



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN		SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		14TH JANUARY 2024	
PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Zaher Almhanna		
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Anh Tran - 9407 6720	PARISH/SCHOOL LIAISON	Ruth Lees - 9407 6703		
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	Bernice Quinn - 9407 6700	YOUTH MINISTER	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6704		
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Mark Basile - 9407 3100	PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Paul - 9407 6722		
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 7:00 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help				
RECONCILIATION	Wednesday evening after Mass and Novena Saturday 9:45 am				
ADORATION	Saturday 9:45 am – 10:45 am concluding with Benediction				
VIGIL MASS:	1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to Midnight Mass.	Next Mass:	2nd February		
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass:	14th January		
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass:	17th February		
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm. (None Dec or Jan)	Next Mass:	17th February		
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	Wednesday 6:30 am - 7:00 pm in the chapel.				
NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH:	1st Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.				
ANOINTING OF THE SICK:	2nd Wednesday of the month after 9:15am Mass.				
ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:	Resuming 6th February 2024, 7:00pm.				
NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):	Resuming 6th February 2024, 6:30pm.				
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 9:15am Mass.				
AGAPE RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING:	Resuming Sunday 4th February. 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.				

PARISH NEWS

- 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.
- PARISH FEAST DAY EXPO** - The Parish Expo slideshow featuring the Parish Groups and also the Parish Information Booklet can be viewed on the Parish Website www.cam.org.au/millpark
- PARISH CENSUS 2023** - If you did not fill in a Parish Census Card over the last few weeks at Mass please collect one from the church foyer to fill in and return. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- RECENTLY DECEASED:** James Cortissos, Concetta Tieri, Nicola De Carolis, Anna Maria Di Summo
- IN MEMORIAM:** Casiamo Gonzalez, Rose Sheehan, Christopher McManus, Rui Neves Braz.
- THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Lez Meyers, David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Maeve Reardon, Greg Forrester, Anupiya Menikdiwela, Henrica Hanny, Peter Basile, Antonina Gangi, Seamus Quinn, Brian Fernandez.

(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 on our website www.cam.org.au/millpark

Dear Parishioners,

It's so good to be back and to see all the familiar faces. May I share a story with you? A true story in fact. Some years ago a group of people were to be presented to Queen Elizabeth to receive Queen's Honours for work they had accomplished. Prior to the big day, the Royal Protocol office sent a message outlining all the requirements for the day such as the dress code, the form of greeting; all the do's and don'ts of meeting royalty. They were told no filming, no mobile phones, no cameras etc. At the very moment when one of the recipients received her award from the Queen, the young lady's phone rang! Queen Elizabeth simply smiled and said, "You'd better answer it dear, because it might be someone important," The irony!

It seems people are expecting important phone calls or notifications on a regular basis during Mass. Some people are actually walking out of Mass to answer calls. Is there someone else more important than God Almighty? Sadly, some people now think it is ok or acceptable for your phone to ring during Mass. Please turn your phones off or leave them in your car. If you don't know how to turn them to silent, please ask somebody for help. Anybody under the age of 30 will have no trouble helping you. Phones being heard during Mass is inconsiderate towards others and irreverent to the sacred event taking place.

P.S Do you remember that we have a local custom that if your phone rings through Mass, you will to pay \$100 to the parish building fund!

Yours in Christ, Fr Anthony.

SAINT WHO?
SAINT ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
 WIDOW AND RELIGIOUS
 FEAST: 5 JULY

Elizabeth of Portugal was born in 1271. The daughter of the King of Aragon and the great-niece of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Elizabeth received good spiritual and intellectual formation. At twelve, she married King Denis of Portugal, who put her character to the test by his infidelity. But Elizabeth remained devoted and faithful, and even educated his illegitimate children.

In spite of his personal failings, Denis' rule was remarkable for its prudence, compassion, and foresight. He founded the University of Coimbra, which remains one of the oldest continuously operating universities in the world. Denis had a special interest in agriculture, and Elizabeth worked to educate young women to be good farmers.

Elizabeth also worked miracles of peace, twice preventing war from breaking out between members of her family. She won her husband's deepest admiration. He made her the executor of his will, confirming the sentiments of a poem he had written for her: "My love, my lady, I hereby tell you: Had God desired to ordain it so, you would have made a great king." When Denis died in 1325, Elizabeth became a Third Order Franciscan and moved to a convent she had established. She died in 1336, and is known as Elizabeth the Peacemaker.



THANKSGIVING RECEIPTS & NEW ENVELOPES

Thanksgiving receipts for those that contribute via all methods, and new sets of envelopes have now been posted and should be received by next week. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

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.