



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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STREAMING OF MASSES

Mass is being streamed every Sunday at 9 am and Wednesday at 8 am. To access the stream, please visit our website www.cam.org.au/millpark and click on the link provided on the homepage.

ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL

We now have an online parish payment portal, CDFpay for Parishes.

You can set up a recurring payment, if you haven't done so already, or you can choose a one-off offering. The St Francis of Assisi Mill Park site can be found via the link on our website www.cam.org.au/millpark

You can select to contribute to either the parish or presbytery. Please note that contributions to 'presbytery' will not be recorded towards your family's thanksgiving contributions.

We ask that you please enter your current envelope number under the 'notes' section. If you don't know your number please email millpark@cam.org.au or call 9407 6701.

Thank you to all who are supporting our parish.

Project Compassion

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can be returned to the Parish Office at any time. Please place them in the baskets provided in the presbytery foyer.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Charlie Mifsud.

Death anniversaries: Alexander Fernando, Kenneth Leong, Rose Lee.

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, Inaam Jerjis, Nilcar Gacula.

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend as we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday we turn our attention to the vocation to the priesthood, asking the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest.

As custom dictates, this weekend seminarians visit parishes around the Archdiocese to share their vocation stories in the hope it might inspire another young person to ask the Lord what he wants from him. This weekend at Mass our deacon Simeon will be sharing his vocation story.

Also may I draw your attention to the fact we have two young men in formation. Jaycee Napoles is now in his 6th year at Corpus Christi College. Depending on coronavirus restrictions he may be ordained a deacon later this year. Also, we have another young man, Damian Apolloni, who is discerning religious life with Hermits of St Paul. Please support these two young men with your prayers as well as all who are aspiring to the priesthood and religious life.

Yours in the Risen Lord, Fr Anthony Girolami.

TODAY IS THE WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS

Pope Francis tells us:

Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the passage of God in our lives. (Message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 2020)

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers and presence reflect the gaze of love from the Lord to help them discover their vocation.

Pope Francis – Message for 2020 World Day of Vocations

'Take heart, do not be afraid! Jesus is at our side, and if we acknowledge him as the one Lord of our lives, he will stretch out his hand, take hold of us, and save us.'

'The Lord knows that a fundamental life choice - like marriage or special consecration to his service - calls for courage. He knows the questions, doubts and difficulties that toss the boat of our heart, and so he reassures us: "Take heart, it is I; have no fear".'

'Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations.'

What can I do?

Each one of us can do something for the future of the Church in our nation. We all want and need more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. What can I do? The most important and essential thing that each of us can do is to pray. Intentionally, regularly, insistently. Make a decision today to include a prayer for vocations in your daily prayers.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Mass Intentions

A number of people have asked me about having Masses offered for people's intentions. While Fr. Jose and myself are not offering public Masses we are still offering Mass privately everyday. If you would like a Mass offered you can fill out the Mass intention envelopes at the Parish Office, or simply use your own envelope and leave it in the box, set aside for Parish contributions in the presbytery