



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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Parish Bulletin Second Sunday of Advent 8th December 2019

PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Cruz
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Ignacia Coching - 9407 6707	YOUTH MINISTER	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6705
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	Bernice Quinn - 9407 6700	PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Cheryl Langford - 9407 6701
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Mark Basile - 9407 3100	DEACON	Simeon Anthony

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. Rosary recited after Mass. 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 – 11:00 am concluding with Benediction Wednesday 7:30 am – 7:30 pm

VIGIL MASS:	1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to midnight.	Next Mass: 7th February
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass: 8th December
ITALIAN MASS:	2nd Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am. Rosary 11 am.	Next Mass: 10th December
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass: 21st December
ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:	1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.	Next Mass: 17th December
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm. (NONE DEC OR JAN)	Next Mass: 15th February
MEN'S NIGHT:	First Wed of the month at 7 pm. Contact Frank - 0414648475.	Next Night: 5th February
MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS:	2nd Sat of the month 6:30 pm. Rosary, Mass, Adoration.	Next Mass: 14th December
NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH:	2nd Wednesday of the month after morning Mass.	Next Novena: 11th December
DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:	Every Friday after 9:15am Mass and 3 pm in the chapel.	
NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):	Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.	
JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP:	Every Thursday at 7 pm in the Chapel. Contact Lovely - 0411 208 706.	
AGAPE MALAYLEE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:	Every Saturday 6 pm - 8:30 pm in the Chapel.	
CHILDREN'S ROSARY:	First Saturday of the month after 9:15 am Mass in the Chapel.	
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:	Sundays 10:30 am Mass during school terms. Contact - mpchildrenslit@gmail.com	
LEGION OF MARY:	Every Thursday at 10:15 am in the parish nook. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.	
JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY:	Every Thursday during school terms at 3:45 pm in the Church. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.	
WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP:	Fridays in the Chapel at 7:30 pm. Contact Nancy 0434 559 352.	
PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP:	Contact Alfons and Helen Glatzel - 9404 2050.	
LIFE TEEN:	Sundays after 5 pm Mass, meet in Church foyer. Contact Carmel - millpark.youthministry@cam.org.au	
PRAYER COMPANIONS:	Help with confidential prayers for special intentions in the Chapel after 9:30 am and 10:30 am Masses.	
PLAYGROUP:	Thursdays at 9 am during school terms. Contact Mary-Anne on 0411 106 283.	

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Recently Deceased: Aileen Frasier, Angelina Di Domenica, Juliana Matilda Coutinho, Josefina Guineo.
Death Anniversaries: Merlyn Meyers, Joseph Spiteri, Russel Wright, Ancy Poonoose, Thomas Cherian, Varkey Kannatt, John Beare, Derrick Rotston, Andrew Emmanuel.
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, Zeny Galea, Herve Incoul.

Reading Roster:	7/8 December (Week 2)	14/15 December (Week 3)
Sat. 5.00 pm:	Sanja Ovens & Cliff DaCosta	Teresa Wong & Anne Young
Sun. 9.00 am:	Carmen Saliba & Sue Spiteri	John Andrews & Febra William
Sun. 10.30 am:	Regina DiPasquale & Marcelle Henderson	Joe Galati & Marie Sikand
Counting Roster:	8 December (Team 1)	15 December (Team 2)
	R & H Baz, M Wojtonis, J Chamoun	A Trinchi, S Borg, S O'Rourke, Frank Leo
Altar Linen Cleaning Roster:	9 - 15 December	16 - 22 December
	Nena Smith	Mary Hoo

Next Week's Readings: Isa 35:1-6, 10. Ps 145:6-10. R. cf. Isa 35:4. James 5:7-10. Mt 11:2-11.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend there will be a special collection for Melbourne Overseas Mission.
MARYMEDE MASS: The next Sunday Mass at Marymede College will be on 15th December at 10:30 am.
VINNIES BUSHFIRE APPEAL: Bushfire Appeal donations can be made through St Vincent De Paul's website, www.vinnies.org.au



Thanksgiving envelope sets for next year and giving statements for those that give by envelope, credit card or debit card are now available to collect from the foyer of the Church. They are in alphabetical order of street name. Please collect yours today.



