



# St Francis of Assisi Parish

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## MASS & CONFESSION TIMETABLE

### Confessions

- Saturday - 9:45 am - 10:30 am
- Wednesday - Following Wednesday 7:30 pm Mass

### Mass

- Monday to Saturday - 9:15 am
- Saturday evening - 5:00 pm
- Sunday - 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm

### Important Reminders

Please remember to wear masks inside the church at all times and to wear masks outside if a 1.5 metre social distancing measure cannot be maintained. Face masks are required for all people 12 years and older. The wearing of masks allows us to have greater numbers in the church than otherwise.

All bookings will commence Tuesdays at 10:00am for the week ahead (i.e. **Tuesday 12th January for the following week**). Phone bookings for the entire week will only be taken on **Tuesdays from 10:00am to 5pm on 9407 6701**. If your call goes to voicemail, please remember to leave your name and number and we will get back to you.

TryBooking online bookings can be made by 5:00pm the previous day throughout the week, if seats are available. Please arrive 15 to 20 minutes prior to Mass to enable list checking requirements to occur without difficulty. Please be aware that entry is not permitted once Mass begins.

### 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

The Piety Stall is now selling the 2021 Divine Mercy and Columban Art Church calendars. Buy your copy so as not to be disappointed. Thank you.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Death Anniversaries:** Danilo Peralta , Flordeliza Del Rosario , Serafina Zappino  
**Those who are ill:** David Wallace, Sharon Barber, John Pathinathan, Alfio Tringal & Giovanna Tringal, Herve Incoul, Asha Narayan, Philomena McManus, Antony Picardo & Zena Picardo, Anna Altavilla, Marina Manabat.

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)

## Message from Pope Francis,

You can have flaws, be anxious, and even be angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can stop it from going bust. Many appreciate you, admire you and love you. Remember that to be happy is not to have a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, work without fatigue, relationships without disappointments. To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in the stage of fear, love in discord. It is not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness. It is not only to celebrate the successes, but to learn lessons from the failures. It is not only to feel happy with the applause, but to be happy in anonymity. Being happy is not a fatality of destiny, but an achievement for those who can travel within themselves.

To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become your destiny's author. It is to cross deserts, yet to be able to find an oasis in the depths of our soul. It is to thank God for every morning, for the miracle of life. Being happy is not being afraid of your own feelings. It's to be able to talk about you. It is having the courage to hear a "no". It is confidence in the face of criticism, even when unjustified. It is to kiss your children, pamper your parents, to live poetic moments with friends, even when they hurt us. To be happy is to let live the creature that lives in each of us, free, joyful and simple. It is to have maturity to be able to say: "I made mistakes". It is to have the courage to say "I am sorry". It is to have the sensitivity to say, "I need you". It is to have the ability to say "I love you". May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness ... That in spring may it be a lover of joy. In winter a lover of wisdom. And when you make a mistake, start all over again. For only then will you be in love with life. You will find that to be happy is not to have a perfect life. But use the tears to irrigate tolerance. Use your losses to train patience. Use your mistakes to sculptor serenity. Use pain to plaster pleasure. Use obstacles to open windows of intelligence. Never give up .... Never give up on people who love you. Never give up on happiness, for life is an incredible show.



## Pope Francis, Happy New Year!

### CHANGE OR SUPPRESSION (CONVERSION) PRACTICES PROHIBITION BILL 2020

In the words (paraphrased) from Archbishop Comensoli

With scant consultation over the past twelve months, and with little discussion in recent weeks, the bill was quietly tables without religious communities having the opportunity to see exactly what was being proposed.

While the intention is to prevent harmful practices that would damage human dignity, it over-reaches into the context of prayer, conversion, pastoral conversations, spiritual accompaniment, family life and freedom of individuals to change and seek advice and direction of their own choosing to in order to make their own decisions.

For further information go to:

<https://content.legislation.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/bills/591143bi1.pdf>

<https://content.legislation.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/bills/591143exi1.pdf>

And you may like to consult:

Freedom for Faith, Australian Christian Lobby (who have an online form to fill out in order to contact your local MP) a statement by the Greek Orthodox Church and MurrayCampbell.net