



# St Francis of Assisi Parish

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## Parish Bulletin Second Sunday of Advent 9th December 2018

<b>PARISH PRIEST</b>	Fr Anthony Girolami	<b>ASSISTANT PRIEST</b>	Fr Cruz
<b>DEACON</b>	Rev Andrew Choi - 9407 6711	<b>PASTORAL ASSOCIATE</b>	Sr Ignacia Coching - 9407 6707
<b>YOUTH MINISTER</b>	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6705	<b>PARISH ADMINISTRATION</b>	Bernice Quinn - 9407 6700
<b>SCHOOL PRINCIPAL</b>	Mark Basile - 9407 3100	<b>PARISH BOOKKEEPER</b>	Rachel Massouh - 9407 6701

<b>WEEKEND MASS TIMES</b>	Saturday vigil: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm
<b>WEEKDAY MASS TIMES</b>	Monday – Saturday 9:15 am. Rosary recited after Mass. Wednesday 7:30 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help
<b>RECONCILIATION</b>	Wednesday evening after Mass and Novena Saturday 9:45 am
<b>ADORATION</b>	Saturday 9:45 am – 11:00 am concluding with Benediction Wednesday 7:30 am – 7:30 pm

<b>VIGIL MASS:</b>	1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to midnight.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	4th January
<b>FILIPINO MASS:</b>	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	9th December
<b>ITALIAN MASS:</b>	2nd Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am. Rosary 11 am.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	11th December
<b>MALTESE MASS:</b>	3rd Sat of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	15th December
<b>DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:</b>	Every Friday after 9:15am Mass and 2:45 pm in the chapel.	<b>Next Novena:</b>	15th December
<b>YOUNG ADULTS MERCY NIGHT:</b>	Last Friday of the month 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm.	<b>Next Night:</b>	28th December
<b>ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:</b>	1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	18th December
<b>INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:</b>	3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm. (NO MASS DEC/JAN)	<b>Next Mass:</b>	16th February
<b>JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP:</b>	3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:45 pm in the Chapel.	<b>Next Night:</b>	18th December
<b>MEN'S NIGHT:</b>	First Wed of the month at 7 pm. Contact Frank - 0414648475.	<b>Next Night:</b>	6th February
<b>MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS:</b>	2nd Sat of the month 6:30 pm. Rosary, Mass, Adoration.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	9th February
<b>NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):</b>	Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.		
<b>AGAPE MALAYLEE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:</b>	Every Saturday 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the Chapel or Church.		
<b>CHILDREN'S ROSARY:</b>	First Saturday of the month after 9:15 am Mass in the Chapel.		
<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b>	Sundays 10:30 am Mass during school terms. Contact - mpchildrenlit@gmail.com		
<b>LEGION OF MARY:</b>	Every Thursday at 10:15 am in the parish nook. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.		
<b>JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY:</b>	Every Thursday during school term at 3:45 pm in the Church. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.		
<b>WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP:</b>	Fridays in the Chapel at 7:30 pm. Contact Nancy 0434 559 352. (NOTE CHANGE OF DAY)		
<b>PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP:</b>	Contact Alfons and Helen Glatzel - 9404 2050.		
<b>LIFE TEEN:</b>	Sundays after 5 pm Mass, meet in Church foyer. Contact Carmel - millpark.youthministry@cam.org.au		
<b>PLAYGROUP:</b>	Every Thursday during school terms in small hall. Contact Katherine - 0402 858 724.		

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** *Recently Deceased:* John Beare, Rita Schwalger, Charlie Dicerbo, Lionel, Mary-Theresa Cooper.  
**Death Anniversaries:** Annie Meneaud, Daniel Frezza, Bruno Di Renzo, Andrew Emmanuel, Minerva Rosales, Josefina L. Luis Velasquez, Anotnio Calvisi, Derrick Royston, Crustus Bastian, Fr Peter Gonsalves, Hyacinth Herbeert, Edwina Rozario, Rachela Ciavarella.  
**Those who are ill:** Zack Mifsud, Fr Joe Yu, David Wallace, Anthony Lethbridge, Leonie Langford, Sam Pisani, Maria Concepcion Alcedo, Niamh Tierney, Danuata Plaskota, Theresa Blasioli, Antonia Zaccaria, Pat Gioffre.

<b>Reading Roster</b>	<b>8/9 December - Week 2</b>	<b>15/16 December - Week 3</b>
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
<b>Counting Roster:</b>	<b>December 9 - Team 5</b>	<b>December 16 - Team 6</b>
	R Nightingale, A Zerna, J Goh, K Saviane	M & C Saliba, M Cellini
<b>Altar Linen Cleaning Roster:</b>	<b>December 10 - 16</b>	<b>December 17 - 23</b>
	Tina Da Costa	Carmen L.

