



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN		THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH		31ST DECEMBER 2023	
PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Zaher Almhnna		
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: 5th January		
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.		Next Mass: 11th February		
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 stfranciscatechist@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: Mary Chacko, Gregory Downes.

IN MEMORIAM: Zvonimir Puskadija, Joseph Theuma, Jyothi Jose, Rosie (Say-Lui) Magalotti, Anna Altavilla, Arthur.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Lez Meyers, David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Maeve Reardon, Greg Forrester, Anupiya Menikdiwela, Henrica Hanny, Peter Basile, Antonina Gangi, Seamus Quinn.

The newsletter will be available each week on our website www.cam.org.au/millpark

Dear Parishioners,

May the Good Lord bless you with a very happy and Holy New Year. As our choirs are resting after a solid year, may I thank them for their faithfulness to enhancing our Sunday Masses, and their generous presence at our First Communions, Confirmations Masses and very importantly giving witness at shopping centres and nursing homes. These events brought home to many the real joy of Christ's birth.

Keep safe during the holiday period. Customarily, we find there are very few notices to be placed in the newsletter during the holiday period, and so over the next few weeks we will run a series on the lives of the Saints. I hope this will be to your edification.

God bless. Fr Anthony.



SANT WHO?

SAINT RUMWOLD Feast: 3 November

Saint Rumwold (or Rumbold) lived in 7th-century England. He died very young, and little is known for certain about his life, but a Vita written several centuries later records a marvellous tale of infant faith. According to this source, Rumwold lived just three days, during which time he was gifted with speech, infused knowledge, and prophecy.

"Christianus sum, Christianus sum, Christianus sum," the newborn said in Latin (in English, "I am a Christian"). "I worship God the three in one," he continued. "I confess and adore the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." Then he requested the sacraments. Though far from a church, priests were able to find and miraculously transport a giant stone, which served as a baptismal font. Baby Rumwold then preached a sermon on the Trinity, and at last, foretold his own imminent death. He gave instructions for his burial, including the transfer of his relics to their final resting place.

Devotion to Saint Rumwold flourished in the Middle Ages. Pilgrims flocked to Buckingham to seek his aid. And as the Vita concludes: "There and in many places, when invoked, Saint Rumwold bestows favours upon those who ask, giving sight to the blind, making the lame to walk, and granting deliverance to the sick."



The Piety Stall is now selling the 2023 Divine Mercy and Columban Art Church calendars. Buy your copy now so as not to be disappointed. Thank you.



GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the people affected by the conflict.



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1800 024 413

HOLIDAY ROSTERS

The rosters for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion will continue during January. If you will be absent or on holiday on your

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.

ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

If you wish to contribute to this appeal, envelopes are still available in the church foyer.