



# St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN		THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD		2ND 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>	7th January		
<b>FILIPINO MASS:</b>	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	9th January		
<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:** Concetta Pitto, Elena Phillipe, Sam Sposato, Natale Mercuri, Jean Luc.

**IN MEMORIAM:** Rosie Magalotti, Luc Ohis, Jean Vengta, Joseph Perera, Meraya Perera, Bahnam and Munira, Joseph Schembri, Avelino Peralta.

**THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Fr Tao Pham, David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Herve Incoul, Rosy See, Pria Jacob, Koshy Philip, Varghese Paul, Zahra McMahan, Nora Gacillos, Shinta Manuel, Brian Fernadez, Jean-Marie. D' Avoine.

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

*Dear Parishioners,*

May our New Year of 2022 be a time of grace and blessing for everyone. Over the next few weeks I will be taking a short break assisting another Parish Priest on the Mornington Peninsula. A change is as good as a holiday! During this time Fr. Jose will be holding the fort.

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES**  
Thanksgiving envelopes and statements have been posted to those who were unable to collect them from the church. Please do not use envelopes from 2021.

**PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS—UPDATES**  
As you may have heard our church was closed because we were a covid exposure site. I hope all who received directions from DHHS followed their advice. With new regulations announced during the week exposure sites in public settings like our church will no longer be applicable. Face masks are to be worn in the church by those 8 years and older. QR check-ins are required by all who enter the church. People are no longer required to show their vaccination status when they enter the church. If you have been directed by DHS to get a COVID test because you have been in contact with a COVID positive person; please follow those directions, get tested and do not come to the church until you have received a negative result. Ignoring DHS directives will put us all at risk. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please come to Mass early. Once the Mass begins and the COVID-marshall leaves their post the church doors are to be closed.

Please turn off your mobile phones when you enter the church. Remember if your phone rings during Mass, it is understood that you will be making a \$100 donation to the church renovation fund.

**GREAT CONVERSION STORIES**  
*Louis Bouyer*

Father Louis Bouyer (1913-2004) - the influential and prolific French Catholic biblical, liturgical, and patristic scholar-was born into a Protestant family on the eve of World War I and was briefly a Lutheran minister. But Christ drew him to the fullness of the Catholic faith through both personal circumstances and the remarkable (though somewhat chaotic) vitality of the ecumenical experience among Christians in Paris between the wars.

French Protestants had their own social circles, and Louis Bouyer grew up among them in Paris and the surrounding countryside. His mother's death occasioned temptations to scepticism, but his attraction to beauty, his Christian companions, and several Protestant pastors led Louis during his adolescent years to a mature conviction of both God's existence and the divinity of Jesus Christ. After the war, the movement for Christian unity spread widely among Protestants, and his Protestant teachers introduced Louis to the Church Fathers and ancient liturgical traditions. One of them gave Louis a copy of a book by John Henry Newman, and in its pages he found a lifelong mentor, spiritual father, and model for his own journey.

Encouraged by his "High Church" Lutheran parish in Paris, Louis entered the Protestant seminary to study for the ministry. Paris was explosive in brilliance, creativity, and confusion after World War I. There was much decadence, but there was also an impetus for renewal, especially among some prominent Christian intellectuals fighting against the prevailing milieu of reductionist modernism. Louis Bouyer the seminarian and his circle of friends plunged into this ardent search for Christian renewal and reconnection with the perennial sources of Christian faith and spirituality.

Further stimulus in those years came from Russian Orthodox priests and intellectuals who had fled the Communist revolution and settled in Paris. Young Bouyer met some of the great figures of 20th-century Russian Orthodoxy (including Sergei Bulgakov and Vladimir Lossky) and experienced the vivid ancient rituals and stunning beauty of the Russian Orthodox liturgy. By this time, Bouyer had hopes of participating in a movement to bring the "positive elements" of the Protestant Reformation (the emphasis on God's grace, interior life, and biblical piety) into unity with the ancient Christian tradition. He and his friends went so far as to be chrismated, to confess, and to receive the Eucharist from an ex-Catholic priest who had become an Orthodox monk. This initiative, however, went no further. Boyer remained Lutheran, and indeed became a Lutheran minister in 1935. But he continued searching. Visits to the Benedictine Abbey of Saint-Wandrille showed him that liturgical traditions centred on Jesus in the Eucharist were not confined to the East, and he was deeply drawn to the abbey's Catholic life. Yet he hesitated, not because of any doctrinal quandaries, but for the most human of reasons: he was in love. In 1938, he proposed marriage to a young woman he had known for a number of years. Her mother's opposition to him, however, strained and ultimately broke the relationship. Heartbroken, Bouyer let go of his dream of being a married clergyman. Then he and his compatriots were shaken out of many other dreams when war against Germany was declared in 1939.

Louis Bouyer was received into the Catholic Church at Saint-Wandrille Abbey on 27 December 1939. Though Bouyer initially aspired to join the Benedictines, the abbot- Dom Lucien Chambat-counselled him instead to join the Oratorians at Jullily, and thus he entered the priestly community of Saint Philip Neri and his own beloved Saint John Henry Newman.

**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.

