



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN		MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD		1ST JANUARY	
PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Zaher Almhnna		
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Anh Tran - 9407 6720	YOUTH MINISTER	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6704		
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	Bernice Quinn - 9407 6700	PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Paul - 9407 6722		
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Mark Basile - 9407 3100				
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 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 – 10:30 am concluding with Benediction				
VIGIL MASS:	1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to Midnight Mass.	Next Mass:	6th January		
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass:	8th January		
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass:	18th February		
ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:	1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm.	Next Mass:	7th February		
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm.	Next Mass:	18th February		
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	Wednesday 7:30 am – 7:30 pm				
NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH:	1st Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.				
ANOINTING OF THE SICK:	2nd Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.				
NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):	Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.				
LEGION OF MARY:	Every Thursday at 10:15 am in the church fellowship area. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.				
WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP:	Every Friday at 7:00 pm in the chapel. Contact Nancy - 0434 559 352.				
PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP:	Contact Regina - 0432 267 557 or Alfons and Helen Glatzel - 9404 2050.				
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:	Every Friday at 3:00 pm in the chapel and after Friday morning 9:15 am Mass.				
AGAPEE RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING:	Every Sunday at 6:30 pm in the chapel. Contact Gigimon - 0402 652 646.				
LIFE TEEN:	Every Sunday during school terms after 5pm Mass. Contact Carmel at millpark.youthministry@cam.org.au for further details.				
JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP:	Every Thursday at 7 pm in the chapel. Contact Lovely - 0411 208 706.				
CATECHIST R.E. CLASSES:	For all enquiries contact May Park at sfranciscatechist@gmail.com.au				

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Please do not attend Mass if you are unwell in any way or with any symptoms of illness (covid or otherwise).
- Please sanitise your hands prior to receiving Holy Communion.
- Masks are no longer mandatory but are strongly recommended in large group gatherings.
- Please consume the host as soon as it is placed in your hands. Please do not walk back to your seat before consuming the host.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS - Contributions can be dropped off between 9am and 5pm each day at the parish office.
THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES - Please remember to write the amount on the front of your thanksgiving envelopes.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael McClosky, Phyllis Diamond, Nunzio Trubiano, Prospero Batin.
IN MEMORIAM: Remedio Manipis, Ivor Jenkins, Gerard Chong Hak Ming, Giulia Doria, Zvonimir Puskapiza, Ron Reddick, Rod Grieve.
THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Lez Meyers, David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Zahra McMahon, Herve Incoul, Francis Mendoza, Hazel Neilson, Joan Oram, Lez Meyers, Maeve Reardon.

(From time to time we will modify the sick list. If you prefer a person to remain on the list please contact the parish office.)

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

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all of the people who contributed to our beautiful Christmas celebrations. In particular, thank you to Sister Anh for her beautiful and creative decoration of the sanctuary, our choirs and musicians and those who displayed our crib scene.

We also thank LifeTeen for organising the wonderful nativity play before the 7:00pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve.

Over the next two weeks we are going to publish an interview with one of our own Parishioners, namely Olivia Chamoun that was conducted by Melbourne Catholics.

Have a joy filled New Year!

Yours in Christ, *Fr. Anthony Girolami*

2023 Thanksgiving Envelopes and 2022 Statements

We regret to inform you that due to logistic difficulties beyond our control, thanksgiving envelopes for 2023 and statements for 2022 cannot be issued prior to February 2023. We are sorry for this disruption and we hope to resolve the matter as quickly as possible.

CHOIRS ON BREAK DURING JANUARY

During January our choirs at Mass will have a well-earned break. We thank them for the talents they share with us faithfully every week. Please remember while at Mass to refer to the weekly newsletter for all prayers and responses.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FLOOD APPEAL

Contributions can be made by: 1. Calling 13 18 12. 2. Visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>. 3. Making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase 4. Via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

Announcing the Damascus Spiritual Leaders Program!

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation is pleased to announce the Damascus Spiritual Leaders Program, designed for people in various positions of leadership, spiritual formation and parish or outreach ministries.

The role will be part-time in Feb-Nov 2023 - either in person or online - through Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. This program will equip individuals to lead with integrity, vulnerability and resilience, and will focus on the inner spiritual journey in order to create fully-formed leaders who listen, learn and accompany others with strength and sensitivity. 'Damascus' can be studied as a Graduate Certificate in Divinity through the University of Divinity (Yarra Theological Union/Catholic Theological College), or as an audit student to receive a Certificate in Spiritual Leadership from Heart of Life. Attendance on Monday mornings and some Saturdays.

The Centre is currently accepting applications for the 2023 Program, applications will close on 6/1/23. More information can be found through the following link: <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/seminars-courses/damascus-spiritual-leaders/> or contact Heart of Life on (03) 9890 1101.

The Piety Stall is now selling the 2023 Divine Mercy and Columban Art Church calendars for \$10 each and also the 2023 Mass reading books.

Buy your copy now so as not to be disappointed. Thank you.

(Could the person who ordered the 4 x 300mm Holy Family Statues please collect them from the piety stall.)



JANUARY ROSTERS

The rosters for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion will continue during January. If you will be absent or on holiday on your rostered turn, please contact another person to take your place.

Are you a young adult aged 18-35 years old? Join other Catholic young adults and become **Alive Again** at Summer School of Evangelisation Melbourne, a week-long retreat led by prayer, fellowship, praise & worship, catechesis and sacraments. There's no better way to start the year than on a retreat spent with the Lord. Jan 15-22, 2023. Early bird rates now available. Register @ ssemelbourne.org.au or follow us on Facebook & Instagram @ssemelbourne for more info and updates.

