



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

First Sunday of Advent

3rd December 2017

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

VIGIL MASS:	1st Friday of the month 7 pm to 1 am.	Next Mass:	5th January
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass:	10th December
ITALIAN MASS:	2nd Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am. Rosary 11 am.	Next Mass:	12th December
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Sat of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass:	16th December
DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:	2nd Fri of the month 7:30 pm in Chapel & Fridays after 9:15 am Mass.	Next Novena:	8th December
YOUNG ADULTS MERCY NIGHT:	Last Friday of the month 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm.	Next Night:	29th December
ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:	1st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.	Next Mass:	5th December
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm.	NO MASS DEC OR JAN	
JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP:	3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:45 pm in the Chapel.	Next Night:	19th December
MEN'S NIGHT:	First Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Contact Frank - 0414648475.	Next Night:	6th December
NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):	Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.		
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: Vincent Anthony, Concetta Stella, Edith 'Eddie' McEntee.
Death Anniversaries: Bernadette McManus, Anna Cicillo, Giovanni Pavia, Blanche Considine, Annama Varkey, Adlen L. Joseph Valla, Gemma Flair. **Those who are ill:** Joan Mackey, Zack Mifsud, Saturnino (Tony) Jandayan, Islay Mitchell, Anna Samanna, Fr Joe Yu, David Wallace, Anthony Lethbridge, Lucrezia Cerminara, Michael O'Connor.

Reading Roster	2/3 December (week 1)	9/10 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 Spitera
Sun. 10:30 am:	Candida D'Souza & Helen Javier	Regina Di Pasquale & Marcelle Henderson
Counting Roster:	December 3 - Team 8	December 10 - Team 1
	M Dempsey, C & D Stocco, M Lin Yap	R & H Baz, M Wojtonis
Altar Linen Cleaning Roster:	December 4 - 10	December 11 - 17
	Carmen L.	Nena Smith

Next Week's Readings: Isa 40:1-5, 9-11. Ps 84:9-14. 2 Pet 3:8-14. Mk 13:33-37.

ALTAR SERVERS: There will be no Altar Servers practice until further notice.
WORD OF LIFE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: 7th December - End of Year Thanksgiving Mass.
MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION: Next weekend there will be a collection for Melbourne Overseas Mission.
CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE: Advent / Christmas timetable cards are available in the Church foyer.



New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

Sunday 31st December 2017, 7 pm - 1 am
St Francis of Assisi Hall

- ♦ Carvery meal & dessert (vegetarian available)
- ♦ Tea & Coffee provided (BYO drinks)
- ♦ Dinner will be served at 8pm

Tickets: Adult: \$40 Child (12 & under): \$20.

FORM A TABLE OF FAMILY & FRIENDS!

For more info call Ruth on 9407 6704.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER MASS

The St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Tree is up in the Church foyer. Please take a card, purchase the specified item, return it and place in the box near the tree. All items go to needy local families. Please return donations by Sunday 17th December.



PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION

Cells Christmas Break up - Tuesday 5th December!

Everyone is invited to our Cells Christmas Party to be held in St Francis of Assisi Hall on Tuesday, 5th December, starting at 7pm, with shared dinner & Christmas carols. Enquiries: 9407 6704.

The Wellness Activity Group will be holding a Christmas Stall after all Masses this weekend.

CAROL SINGING AT WESTFIELD PLENTY VALLEY!

Our 5 pm Sunday Youth Choir will sing Christmas Carols at Westfield Plenty Valley on Wednesday 20th December, starting at 6:30 pm. Contact Maree: 0450 274 888.

WORD OF LIFE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Final Session for 2017 on Thursday 7th December in the Chapel.
Praise and Worship at 7.30pm.
Thanksgiving Mass at 8.30pm.
Followed by supper and refreshments in the Nook.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Year for Youth and Vocations

In Australia we have just begun the 'Year for Youth and Vocational Discernment', called by the Bishops of Australia. This began with a huge gathering of youth in Sydney in early December for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. This coming year will be the tenth anniversary of World Youth Day in Sydney. Let us pray for our young people in our families and our parish. Can we all say one 'Hail Mary' for them now to help them in their discernment of their call from the Lord?

ST FRANCIS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT!

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER at 7 pm

You are invited to our **Parish-School Carol's Night** to be held on **Sunday, 10th 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!



CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT PACIFIC EPPING (EPPING PLAZA)

COME & HEAR Carol Singing by our Saturday Night 5 pm Mass Choir at Pacific Epping on **Sunday 3rd December** at the Best & Less Dome in front of the Christmas Tree (facing the Santa Christmas land). The Carols will begin at 12.30 pm - 2.00 pm. Enjoy lunch or coffee with Christmas Carols! 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.

Christmas Eve Play 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 Ruth on 9407 6704 (leave a message) or Trish on 0438 010 018.

RE CHILDREN'S END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS LITURGY

The Christmas Liturgy for all children in the Parish R.E. Classes and their parents will be on **Tuesday 5th December, at 4:15 pm in the Church.** This will be the last day of RE for 2017.

FUNDRAISER RAFFLE -

Christmas Dinner at Francois Restaurant!

Thank you to all who have supported our Christmas Dinner Raffle. The winner was Ticket no C 33. Congratulations to the winner and their act of generosity.

The Piety Stall is now selling the 2018 Divine Mercy and Columban & Art Church calendars. Buy your copy so as not to be disappointed. Thank you.



MEN'S SOCIAL NIGHT

An invite to all the men in the parish. Bring your sons and bring along your mates to our 2017 Christmas break up party. We will meet in the small hall on Wednesday 6th December at 7pm. Come and join us for a festive evening with food and drinks. Both Franks would love to see you all there.

Advent begins Year B and the Gospel of Mark, so to prepare come and **Meet Mark, his Gospel & his Jesus**

3 Monday evenings: 27 Nov, 4 & 11 Dec. 7.30 - 9.30pm
St Mary's Church Gathering Space, Grimshaw St., Greensborough.
Donation only. Further information: Sandra Bishop 9434 7553.

This course is offered by the Catholic School of Evangelisation.

