And if the Government measures become more intense, and are likely to, may our prayers intensify as well.

Trusting in God's mercy and the Intercession of Our Lady Help of Christians, along with our Patron St Francis of Assisi may we all support each other in faith and prayer.

Yours in Christ, Fr Anthony Girolami.