



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN PALM SUNDAY 2ND APRIL 2023

PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Zaher Almhanna
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:** 5th May
- FILIPINO MASS:** 2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon. **Next Mass:** 14th May
- MALTESE MASS:** 3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40. **Next Mass:** 15th April
- ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm. **Next Mass:** 4th April
- INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:** 3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm. **Next Mass:** 15th April
- 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 Tuesday 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 stfranciscatechist@gmail.com.au
- LENTEN DEVOTIONS:** Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent after 9:15 am Mass and at 7pm before Mass.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please do not attend Mass if you are unwell in any way or with any symptoms of illness (covid or otherwise).

HAND SANITISATION

As our stores of hand sanitiser have become depleted we will phase out the hand sanitisation stations within the Church. Hand sanitisation stations will remain in the foyer.

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.

WOOL DONATIONS - The Wellness Activity Group is looking for donations of baby wool. If you are able to help please bring donations to the parish office. Thank you.

PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION - There will be NO Cells All Leaders Meeting this Tuesday, 4th April – Holy Week.

HOLY LAND OLIVE WOOD - This weekend Holy Land Olive Wood will hold a stall after all Masses.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bartholomew Xuereb, Patricia Blenheim, Mario Petisic, Alex Khavoumitis.

IN MEMORIAM: Archie Fernandez, Roxie Fernandez, Anthony Lethbridge, Adele & Tony Galati, Agnes Walshe, Phyllis McKeown, Helena Rodrigues.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Lez Meyers, David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Zahra McMahon, Herve Incoul, Francis Mendoza, Hazel Neilson, Joan Oram, Maeve Reardon, Asha Naryan, Connie Santos, Pope Francis.

The newsletter will be available each week on our website www.cam.org.au/millpark

Dear Parishioners,

May I thank the many people who assisted in so many ways with the organisation and catering for the Archbishop's visit last weekend. The Archbishop was sincerely moved by the welcome and the warmth of the greetings he received here at St Francis. He asked if we would always keep in in our prayers. He will provide a report of his observances sometime soon.

Yours in Christ, Fr Anthony Girolami.

CHANGE OF MASS TIME - On Monday 4th April morning Mass will be at 9:00 am

PLEASE COLLECT A HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE CARD FROM THE FOYER OF THE CHURCH.

THE HOLY FATHER - We are hearing reports of the holy Father Pope Francis' ill health. That he was hospitalized leading up to Holy Week, the busiest week of the Church year, means he is in need of our prayers.

SEMINARIANS

This week two seminarians from Corpus Christi College, our regional seminary, will be assisting with the Holy Week Ceremonies. They are Ian Vergel and Anthony Wright. Please make them feel welcome and more importantly assure them of your prayerful support.

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 7th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS/ PASSION PLAY CAN YOU HELP?

More people are needed for the Passion Play – for the crowd, soldiers & women of Jerusalem. Stations of the Cross with a live Passion Play will take Place on Good Friday at 9.30 am starting near the Small Hall. Contact the Parish Office: 9407 6700.



ALPHA IS COMING!

The next Alpha Course will run in Term 2, starting 20th April.

Explore questions of life and faith and make new friendships at Alpha! Alpha is an exciting refresher Course in the Christian faith. The Alpha Course in 2023 will start on Thursday, 20th April, and run for ten Thursdays, to be held in St Francis Hall. Alpha will start at 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm. Enquiries: 9407 6700. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/1033171>

COME AND CELEBRATE THE 23RD WORLDWIDE
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
16TH APRIL 2022
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH
290 Childs Rd, Mill Park 9407 6700

1:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Confessions
Holy Rosary

2:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Benediction

3:00 pm Holy Mass
Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image
Blessing of Religious articles

Main Celebrant: Fr Zaher Almhanna

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA
The 9 Day Novena of Chaplets to the Divine Mercy will commence after solemn Liturgy on Good Friday and continues through to Holy Saturday.

CATECHIST CLASSES 2023

Catechist classes will begin on Tuesday 11th July at 4:15 pm - 5 pm. Enrolments are now open. Enrolment and payment forms are available on our website (under application forms tab) or from the parish office. These forms can be emailed back to stfranciscatechist@gmail.com.au Alternatively, you can phone the parish office on 9407 6700.

The following classes are offered:

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| Pre-Sacramental - | Children in Years Prep, One or Two |
| First Reconciliation - | Minimum Year Three level |
| First Eucharist - | Students who have already received First Reconciliation |
| Confirmation - | Minimum Year Six level who have already received First Reconciliation and First Eucharist |

This year, classes will run during term three on Tuesdays from 4:15-5:00pm. We look forward to sharing this faith journey with you and your children this year. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact May Park at stfranciscatechist@gmail.com.au