



# St Francis of Assisi Parish

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## STREAMING OF MASSES AND EASTER TRIDUUM CEREMONIES

Mass is being streamed every Sunday and Wednesday at 8.00am

The streaming of the Easter Triduum Ceremonies will be  
 Holy Thursday 9th April: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm  
 Good Friday 10th April: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3.00pm  
 Holy Saturday 11th April: Easter Vigil 7.00pm  
 Easter Sunday 12th April: Sunday 8.00am

To access the stream, please visit our website  
[www.cam.org.au/millpark](http://www.cam.org.au/millpark)  
 and click on the link provided on the homepage.

Many thanks to all who are still able to contribute to the Thanksgiving campaign. Again if you would like to change from envelopes to electronic giving please call the office. Please keep in mind for those who contribute using envelopes a collection box has been placed at the parish office each day where you can simply drop off your offering on any day at any time or you can leave it with the office staff. 150

The newsletter will be available each week in the Presbytery foyer and on our website.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

*Recently Deceased: Mary Murray*

### Death Anniversaries:

*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.*

Dear Parishioners,

First things first, please be assured of my prayers for all of you and your families. As Parish Priest I have a sacred duty and honour of offering a Sunday Mass every week (including Holy days of Obligation) for the intentions of my parishioners. In Latin this is referred to as 'Missa pro populo.' At these times I offer this Mass intention with great fervour.

The term 'unprecedented' is being used by all and sundry with great regularity. But are widespread sicknesses, pandemics in fact unprecedented? Doctors and historians are saying otherwise. However this corona virus is certainly providing challenges unknown to many of us. Accordingly I thought to give space to our newsletter depicting saints who have given witness to their faith in times of sickness and trial. I hope these will give all of us inspiration and bolster our faith during these times.

Yours in Christ

Fr Anthony Girolami

## Saints Who Suffered Serious Illness

Saint Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer

Josemaria was the son of a Spanish textile merchant. He entered the seminary at sixteen, was ordained, and went to Madrid for doctoral studies. Longing to place himself at the service of the Lord, his constant prayer was *Ut sit* "that it might be done." And, on 2 October 1928, the Lord answered him. In prayer he "saw" a new form of life in which Christians would cultivate a deep attachment to Christ while living and working in the world. He called it "the work of God," *Opus Dei*. In 1947, Josemaria attained papal approval for *Opus Dei*, and it began to spread outside of Spain.

Around this time, Josemaria was diagnosed with diabetes; over ten years, the disease progressed. On 27 April 1954, he received an insulin injection that sent him into anaphylactic shock. Not only did he survive this shock, but he recovered to find that his diabetes was gone. The day had been the feast of Our Lady of Montserrat, and Josemaria, who prayed often at her shrine in Spain, credited Mary with his cure.

In *The Forge*, he wrote, "If I were a leper my mother would hug me. She would kiss my wounds without fear or hesitation. Well, then, what would the Blessed Virgin Mary do? When we feel we are like lepers, all full of sores, we have to cry out: Mother! And the protection of our Mother will be like a kiss upon our wounds, which obtains our cure."

*Father in heaven, through the intercession of Saint Josemaria Escriva, give me Mary for my merciful mother, the balm of my wounds.*