



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 30th July 2017

Parish Priest:	Fr Anthony Girolami	Assistant Priest:	Fr George Feliciouz
Pastoral Associate:	Ruth Lees - 9407 6704	Pastoral Associate:	Sr Ignacia Coching - 9407 6707
School Principal:	Mark Basile - 9407 3100	Youth Minister:	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6705
Parish Administration:	Bernice Quinn - 9407 6700	Parish Bookkeeper:	Rachael Massouh - 9407 6701

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
MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS:	By appointment only. Contact Parish Office.

VIGIL MASS:	1st Friday of the month 7 pm to 1 am.	Next Mass:	4th August
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass:	13th August
ITALIAN MASS:	2nd Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am. Rosary 11 am.	Next Mass:	8th August
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Sat of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass:	19th August
DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:	2nd Fri of the month 7:30 pm in Chapel & Fridays after 9:15 am Mass.	Next Novena:	11th August
YOUNG ADULTS MERCY NIGHT:	Last Friday of the month 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm.	Next Night:	25th August
ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:	1st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.	Next Mass:	8th August
INDONESIA FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm.	Next Mass:	19th August
JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP:	3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:45 pm in the Chapel.	Next Night:	15th August
MEN'S NIGHT:	First Wednesday of the month at 7 pm.	Next Night:	2nd August
NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):	Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.		
AGAPE MALAYLEE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:	Every Sunday 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the Chapel or Church.		
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.		
JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY:	Every Thursday at 3:45 pm in the parish nook. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.		
WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP:	Thursdays in the Chapel at 7:30 pm. Contact Franca - 0439 670 219.		
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		
PLAYGROUP:	Every Thursday during school terms in small hall. Contact Julie - 0408 033 877 or Sandra - 0419 039 547.		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Recently Deceased: Margot Penn, Mary Theresa Pathinathan, Saverio Radatti.
Death Anniversaries: Giuseppina Coluccio, Marie -Ane Bugwondeen, Conncezzio Marcantonio. *Those who are ill:* Joan Mackey, Theresa Bartolo, Mark Zacharias, Zack Mifsud, Saturnino (Tony) Jandayan, David Camilleri, Tony Kirkwood.

Reading Roster	29/30 July (week 5)	5/6 August (week 1)
Sat. 5:00 pm:	Gaby & Caroline Callegari	Gaby & Michelle Vanvelzon
Sun. 9.00 am:	C McMaster, F Mariani & J Andrews	Savio Fernandes & Anagi Perera
Sun. 10.30 am:	Judith Wright & Julie Kerr	Candida D'Souza & Helen Javier
Counting Roster:	July 30 - Team 6	August 6 - Team 7
	M & C Saliba, M Cellini.	C Ponchard, B D'Avoine, T Kowal
Altar Linen Cleaning Roster:	July 31 - Aug 6	August 7 - 13
	Mary Hoo	Jenny Galati

Next Week's Readings: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14. Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9. R. vv. 1,9. 2 Pet 1:16-19. Mt 17:1-9.

ALTAR SERVERS: Altar servers practice will continue on Saturday August 5th at 2pm.
WELLNESS GROUP DONATIONS: The Wellness group is seeking donations of good condition Christmas baubles, tinsel, ribbon and any other suitable Christmas craft items for their stall. Please leave at Parish House.
WORD OF LIFE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: 3/8 Testimony Night.



WRITING TO YOUR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING LEGALISATION OF EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

Thank you so much for getting involved in this issue! Letters to your elected representatives – especially those handwritten remain the ‘gold standard’ in making your views known because they show a level of intention and commitment that other methods do not share.

LOCAL LOWER HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES:

- Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP, G02/30 Oleander Drive, Mill Park, Victoria, 3082
- Hon Colin Brooks MP, PO Box 79, Bundoora, VIC 3083 (only if you live south of Child's Rd between Plenty Rd and the bike track)

LOCAL UPPER HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES:

- Mr Craig Ondarchie MLC, 27a AXIS Centre, 797 Plenty Road, South Morang, VIC 3752
- Hon Jenny Mikakos MLC, 319 Spring Street, Reservoir, VIC 3073

- As a reminder:**
- Include your MP's name and address at the top of the letter
 - Include the date
 - Include a polite salutation: 'Dear...'
 - Add a subject line: 'Regarding Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia'
 - Compose a short paragraph or two (no more) using the points below
 - Sign off and include your full name and postal address (most important)

HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTED LETTERS YOU COULD USE:

Dear
 Regarding Assisted Suicide Legislation
 I ask that you not support the proposed law to introduce assisted suicide in Victoria. Suicide is always a tragedy. Masking the truth of what is proposed by calling it "assisted dying" is hiding from the reality. Assisting people to kill themselves is a criminal act for good reason. It is too easily open to abuse. We need to put more effort into supporting people who suffer with better care.
 Yours sincerely

Dear
 RE Euthanasia in Victoria
 I ask that you do not support the law that is about to come before our parliament. Our health system is already under pressure. Caring for people who are seriously ill is demanding and can be costly. I am concerned that when taking a person's life is a cheaper option, medical care will be compromised. While euthanasia may begin as an "option" for some, it may well become an "obligation" for the poor and the needy. As a society, surely we can do better than that. When the time comes, please oppose this law.
 Sincerely,

Dear
 I write to ask that you not support the legislation to make physician assisted suicide and euthanasia legal in Victoria. The moment we accept that there are people who fit a category that makes them eligible for suicide, pressure is placed on other people in similar circumstances. People with disabilities, who know they are a burden to others and often face significant challenges already, may feel they should "do the right thing" and ask to be killed. People in pain should receive all the support we can give them. But this law will make it harder for many others who are already live with the burden of a disability. We should not make it harder.
 Yours sincerely

RE: Euthanasia and elder abuse
 Dear
 I am against the proposal to introduce euthanasia because it is far too open to abuse. Doctors are trained to diagnose disease – not detect coercion. It would be very difficult for a doctor without a long history of caring for a patient and knowing all of their circumstances, to be absolutely certain that family members or someone else with a more sinister motive has not influenced the person's decision. It is equally worrying that if assisted suicide is introduced, people may be given a prescription of deadly drugs to take at some time in the future – possibly a year later. While the decision to ask for the prescription may have been free, nobody can be certain that there will not be pressure when the drugs are actually taken. It seems impossible to make such a law safe. Please, do all you can to prevent this from being introduced.
 Yours sincerely,

Dear
 RE Bill to legalise assisted suicide and euthanasia
 I write to express my concern with the government's proposal to introduce assisted suicide and euthanasia. It seems to me impossible that this law will not result in innocent people being killed. Even with the best intentions, mistakes happen. To think that introducing killing into medical practice will not involve mistakes is unrealistic and naïve. It was for this reason in part, that we stopped using the death penalty in Victoria. Because of human error, mistakes can be made that have tragically irreversible consequences. It is not fair that providing some people a choice to end their life has to come at the cost of the lives of others who die because of the mistakes that are impossible to rule out. It's just too dangerous. I ask that you not support this law.
 Kind regards,

 St Francis of Assisi Parish will be the venue for 3 Saturdays with **John the Beloved Disciple** 26 August, 2 & 9 September, 9am–5:30pm
 Participants are offered the opportunity to connect with the mercy and love of Jesus, thus realising they too are beloved disciples. satisfied. Limited numbers, so to avoid disappointment register early by email
 schoolofevangelisation@gmail.com or with Rose Rendina 0411 650 339

All Parishioners are invited to our 2017
PARISH RETREAT
 Led by Fr George
Reaching Out – Like the Good Samaritan

How can I reach out to my neighbour?
 What is God asking of me?
 Come and meet the Lord at the Parish retreat.

Saturday 12th Aug, 9am - 3pm
 (Mass at 9.30 am)
Amberley Retreat Centre,
 7 Amberley Way, Lower Plenty
Please pick up a Flyer & Application Form after Mass.

DVD on EUTHANASIA
 This Sunday 30th July (TODAY) at 1:30 pm in the small hall we will be presenting a DVD on the Canadian experiences of legalising euthanasia and the unintended consequences that have emerged.


 RCIA begins on Thursday the 10th of August in the Community Room at 7:30pm. For enquiries please contact Fr George.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY EVENING
 An evening filled with spiritual nourishment, entertainment and fellowship with other women. The Women's Spirituality Evening will be held on **Friday 18th August at 6pm.** \$20 per head includes a two course meal. RSVP by 10th August to Sr Ignacia 9407 6707 or 0413 345 019 or the parish office 9407 6700.