



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN		SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		16TH JANUARY 2022	
PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Jose Mathew		
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE		YOUTH MINISTER	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6704		
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	Bernice Quinn - 9407 6700	PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Paul - 9407 6722		
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Mark Basile - 9407 3100				
WEEKEND MASS TIMES	Saturday vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm, Unvaccinated - Sunday 7:30 am				
WEEKDAY MASS TIMES	Monday – Saturday 9:15 am, Unvaccinated - Friday 7:30 am 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 – 10:30 am concluding with Benediction				
VIGIL MASS:	1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm	Next Mass:	4th February		
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass:	13th February		
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass:	19th February		
ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:	1st, 2nd & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm.	Next Mass:	1st February		
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm.	Next Mass:	19th February		
MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS:	2nd Sat of the month 6:30 pm. Rosary, Mass, Adoration.	Next Mass:	TBD		
NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH:	1st Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.				
ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:	2nd Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.				
NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):	Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. (Resuming 7th December.)				
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.				
PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP:	Contact Alfons and Helen Glatzel - 9404 2050.				
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:	Every Friday at 3:00 pm in the chapel and after Friday morning 9:15 am mass.				
LIFE TEEN:	Every Sunday during school terms after 5pm Mass. Contact Carmel - millpark.youthministry@cam.org.au for further details.				

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Mass Bookings are no longer required for those attending any Mass from now on.
- Proof of vaccination is no longer required when entering the church.
- You are still required to check in via QR code when you enter the church.
- Masks are mandatory for all those of eight years of age and over.
- Please do not attend Mass if you are unwell.
- The doors to the church must be closed once the COVID Marshall leaves their post so late entry will not be permitted.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS - Contributions can be dropped off between 9am and 5pm each day at the parish office.
PARISH OFFICE HOURS - Please note the Parish Office will have minimal staff until February. If you need to contact the parish please leave a phone message or email millpark@cam.org.au and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anton Lister Rubera, Carmel Selar
IN MEMORIAM: Marina Vaz, Mary Yousif Hadad.
THOSE WHO ARE ILL: David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Herve Incoul, Rosy See, Pria Jacob, Koshy Philip, Varghese Paul, Zahra McMahon, Nora Gacillos, Shinta Manuel, Brian Fernandez, Jean-Marie D'Avoine, Eric Vaz.

The newsletter will be available each week in the Presbytery foyer and on our website www.cam.org.au/millpark

GREAT CONVERSION STORIES

Caroline Chisholm

Two hundred years ago, Australia was virtually unknown to most of the world. The British had planted their flags and begun a penal colony there, in a land ten thousand miles away from England with a seemingly harsh environment. There were also free immigrants, mostly poor people in search of new opportunities. In most cases, families were separated, husbands from wives, parents from children half a world away. The new Australians faced desperate circumstances in a distant land, and didn't know where to turn for help.



In 1838, however, Australian immigrants and their estranged families gained an advocated and devoted helper, a person who travelled fearlessly from Sydney's docks to the inland bush, who was willing to stand up to criminals, sea captains, colonial governors, British ministers, and parliament. What was even more remarkable was that this person was a woman: a wife and a mother of eight children.

The most astonishing fact of all, however, was that Caroline Chisholm—one of Australia's national heroes and one of the great social activists of the British Empire in the Victorian era—was a Roman Catholic. At a time where Catholics were still regarded with deep suspicion by the British, Caroline not only converted to the Catholic Church, but she lived her faith openly and devoutly. It was the source of all her energy on behalf of Australians who needed help in finding work and in building up their families and communities.

For Caroline, "conversion" corresponded with the full discovery of her vocation and mission of service in the world. Born in 1808, she grew up in a deeply Christian home on a farm near Northampton, England, a home devoted to serving the poor and extending hospitality. She also received a thorough education and learned about Britain's expansion throughout the world in the post-Napoleonic period. The desire awakened in her heart to dedicate herself to helping others in distant places, an aspiration difficult to reconcile with the prospect of marriage to one of the local farmers.

In 1830, however, she met the man who would become not only her husband but also the great collaborator in her life's work. Captain Archibald Chisholm was on an extended leave from India in order to recuperate from illness when he came to the region to visit relatives. He was ten years older than Caroline, and a native Scots Highlander from a respected old Catholic family. He fell in love with her, but she hesitated, explaining that she would not be able to be a conventional "officer's wife".

But there was nothing conventional about Archibald. He was a man of great compassion himself, with a large perspective on the world, gained from experience and fostered by his own quiet but deeply held Catholic faith. He was more than willing to embrace her dedication to works of mercy and share in it. She, in turn, embraced his Catholic faith as her own shortly after they were married. In this remarkable marriage, both spouses strengthened each other to bring faith and love to a vibrant family and a fruitful, generous presence of Christ first in India and then in Australia. Archibald and Caroline Chisholm were pioneers not only in social reform and human rights, but also in the lay vocation to live the gospel as a leaven in the world.



We hope that all of St Francis of Assisi parishioners are keeping safe during the summer months.

CHOIRS AT MASS:

During January our choirs will have a well-earned break. We thank them for the talents they share with us faithfully every week.



HOLIDAY ROSTERS:

The rosters for Readers and Special Ministers of the Eucharist will continue during January. If you will be absent or on holiday, please contact another person to take your turn.



The Piety Stall is now selling the 2022 Divine Mercy and Columban Art Church Calendars. Buy your copy so as not to be disappointed. Thank you.