



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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Parish Bulletin First Sunday of Advent 1st December 2019

PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Cruz
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Ignacia Coching - 9407 6707	YOUTH MINISTER	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6705
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	Bernice Quinn - 9407 6700	PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Cheryl Langford - 9407 6701
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Mark Basile - 9407 3100	DEACON	Simeon Anthony

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

VIGIL MASS:	1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to midnight.	Next Mass:	6th December
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass:	8th December
ITALIAN MASS:	2nd Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am. Rosary 11 am.	Next Mass:	10th December
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass:	21st December
ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:	1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.	Next Mass:	3rd December
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm. (NONE DEC OR JAN)	Next Mass:	15th February
MEN'S NIGHT:	First Wed of the month at 7 pm. Contact Frank - 0414648475.	Next Night:	4th December
MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS:	2nd Sat of the month 6:30 pm. Rosary, Mass, Adoration.	Next Mass:	14th December
NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH:	2nd Wednesday of the month after morning Mass.	Next Novena:	11th December
DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:	Every Friday after 9:15am Mass and 3 pm in the chapel.		
NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):	Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.		
JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP:	Every Thursday at 7 pm in the Chapel. Contact Lovely - 0411 208 706.		
AGAPE MALAYLEE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:	Every Saturday 6 pm - 8:30 pm in the Chapel.		
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. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.		
JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY:	Every Thursday during school terms at 3:45 pm in the Church. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.		
WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP:	Fridays in the Chapel at 7:30 pm. Contact Nancy 0434 559 352.		
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		
PRAYER COMPANIONS:	Help with confidential prayers for special intentions in the Chapel after 9:30 am and 10:30 am Masses.		
PLAYGROUP:	Thursdays at 9 am during school terms. Contact Mary-Anne on 0411 106 283.		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Recently Deceased: Lawrence Bartolo, Con McMaster, Fortunato Sansfilippo, Patrick Keating, Emmaul Agius, Leonard Firth, Terry McManus.
Death Anniversaries: John Beare, Theresa Bartolo, Josephine Schembri, Joseph Spiteri, Colette L. Bernadette McManus, Avelino Peralta.
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 L. Giovanna Tringal, Zeny Galea, Herve Incoul.

Reading Roster:	30/1 December (Week 1)	7/8 December (Week 2)
Sat. 5.00 pm:	Gaby Callegari & Michelle Vanvelzon	Sanja Ovens & Cliff DaCosta
Sun. 9.00 am:	Peppy Adi-Purnomo & Franca Wollensack	Carmen Saliba & Sue Spiteri
Sun. 10.30 am:	Candida D'Souza & Veronica Cordeiro	Regina Di Pasquale & Marcelle Henderson
Counting Roster:	1 December (Team 8)	8 December (Team 1)
	M Dempsey, C & D Stocco, M Lin Yap	R & H Baz, M Wojtonis, J Chamoun
Altar Linen Cleaning Roster:	2 - 8 December	9 - 15 December
	Carmen L.	Nena Smith

Next Week's Readings: Isa 11:1-10. Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17. R. cf. v. 7. Rom 15:4-9. Mt 3:1-12.

WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP: 6th December - End of Year Thanksgiving Mass.
SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend there will be a special collection for the Church Loan Repayments. Next weekend there will be a special collection for Melbourne Overseas Mission.
MARYMEDE MASS: The next Sunday Mass at Marymede College will be on 15th December at 10:30 am.
VINNIES BUSHFIRE APPEAL: Bushfire Appeal donations can be made through St Vincent De Paul's website, www.vinnies.org.au



Thanksgiving envelope sets for next year and giving statements for those that give by envelope, credit card or debit card are now available to collect from the foyer of the Church. They are in alphabetical order of street name. Please collect yours today.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

St Francis of Assisi Mill Park PILGRIMAGE
Footsteps of St Paul Oct 21 - Nov 9 2020



Total estimated price for Greece, Malta, and Italy:
 Price per person based on 25 - 29 full paying passengers: \$7,590.
 Price per person based on 30 - 34 full paying passengers: \$7,490.
 Optional room supplement: \$1,375.
 Optional Santorini shore excursion: \$110 per person
 Supplement for outside cabin on cruise: \$300 per person twin share or \$460 per person single supplement.
 Contact Elio on 0449193511 or Chiara on 0439612694.