**Next Week's Readings:** Zeph 3:14-18. Isa 12:2-6. R. v. 6. Phil 4:4-7. Lk 3:10-18.

**MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION:** There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for the Melbourne Overseas Mission.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** There will be altar servers practice on Saturday 15th December at 2pm in the Church. Attendance at this practice is compulsory.



**ROSTER FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES**  
 The Christmas Roster for Readers and Special Ministers is in the Church Foyer.  
 Please fill in your name if you are available for the Christmas Masses. (If you are rostered, please cross out your name if you will not be present at your regular Mass).

**Christmas Eve Play on 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION APPEAL**  
 Since its foundation in 1969, Melbourne parishioners have supported Melbourne's own mission fund to help developing nations. This has marked our Archdiocese for its exceptional generosity. Currently, the major beneficiaries are people in Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, Gambia, Ghana, Pakistan, Botswana, Nigeria, Peru and Jerusalem. Archbishop Denis Hart commends the fund to your continuing support.  
*There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend. Envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible.*

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020**  
 What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time? This is the key question the Australian Bishops are asking of all members of the Church. During this November and February next year all parishioners will be given an opportunity to respond to this question. Responses are to be submitted by Ash Wednesday (7th March) 2019.  
*We pray for the Church in Australia as we prepare for the Plenary Council in 2020. May we listen to what the Spirit is saying as we share with one another our stories of faith. We pray for courage to speak boldly and for compassion to listen with open and humble hearts.*

**PRAYER COMPANIONS**  
 Our Parish is offering prayers to people who are in need of spiritual support. You may come to the Chapel for prayer for your needs each Sunday after 9.00 am and 10.30 am Masses.  
 Your confidentiality is respected.

The Piety Stall is now selling the 2019 Divine Mercy and Columban Art Church calendars.  
 Buy your copy so as not to be disappointed.  
 Thank you.



**AVVISO** - La messa in italiano sarà celebrata martedì, 11 dicembre prossimo alle ore 11.30am, precederà il Santo Rosario alle ore 11.00.  
 La messa in Italiano non sarà celebrata nel mese di gennaio 2019.  
 La prossima celebrazione sarà martedì 12 febbraio 2019.  
**BUON NATALE A TUTTI. MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE.**

The Wellness Activity Group would like to thank parishioners for supporting their Christmas stall last weekend. **THANKS!**

**CARITAS GLOBAL GIFTS**  
 As we welcome the season of Advent, the season of waiting and preparing our hearts for the birth of Child Jesus. May we, as individuals, schools and parishes, act and pray for a more just and fair world, a world where every woman could give birth safely and cherish the miracle of motherhood.  
**Send a Christmas message to those you love, and help save the lives of mothers and babies in the most vulnerable communities.**  
 When you choose a Global Gift card to give to family or friends this Christmas, you are providing **Water, Food** and **Sustainable Livelihoods** for women and children around the world.



Order Global Gift cards online at [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au) or call us on 1800 024 413.



## DIRECTIONS FOR THE USE OF THE FELLOWSHIP AREA DURING MASS

- Please observe the following:
- The fellowship area is only for parents with young children.
  - All others please be seated in the Church.
  - Parents are asked to take their children directly into the Church upon arrival.
  - The fellowship area is only to be used if a child becomes unsettled during Mass. Once a child settles we encourage the parents to take the child back into the Church.
  - While parents are in the fellowship area the children are to be within arms reach of parents at all times.
  - Children should not be allowed to run around the fellowship or foyer area. Please be aware the Church fellowship area and foyer are not meant to be play areas.
  - Parents please do not allow your children to stand on the furniture.
  - The outer doors of the Church are to remain open at all times during Mass for OH&S requirements.
  - At no time should children be permitted to play on the railings in the fellowship area or the garden/water feature area outside the Church.

*Thank you for your co-operation.*

## ST FRANCIS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT! THIS SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER @ 7 pm

You are invited to our Parish-School Carol's Night to be held this Sunday 9th 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!*



**CAROL SINGING AT WESTFIELD PLENTY VALLEY!**  
**COME & HEAR** our 5 pm Sunday Youth Choir sing Christmas Carols at Westfield Plenty Valley near the Food Court on Thursday 20th December, starting at 6 pm.

All Parishioners are encouraged to come to listen and support our choir as they witness to the true spirit of Christmas to the shoppers.

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 next Sunday 16th December. Thank you for your generous support.



**NEW PARISHIONERS**  
 We ask that all new parishioners please fill in a Registration Form which can be found in the foyer of the Church and then place it in the wooden box. Thank you.



## FAMILY FAIR 2019

Our Family Fair in 2019 will be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.