St Francis of Assisi Mill Park PILGRIMAGE

Footsteps of St Paul Oct 21 - Nov 9 2020

A reminder to all who wish to go on the 2020 pilgrimage, your deposit of \$500 is required by Monday 9th December. Payment is to be made directly to Olive Tree Travel.

Total estimated price for Greece, Malta, and Italy:
 Price per person based on 25 - 29 full paying passengers: \$7,590.
 Price per person based on 30 - 34 full paying passengers: \$7,490.
 Optional room supplement: \$1,375.
 Optional Santorini shore excursion: \$110 per person
 Supplement for outside cabin on cruise: \$300 per person twin share or \$460 per person single supplement.

Contact Elio on 0449193511 or Chiara on 0439612694.

Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal 7th & 8th December 2019

Melbourne Overseas Missions continues to assist the disadvantaged and marginalized in Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, Botswana, Peru and Jerusalem. The work puts a key focus on the education of young people in socially and economically disadvantaged communities. Thousands of children and young people will have access to safe and engaging learning environments thanks to the generosity of the clergy and parishioners of the Melbourne Archdiocese. Melbourne Overseas Missions very much appreciates your generosity in facilitating this work and very much hopes it will continue.

Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.

The Piety Stall is now selling the 2020 Divine Mercy and Columban Art Church calendars. Buy your copy so as not to be disappointed. Thank you.



FAMILY FAIR 2020



Our Family Fair in 2020 will be on Sunday, 22nd March. Preparations have begun and many volunteers will be needed. Please pick up a **December Fair Newsletter** after Mass. Please support all the generous sponsors of our Fair. Contact 9407 6700 for more information about the Family Fair.

PRAYER COMPANIONS

Our Parish is offering prayers for people after 9 am & 10.30 am Masses. If you need prayer for you or your family, come to the Chapel after Mass today and someone will pray for your needs. Your confidentiality will be respected.
 Prayer Companions will finish for this year after Sunday 15th December, and resume in February.



The **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Tree** is in the Church foyer. If you would like to contribute please take a card from the tree. All gifts must be returned by Sunday 15th December. Thank you for your generous support.

Christmas Eve Play on 24th December at 6:30 pm

Would you like to participate in the Christmas Eve Nativity Play, starting at 6.30 pm, before the 7.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass? Please contact Parish Office: 9407 6700 or Trish: 0438 010 018.

ST FRANCIS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT! Today - SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER at 7 pm

You are invited to our **Parish-School Carol's Night** to be held this **Sunday, 8th December at 7 pm** in St Francis Hall. Enjoy Carol singing by our School and Parish Choirs! Sausage Sizzle & Drinks for sale. Everyone is invited!



CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT PACIFIC EPPING (EPPING PLAZA) - TODAY!

COME & HEAR Carol Singing by our **Saturday Night 5pm Mass Choir** at Pacific Epping today, **Sunday 8th December**. The Carols will begin at 11.30 am – 1.00 pm in front of Target. All Parishioners are encouraged to come to listen to Christmas Carols and support our choir as they witness to the true spirit of Christmas to the shoppers.

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup has now concluded for this year and will resume again next year. For any enquiries please contact Mary-Anne on 0411 106 283.

Avviso: Il Santo Rosario, in italiano, sarà recitato martedì 10 dicembre prossimo alle ore 11.00 am in questa chiesa; seguirà la Santa messa alle ore 11.30. La messa non verrà celebrata nel mese di gennaio. La prossima celebrazione sarà martedì 11 febbraio 2020 alla stessa ora. Il Gruppo Sociale, San francesco d'Assisi, vi augura un Buona Natale e felice anno 2020.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with Children's Liturgy at 10:30 am Mass on Sundays. If you are a parent whose children attend Children's Liturgy please consider offering to be a helper once a term. No experience is necessary. Contact the Parish Office on 9407 6700. Thank you.

Roster for Christmas Masses

The Christmas Roster for Readers and Special Ministers is in the Church Foyer. Please fill in your name and phone number if you are available for the Christmas Masses.