



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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Parish Bulletin First Sunday of Advent 2nd December 2018

PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Cruz
DEACON	Rev Andrew Choi - 9407 6711	PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Ignacia Coching - 9407 6707
YOUTH MINISTER	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6705	PARISH ADMINISTRATION	Bernice Quinn - 9407 6700
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Mark Basile - 9407 3100	PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Rachel Massouh - 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. 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:	7th December
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass:	9th December
ITALIAN MASS:	2nd Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am. Rosary 11 am.	Next Mass:	11th December
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Sat of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass:	15th December
DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:	Every Friday after 9:15am Mass and 2:45 pm in the chapel.	Next Novena:	7th December
YOUNG ADULTS MERCY NIGHT:	Last Friday of the month 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm.	Next Night:	28th December
ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:	1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.	Next Mass:	4th December
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm. (NO MASS DEC/JAN)	Next Mass:	16th February
JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP:	3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:45 pm in the Chapel.	Next Night:	18th December
MEN'S NIGHT:	First Wed of the month at 7 pm. Contact Frank - 0414648475.	Next Night:	5th December
MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS:	2nd Sat of the month 6:30 pm. Rosary, Mass, Adoration.	Next Mass:	8th December
NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):	Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.		
AGAPE MALAYLEE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:	Every Saturday 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. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.		
JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY:	Every Thursday during school term 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. (NOTE CHANGE OF DAY)		
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 Katherine - 0402 858 724.		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Death Anniversaries: Daniel Frezza.

Those who are ill: Zack Mifsud, Fr Joe Yu, David Wallace, Anthony Lethbridge, Leonie Langford, John Beare, Sam Pisani, Martin Gregory, Maria Concepcion Alcedo, Niamh Tierney, Danuata Plaskota, Theresa Blasioli, Antonia Zaccaria, Pat Gioffre.

Reading Roster	1/2 December - Week 1	8/9 December - 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:	December 2 - Team 4	December 9 - Team 5
	A Lee, A Glatzel, J Perera	R Nightingale, A Zerna, J Goh, K Saviane
Altar Linen Cleaning Roster:	December 3 - 9	December 10 - 16
	Jenny Galati	Tina Da Costa

Next Week's Readings: Bar 5:1-9. Ps 125. R. v. 3. Phil 1:3-6, 8-11. Lk 3:1-6.

WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP: Friday 7th December - Mass in the Church and healing prayers in the Chapel.

ALTAR SERVERS: There will be altar servers practice on Saturday 15th December at 2pm in the Church. Attendance at this practice is compulsory.



PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time? This is the key question the Australian Bishops are asking of all members of the Church. During this November and February next year all parishioners will be given an opportunity to respond to this question. Responses are to be submitted by Ash Wednesday (7th March) 2019. We pray for the Church in Australia as we prepare for the Plenary Council in 2020. May we listen to what the Spirit is saying as we share with one another our stories of faith. We pray for courage to speak boldly and for compassion to listen with open and humble hearts.

MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP

Our Christmas break up will be held this Wednesday 5th of December 7pm in the Small Hall. Last chance of the year to come and taste our delicious burgers, drinks also provided. Love to see you there, "Yes You I'm speaking to" G.B. Frank Spiteri & Frank Schembri.

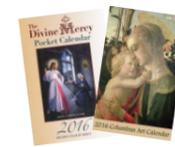
Christmas Eve Play on 24th December at 6:30 pm

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.

PRAYER COMPANIONS

Our Parish is offering prayers to people who are in need of spiritual support. You may come to the Chapel for prayer for your needs each Sunday after 9.00 am and 10.30 am Masses. Your confidentiality is respected.

The Piety Stall is now selling the 2019 Divine Mercy and Columban Art Church calendars. Buy your copy so as not to be disappointed. Thank you.



Palms Australia

Make an Encounter in 2019

Palms Encounters are rich immersions that challenge perceptions of our neighbours, guided by Palms mission volunteers with cultural experience of Timor Leste, Myanmar and Samoa.

Timor Leste- April & Sept
Samoa - June
Myanmar- November

www.palms.org.au/encounters

CARITAS GLOBAL GIFTS

As we welcome the season of Advent, the season of waiting and preparing our hearts for the birth of Child Jesus. May we, as individuals, schools and parishes, act and pray for a more just and fair world, a world where every woman could give birth safely and cherish the miracle of motherhood.

Send a Christmas message to those you love, and help save the lives of mothers and babies in the most vulnerable communities.

When you choose a Global Gift card to give to family or friends this Christmas, you are providing Water, Food and Sustainable Livelihoods for women and children around the world.



Order Global Gift cards online at www.globalgifts.org.au or call us on 1800 024 413.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF EVANGELISATION COURSE: MEET LUKE, HIS GOSPEL AND HIS JESUS

Mondays: 26 November, 3 and 10 December, 7.30-9.30pm
St Mary's Church, Grimshaw Street, Greensborough
Enquiries: Sandra Bishop on 9434 7553

The Annual LPFA Twilight Market will be held in the Loyola College Companion's Hall on Sunday 2 December from 3pm - 7.45pm. Interested Stall holders are asked to contact Kim on 0435 156 995 or volunteers4loyola@gmail.com.

PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION

Cells Christmas Break Up

This Tuesday 4th December!

Everyone is invited to our **Cells Christmas Party** to be held in **St Francis Hall ON TUESDAY, 4th December, starting at 7.00 pm, with shared Dinner & Christmas Carols.** Enquiries: 9407 6700

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT PACIFIC EPPING (EPPING PLAZA) - THIS SUNDAY!

COME & HEAR Carol Singing by our Saturday Night 5 pm Mass Choir at Pacific Epping this Sunday 2nd December.



The Carols will begin at 11:30 am - 1 pm outside 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.

ST FRANCIS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT! SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER @ 7 pm

You are invited to our Parish-School Carol's Night to be held on Sunday 9th December at 7 pm in St Francis Hall. Enjoy Carol singing by our School and Parish Choirs!

Sausage Sizzle & Drinks for sale.
Battery candles for sale.
Everyone is invited!



ADVENT SEASON REFLECTION

Saturdays 8, 15 and 22 December, 9.30am-5pm

St Joseph's Home, 112B St Georges Road, Northcote

The Little Sisters of the Poor in Northcote will host four days of reflection over the Advent Season, guided by Fr Edward Moloney from the Corpus Christi Seminary, Melbourne. The reflection days are for single Catholic women aged 18 to 35 who desire to enrich their spiritual growth during the Advent Season. These days will include Spiritual talks, Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and time for personal and communal prayers. Enquiries: Sr Mary Lourdes on 9489 8444 or Admin1.mel@lsp.org.au

HOLDING THE LIGHT, a service to remember those impacted by domestic violence - 2 December

All are cordially invited to an ecumenical service to remember the women and children who have been killed this year and for survivors of domestic and relationship violence. *Holding the Light*, will be held at St Peter's Anglican Church, 315 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne, on Sunday 2 December 2018, from 2.30pm - 3.30pm, followed by afternoon tea.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We ask that all new parishioners please fill in a Registration Form which can be found in the foyer of the Church and then place it in the wooden box. Thank you.



FAMILY FAIR 2019

Our Family Fair in 2019 will be on Sunday, 3rd March.

Preparations have begun and many volunteers will be needed. Please pick up a **November Fair Newsletter** after Mass. Please support all the generous sponsors of our Fair.