



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN		FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		30TH JANUARY 2022	
PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Jose Mathew		
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Anh Tran	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				
WEEKDAY MASS TIMES	Monday – Saturday 9:15 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 9:15am Mass.				
NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):	Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.				
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 9:15am 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.
- 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: Chantelle Turco
IN MEMORIAM: Dan Taylor, Bruna 'Nonna' Vatta
THOSE WHO ARE ILL: 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,

As announced last weekend, I am happy to inform you we have a new Pastoral Associate who will begin duties with us on Tuesday 1st February.

Our new Pastoral Associate is Sr Anh Tran who is a religious Sister in the Order of The Lovers of The Holy Cross of the Dalat, Vietnam. Sr Anh has an Arts degree Majoring in English, a Diploma in Theology and Clinical Pastoral Education qualifications. She has a background in both teaching and pastoral care.


Sister will be formally introduced to the Parish at all Masses on the first weekend of February.

May Sr Anh be blessed in her ministry with us.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Anthony Girolami

GREAT CONVERSION STORIES

James Longstreet



Slavery and racism were so firmly established when the United States of America became independent that the former was only eradicated by a fratricidal civil war and the latter remains a source of concern to this day, even as the ideal of political freedom found distinctive expression in 1776 continues to inspire the world.

This ambivalence and division between ideals and concrete practice made the U.S. a complicated society in the early-to-mid 19th century. This complexity provides the context that enables us to appreciate the significance of a simple but controversial man. James Longstreet is mostly known as the American Civil War general who was Robert E. Lee's right-hand man in many campaigns, and whose role in the Battle of Gettysburg is still disputed. James Longstreet the person is often lost in these disputations. He was a man of great integrity, with a simple dedication to doing his duty as a soldier: to serve God, following what he honestly believed to be the legitimately constituted authority of his country, and defending the common good.

James Longstreet was born in 1821 in Piedmont region on the border between Georgia and South Carolina. Sponsored by the State of Alabama, he left home at age seventeen for the National Army Academy at West Point, where he did poorly in academics but excelled in matters of practical intelligence. He became an officer in the U.S. Army in 1842, serving with distinction in the Mexican War and then for over a decade on the frontier posts in the Southwest. He was thus a veteran army officer when Alabama seceded from the Union (along with other southern states) and summoned him to its service. Like many others at the time, Longstreet assumed his primary obligation was to his state, and therefore he resigned his commission and joined the confederate forces, with which he fought his most famous battles.

After the Southern defeat, Longstreet accepted the terms of his parole, moved to New Orleans, and dedicated himself to working for a unified country. For him it was a simple continuation of his dedication to his duty, but it stirred up considerable controversy among his fellow Southerners. He became one of the only former Confederate generals to support Reconstruction and join the Republican Party. Eventually, he was given command of the local militia whose members were mostly black, and he led them in the defence of the governor's mansion against a paramilitary group called the "White League".


For these efforts he was vilified, socially isolated, and labelled a "traitor" by many former friends and acquaintances. When he attended Sunday services at his Episcopalian church, he was spurned by the congregants, and the pews surrounding him were empty. It seemed that the spirit of divisiveness and resentment was prevailing even over the worship of God.

It was there in New Orleans that Long Street began to wonder if there was a more universal, more inclusive way to serve Jesus Christ. Father Abram J. Ryan—a pastor in nearby Mobile, Alabama—assured him that the Catholic Church would welcome him with open arms. A path opened up, and the Jesuits of New Orleans came to accompany the old general and show him the way. After attending a thorough and intense mission given by Jesuit Father Arnold Damen, Longstreet became convinced that his duty was to follow Jesus fully in the Catholic Church, which received him in March 1877. He remained a faithful and devout Catholic for the last quarter-century of his life.

PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION
 Our first **All Leaders Meeting** will be on **this** Tuesday, 1st February at 7.30 pm in the Community Room. Our **Parish Cell Groups** resume **NEXT** week, from Monday 7th February at their normal times and venues.

REGULAR ROSTERS: All Readers and Special Ministers of Communion regular rosters will resume next weekend.

CHOIRS AT MASS:
 All Choirs will return next weekend. We hope they have enjoyed their well earned break.



SPECIAL COLLECTION: The first weekend of the month special collection for the repayment of the church's loan will be taken up next weekend.

Cells Launch 2022 on Tuesday, 15th February!

All Cell groups, families, and friends are invited to Get Together to begin the New Year of Cells on Tuesday, 15th February starting at 7.30 pm in St Francis Hall

- * Inspirational Talk & Discussion! Theme for 2022!
- * Tea/Coffee & Social Time!
- * Bring your friends!

If you are interested in finding out about Cell Groups – Come & see!!
 Enquiries contact: 9407 6700

