



# St Francis of Assisi Parish

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## STREAMING OF MASSES

Mass is being streamed every Sunday at 9 am and Wednesday at 8 am. To access the stream, please visit our website [www.cam.org.au/millpark](http://www.cam.org.au/millpark) and click on the link provided on the homepage.

## ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL

We now have an online parish payment portal, CDFpay for Parishes.

You can set up a recurring payment, if you haven't done so already, or you can choose a one-off offering. The St Francis of Assisi Mill Park site can be found via the link on our website [www.cam.org.au/millpark](http://www.cam.org.au/millpark)

You can select to contribute to either the parish or presbytery. Please note that contributions to 'presbytery' will not be recorded towards your family's thanksgiving contributions.

**We ask that you please enter your current envelope number under the 'notes' section. If you don't know your number please email [millpark@cam.org.au](mailto:millpark@cam.org.au) or call 9407 6701.**

Thank you to all who are supporting our parish.

### Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### Mass Intentions

A number of people have asked me about having Masses offered for people's intentions. While Fr. Jose and myself are not offering public Masses we are still offering Mass privately everyday. If you would like a Mass offered you can fill out the Mass intention envelopes at the Parish Office, or simply use your own envelope and leave it in the box, set aside for Parish contributions in the presbytery foyer.

The newsletter will be available each week in the Presbytery foyer and on our website [www.cam.org.au/millpark](http://www.cam.org.au/millpark)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

*Recently Deceased:* How Leng Leong, Agica Pavlic.

*Death anniversaries:* Joseph & Sarah McManus, John Barnes.

*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, Herve Incoul, Maria Ljutic, Inaam Jerjis, Nilcar Gacula.

Dear Parishioners,

As a result of the Government's easing of social gathering restrictions a number of changes have flowed onto religious gatherings.

At this stage we are now permitted to have ten people at weddings in addition to the couple, the celebrant, as well as the number of people reasonably required for the service, such as one server, two readers, one musician, one singer, one technical person, and two people to supervise hand sanitising and registration. Registration means the names of all who attend and their phone numbers have to be recorded.

Baptisms are now able to proceed with ten people and funerals may have twenty people. Both of these ceremonies may also have the same number of people rendering assistance as weddings. All of these ceremonies require social distancing practices to be observed.

While we have been informed Mass is now permitted for no more than ten people arrangements for Masses will vary from parish to parish according to numbers and circumstances. Our Bishop has acknowledged that deciding on arrangements and putting them in place is not straightforward. Unfortunately for us our numbers are too large. Ten people at each Mass would be inadequate to our needs. As many people have already commented, those who are unable to attend will likely feel left out in the cold. The last thing I want people to feel is alienated. Our weekday Masses average around 80 - 90 people. Our weekend Masses normally have around 1700 - 1900 people. There is no equitable way at this time Mass could be available to any significant number of people. Provided we do not get a surge in coronavirus infections, restrictions are flagged to ease at the beginning of June and again in July. I ask for your patience and understanding at this time. As soon as we are permitted to have a significant number of people at Mass we will move ahead. Also we might change Mass times to accommodate more people.

We have to ensure the protection of all people who come to our Church, particularly those who are elderly and vulnerable.

Also the easing of restrictions have opened the way for Churches to be visited during the day. However, there are a number of strict requirements that go with this including no more than 10 people in the Church at a time. Before this can happen, carefully planned protocols need to be in place, such as hand sanitisation, the registration of names, phone numbers and the time spent praying in the Church by each person. There will be a limit to the time people are permitted to pray in the Church.

The Archbishop is urging us to continue with streaming Masses.

In conclusion, we are now beginning to move ahead. While we may be frustrated that it all seems very little at this time, let us support one another and continue to pray for each other, not losing sight of the fact the Good Lord is looking after us and will protect us.

Yours in the Risen Lord, Fr Anthony Girolami.

## LOYOLA COLLEGE ENROLMENT

Limited places available for Year 7 2021.

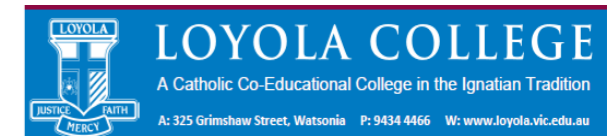
Enrolment applications for year 7 2022 closing 21 August 2020.

For more information contact our College Registrar on 9433 0203.

## VIRTUAL TOURS

Visit our website and explore our campus through a virtual tour, then meet our principal live online to answer all your questions; Friday 22 May, Tuesday 26 May, Monday 1 June, Wednesday 10 June.

To register for a virtual tour visit [Loyola.vic.edu.au/bookatour](http://Loyola.vic.edu.au/bookatour)



## CATECHIST CLASSES

Catechist Classes (Religious Education Classes) will be most likely resuming in the 3rd term. If anyone would like to enroll their children in RE classes please contact 9407 6701 or email [millpark@cam.org.au](mailto:millpark@cam.org.au)