The Wellness Activity Group would like to thank parishioners for supporting their Christmas stall last weekend. *THANKS!*

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT PACIFIC EPPING (EPPING PLAZA)



COME & HEAR Carol Singing by our **Saturday Night 5pm Mass Choir** at Pacific Epping on **Sunday 8th December**. The Carols will begin at 11.30 am – 1.00 pm in front of Target. All Parishioners are encouraged to come to listen to Christmas Carols and support our choir as they witness to the true spirit of Christmas to the shoppers.

FAMILY FAIR 2020

Our Family Fair in 2020 will be on Sunday 22nd 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 6700 for more information about the Family Fair.

The Piety Stall is now selling the 2020 Divine Mercy and Columban Art Church calendars. Buy your copy so as not to be disappointed. Thank you.



HOLDING THE LIGHT: ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday 1 December, 3-4pm
St Francis' Catholic Church, 326 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

The Catholic community of Melbourne is hosting this annual event for 2019. 'Holding The Light: Ecumenical Service of Remembrance' is for Australian women and children killed by domestic or relationship violence during 2019.



LOYOLA COLLEGE Community CAROLS & FOOD TRUCK NIGHT SUNDAY, 1 DECEMBER

LIVE MUSIC From 7:15PM by special guest: *Rosanna Spiteri - Sara* (featured on All Together Now)

Starting at **6:00PM - 9:00PM**

CHRISTMAS CAROLS FROM 7:45PM - 9:00PM

Old Loyola Roundabout
 325 Grimshaw Street, Watsonia VIC 3087
 Entry via Bungay Street

The **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Tree** is in the Church foyer. If you would like to contribute please take a card from the tree. All gifts must be returned by Sunday 15th December. Thank you for your generous support.



Christmas Eve Play

on 24th December at 6:30 pm

Would you like to participate in the Christmas Eve Nativity Play, starting at 6.30 pm, before the 7.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass? Please contact Parish Office: 9407 6700 or Trish: 0438 010 018.

ST FRANCIS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT!

NEXT SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER at 7 pm

You are invited to our **Parish-School Carol's Night** to be held this **Sunday, 8th December at 7 pm** in St Francis Hall. Enjoy Carol singing by our School and Parish Choirs! Sausage Sizzle & Drinks for sale. Everyone is invited!



PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION

Cells Christmas Break up THIS Tuesday 3rd December!

Everyone is invited to our **Cells Christmas Party** to be held in **St Francis Hall THIS TUESDAY, 3rd December, starting at 7 pm**, with shared Dinner & Christmas Carols. Enquiries: 9407 6700 (leave a message)

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup has now concluded for this year and will resume again next year. For any enquiries please contact Mary-Anne on 0411 106 283.

PRAYER COMPANIONS

Our Parish is offering prayers for people after 9 am & 10.30 am Masses. If you need prayer for you or your family, come to the Chapel after Mass today and someone will pray for your needs. Your confidentiality will be respected.

Calling all Sunday Brunchers....Following on from our fabulous pasta making session, let's make the last event for the year a great one before all the holiday madness ensues. Come along and join us in the fabulous Bridges Restaurant's surrounds on Sunday 8th December. We have a 12 noon reservation so come along and meet in the bar around 11:45am. Out of respect for the venue and for others in the group please RSVP by Friday 6th December via sbrunchers@gmail.com For more information visit our Facebook Page: Sunday Brunchers Christian Singles North East Melbourne or view Melbourne Catholic's recent article at <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/News/sunday-pasta-making-workshop-for-single-catholics>

THEOLOGY @ THE PUB

Monday 2nd December

Get ready for the debate of the year as two teams get ready to tackle one of the great theological questions of our time: "Do Cats Go to Heaven?" The claws will be out as Fr Daryl Montecillo leads the affirmative team against Fr Nicholas Pearce, leading his team on the negative. With a wealth of literature ranging from St Thomas Aquinas to children's film 'All Dogs Go to Heaven', to the opinions of the local Brunswick vegan - we're all sure to be in for a night of fun debate and appawling puns, while questioning the purpose and existence of a non-rational soul.

Doors open on Level 1 at 6:30pm, debate commences 7:30pm.
Where: European Bier Café, Level 1, 120 Exhibition Street, Melbourne
Audience: 18 to 35 year olds; Priests and Religious of all ages welcome