



# St Francis of Assisi Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9TH JANUARY 2022

<b>PARISH PRIEST</b>	Fr Anthony Girolami	<b>ASSISTANT PRIEST</b>	Fr Jose Mathew
<b>PASTORAL ASSOCIATE</b>		<b>YOUTH MINISTER</b>	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6704
<b>OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR</b>	Bernice Quinn - 9407 6700	<b>PARISH BOOKKEEPER</b>	Paul - 9407 6722
<b>SCHOOL PRINCIPAL</b>	Mark Basile - 9407 3100		

<b>WEEKEND MASS TIMES</b>	Saturday vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm, Unvaccinated - Sunday 7:30 am
<b>WEEKDAY MASS TIMES</b>	Monday – Saturday 9:15 am, Unvaccinated - Friday 7:30 am Wednesday 7:30 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help
<b>RECONCILIATION</b>	Wednesday evening after Mass and Novena Saturday 9:45 am
<b>ADORATION</b>	Saturday 9:45 am – 10:30 am concluding with Benediction

<b>VIGIL MASS:</b>	1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm	<b>Next Mass:</b>	4th February
<b>FILIPINO MASS:</b>	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	13th February
<b>MALTESE MASS:</b>	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	19th February
<b>ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:</b>	1st, 2nd & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	1st February
<b>INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:</b>	3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	19th February
<b>MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS:</b>	2nd Sat of the month 6:30 pm. Rosary, Mass, Adoration.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	TBD
<b>NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH:</b>	1st Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.		
<b>ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:</b>	2nd Wednesday of the month after 9:15am Mass.		
<b>NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):</b>	Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. (Resuming 7th December.)		
<b>LEGION OF MARY:</b>	Every Thursday at 10:15 am in the church fellowship area. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.		
<b>WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP:</b>	Every Friday at 7:00 pm in the chapel.		
<b>PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP:</b>	Contact Alfons and Helen Glatzel - 9404 2050.		
<b>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:</b>	Every Friday at 3:00 pm in the chapel and after Friday morning 9:15am mass.		
<b>LIFE TEEN:</b>	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.
- Please arrive 15 minutes early for check in requirements. Please bring your smartphone for easier check in.

**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 Rubira, Rumia Simamora, Enza Panozzo.

**IN MEMORIAM:** Anna Altavilla, Danilo Peralta, Guila Doria.

**THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Fr Tao Pham, 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.

## GREAT CONVERSION STORIES

*Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*

Elizabeth Ann Seton, America's first canonized saint, entered the Catholic Church at the age of thirty after a long, profound, and beautiful Christian and human journey. Born in New York in 1774, the influence of her mother's family helped her to find Christ and begin to follow him within the Episcopalian (Anglican) tradition. As a Protestant, young Elizabeth was devoted to reading and meditating on Scripture and doing works of mercy. Meanwhile, as a member of New York's refined society, she received a thorough education, made connections, and at the age of nineteen married William Seton, whose family shipping business carried goods from the port of New York to many places in Europe.

In nearly ten years of marriage, William and Elizabeth Seton had five children, and Elizabeth assisted her husband with managing the business during difficult times. She continued to grow in her faith, entrusting everything in life to God's providence. During this time, however, William's health declined, and they decided to go to Italy in the hope that a change of climate might help him recuperate. William had formed a strong friendship with two remarkable Italian merchants in Livorno, Filippo and Antonio Filicchi. The Filicchis were devoted Catholics, and this trip would be decisive for Elizabeth's future.

William grew worse on the voyage, and when they arrived in Livorno he was on the point of death. With the Filicchi family's help, Elizabeth cared for her beloved husband in his last days and helped him embrace faith in Christ before his death in 1803. In her grief, the Filicchis welcomed her into their family circle. In the ensuing weeks, Elizabeth found herself naturally immersed in the home life of a Catholic family. Through the ordinary circumstances of their lives, their conversations and explanations, and their affection and friendship, Filippo and Mary, Antonio and Amabilia Filicchi, their children and households touched Elizabeth's heart and opened her to the fullness of Catholic faith. Above all, the ardent love, joy, and intimacy they experienced in the mass drew Elizabeth to discover the incomparable truth of Christ's real presence in the Blessed Sacrament. She was deeply struck by the way Jesus, whom she already loved and to whom she already entrusted her own life, was so concrete and so accessible to his people in the Eucharist.

Elizabeth had come to love the Catholic Church through her friends the Filicchis in Italy, but when she returned to Protestant-dominated America, she didn't know what to do. She wrestled with uncertainties and fears even as she continued to be powerfully drawn to Jesus in the Eucharist. Antonio Filicchi encouraged her to write to a priest he knew in Boston, who counselled her to trust in God whose grace was bringing her to the fullness of the Catholic Faith. Thus she determined to rely on Jesus completely, and to follow his call. In the face of opposition from family and her social milieu, but also with the support of her new friends who had pointed out the way to her, Elizabeth Ann Seton was received into the Catholic Church on March 14, 1805. The early adventures of her life had led her to this great fruition. Her later journey into consecrated life, to becoming the foundress of a religious community and to sanctity, was soon to begin.



### 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.