



# St Francis of Assisi Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd July 2017

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

<b>WEEKEND MASS TIMES:</b>	<b>SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:00 PM; SUNDAY: 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM &amp; 5:00 PM</b>
<b>WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:</b>	<b>Monday – Saturday 9:15 am.</b> Rosary recited after Mass. <b>Wednesday 7:30 pm</b> - Our Lady of Perpetual Help
<b>RECONCILIATION:</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> evening after Mass and Novena <b>Saturday 9:45 am</b>
<b>ADORATION:</b>	<b>Saturday 9:45 am – 11:00 am</b> concluding with Benediction <b>Wednesday 7:30 am – 7:30 pm</b>
<b>MARRIAGES &amp; BAPTISMS:</b>	By appointment only. Contact Parish Office.

<b>VIGIL MASS:</b>	1st Friday of the month 7 pm to 1 am.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	4th August
<b>FILIPINO MASS:</b>	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	13th August
<b>ITALIAN MASS:</b>	2nd Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am. Rosary 11 am.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	8th August
<b>MALTESE MASS:</b>	3rd Sat of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	19th August
<b>DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:</b>	2nd Fri of the month 7:30 pm in Chapel & Fridays after 9:15 am Mass.	<b>Next Novena:</b>	11th August
<b>YOUNG ADULTS MERCY NIGHT:</b>	Last Friday of the month 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm.	<b>Next Night:</b>	28th July
<b>ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:</b>	1st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	8th August
<b>INDONESIA FAMILY GROUP MASS:</b>	3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	19th August
<b>JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP:</b>	3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:45 pm in the Chapel.	<b>Next Night:</b>	15th August
<b>MEN'S NIGHT:</b>	First Wednesday of the month at 7 pm.	<b>Next Night:</b>	2nd August
<b>NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):</b>	Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.		
<b>AGAPE MALAYLEE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:</b>	Every Sunday 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 - mpchildrenslit@gmail.com		
<b>LEGION OF MARY:</b>	Every Thursday at 10:15 am in the parish nook.		
<b>JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY:</b>	Every Thursday at 3:45 pm in the parish nook. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.		
<b>WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP:</b>	Thursdays in the Chapel at 7:30 pm. Contact Franca - 0439 670 219.		
<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 Julie - 0408 033 877 or Sandra - 0419 039 547.		

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**  
*Recently Deceased:* Vincenzo Iacuone, Patricia Felsing, India Baxter, Charlie O'Connor, Ralph Sierakowski, Genoveva Nunes.  
*Death Anniversaries:* Clive Kennedy. **Those who are ill:** Joan Mackey, Theresa Bartolo, Mark Zacharias, Zack Mifsud, Saturnino (Tony) Jandayan, David Camilleri,

Reading Roster	22/23 July (week 4)	29/30 July (week 5)
Sat. 5:00 pm:	Teresa Wong & Anne Young	Sanja Ovens & Sarah Wallace
Sun. 9:00 am:	John Andrews & Cath McMaster	Angela Royston & Carlo Stucco
Sun. 10:30 am:	Joe Galati & Marie Sikand	Oscar Altavilla & Vangie Gregorio
<b>Counting Roster:</b>	<b>July 23 - Team 5</b>	<b>July 30 - Team 5</b>
	A Lee, A Glatzel, J Perera	R Nightingale, A Zerna, J Goh, K Saviane
<b>Altar Linen Cleaning Roster:</b>	<b>July 24 - 30</b>	<b>July 31 - Aug 6</b>
	Nena Smith	Mary Hoo

**Next Week's Readings:** 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12. Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130. R. v. 97. Rom 8:28-30. Mt 13:44-52.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Altar servers practice will continue on Saturday July 29th 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:** 27th July - Scripture Night Matthew 13:44-52.



## 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 O'Donoghue 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)

- Points you can make:**
- No matter what terminology we may use; euthanasia is homicide and assisted suicide is what it says it is.
  - We should never condone killing people as a response to suffering – we can do better than that!
  - Caring should never involve deliberate ending of a life.
  - The law as it stands protects all Victorians. Euthanasia & assisted suicide means that some will be protected more than others; that some people may be deemed 'better off dead'!
  - Make palliative care the priority of government so that everyone can have a death with real dignity!
  - No matter what so-called 'safeguards' are included, euthanasia & assisted suicide are never safe – there is no safe way to prematurely end a life!

**TALKING POINTS ON ASSISTED SUICIDE AND EUTHANASIA**  
 While the specific form of the proposed Victorian legislation is not yet known, there are some general principles about such legislation that should be of concern to us all. When people write or talk to their members of parliament or discuss this issue with their friends, it is helpful to have a few 'talking points' that reflect these concerns. Think about the following points and consider using them in your own words. You need not use them all. Focus on the ones that mean the most to you.

- I'm concerned that euthanasia is about actively killing someone and assisted suicide is helping someone to suicide.**  
 The use of euphemisms in the debate such as 'assisted dying' and 'dying with dignity' have the tendency to disguise the obvious. Ever since laws were first formulated, the prohibition on citizens killing each other or helping others to their suicide deaths has been maintained. Even though the context of people suffering from serious illness demands that we want to see their suffering relieved, it is not necessary or desirable that we do this by actively taking their lives.
- I'm concerned that a government that struggles to get trains to run on time can run a system for killing people that is failsafe.**  
 While governments do their best, mistakes and failures happen. That is why Victoria removed the death penalty – innocent people can and do die. The risk of someone being killed because of a failure in the system is too great. It is impossible to do this safely.

- I'm concerned that vulnerable people will be coerced to decide to be killed.**  
 People who are vulnerable because of advanced age, illness, disability or by a combination of all three, may feel that they are a burden on their families and their finances. How can we ever be totally sure that a vulnerable person made a decision for euthanasia or assisted suicide without some duress or even their own diminished sense of self-worth?

- I'm concerned that euthanasia and assisted suicide provide an opportunity for elder abuse.**  
 Elder Abuse is abuse of an elderly person. It can be for financial gain but more serious physical and emotional abuse are also noted. Elder abuse is said to affect up to 10% of the Australian population of people over the age of 65. It is not difficult to imagine someone either 'volunteering' for assisted suicide or euthanasia because of a lack of self-worth or even to escape abuse. It is also possible that the control that abusers exercise over such elderly people may be a factor that is difficult to uncover.

- I'm concerned that this sends a mixed and dangerous message to anyone at risk from suicidal depression – especially the young.**  
 Our society rightly promotes suicide prevention initiatives that say quite clearly to vulnerable people that their lives are worth living. Euthanasia and assisted suicide says the opposite. It should be of great concern to us all that we are offering prevention for some section of our community and support for suicide to others. Young people will see the contradiction here.

- I'm concerned about people living with disability and the negative messages that euthanasia & assisted suicide send.**  
 While people with a disability may believe they ought to receive the supports needed to enjoy a life with dignity, they also fear that assisted suicide and euthanasia may be seen as a way out of difficulties they (and their carers) face on a daily basis. Think about what it would be like to regularly be told "if I had that disability, I'd rather be dead". Their lives are challenging enough without adding that burden.


 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

*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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**The Marriage Course**  
 The aim of The Marriage Course is to help couples grow closer and build a healthy relationship that will last a lifetime.  
**It continues on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2017 at St Francis of Assisi Parish in the Small Hall, at 6:30 pm.**  
 Please do not hesitate to contact Chiara & Elio DeSimone on 0439 612 694 or email desimonefamily@bigpond.com if you have any further questions.

 **RCIA** Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

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/ 0413 345 019 or the parish office 9407 6700.