



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22ND JANUARY 2023

PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Zaher Almhna
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: 3rd February
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass: 12th February
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

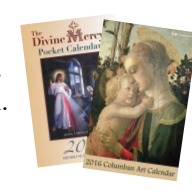
RECENTLY DECEASED: Father Tao Pham, Margaret De Boughe, Philip Ferrao
IN MEMORIAM: Mona Watson, Yvonne Ladsberger, Dolly De Silva, Brian Fernandez, Conrad Briggs, Josefina Abad.
THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Lez Meyers, David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Zahra McMahon, Herve Incoul, Francis Mendoza, Hazel Neilson, Joan 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

2023 Thanksgiving Envelopes and 2022 Statements
 Our thanksgiving envelopes will be available soon. In the meantime, you can use a plain envelope and simply write your thanksgiving number or name on the front of the envelope as you place your contribution inside.

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.)



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>. 2. 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.

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.

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.

Great Conversion Stories Malcolm Muggeridge

Malcolm Muggeridge (1903-1990) was a prominent English journalist who saw some of the most dramatic events of the 20th century up close. He was a baptized Anglican, but his childhood was shaped by the optimistic socialism of his father. Malcolm grew up thinking that an earthly "utopia" might be built by social engineering, but this idea never satisfied entirely the vast and seemingly contradictory longings of his heart. From an early age, Jesus attracted him with the promise of eternity. From Scripture, literature, and friendship with some devout Anglicans, he learned the ways of prayer, and would never entirely forget them. At the same time, his heart was pulled by pride, worldly ambitions, and selfish desires. His vivid consciousness of his own inner incoherence frustrated and afflicted him for many years.

He became a journalist and, in 1932, a Moscow correspondent for a British newspaper. Here, Malcolm's socialist dream shattered against the hard reality of Stalin's brutal reign of terror. Without authorization, he travelled to Ukraine and saw the horror and devastation of a politically engineered famine that killed millions of Ukrainians. He also came to a crowded Ukrainian church in Kyiv on a Sunday—crowded with hungry, desperate people singing the Liturgy, begging for the mercy of a God who had suffered on the Cross. In this church, Malcolm began to realise that suffering (only made horribly worse by Communism, and in one way or another tragically unavoidable for all of us) didn't have to be the ultimate frustration of human existence. The God Malcolm sought had come to dwell with us and to take our sufferings upon himself. In that church, he sensed the closeness of Christ and his love for these suffering people who were beyond all earthly hopes.

Still, Malcolm wrestled for decades with his fickle, Divided heart. He also became famous in postwar Britain as an editor, television personality, and documentary-maker. This work would bring him to Calcutta, India, in 1969 to make a documentary about a Catholic nun who had founded a religious order dedicated to serving "the poorest of the poor". In a sense, Malcolm Muggeridge introduced Mother Teresa to the affluent Western world through this landmark documentary *Something Beautiful for God*. He also came to know Mother Teresa as a concrete witness to Christ. She amazed him as someone who was eminently practical, who lived "in the world", but who did not depend on human powers or human success. Instead, she saw and loved Christ in everyone, especially the poorest people, the street dwellers of Calcutta, the abandoned sick and dying, those she found who had no other hope. Malcolm recognized in Mother Teresa a sign of the love of God that alone could give meaning to the whole of human existence, the love that transforms even suffering and death. He knew that human projects and political powers were too small (and too tainted) to produce a joy that was eternal. But here Malcolm saw living in faith in the Incarnation, in the God who chose to humble himself out of love.

Around this time, Malcolm publicly professed adherence to Christianity, and worked more openly with Christian themes in the remaining years of his life. He still felt intellectually alienated from the Catholic Church by some negative aspects of the Church's historical profile and often flawed leaders. But through the encouragement and prayers of Mother Teresa and many others, he was slowly falling in love with the Church. Love finally prevailed, and he was received into the Catholic Church in 1982.