



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 26TH DECEMBER 2021

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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

FILIPINO MASS: 2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.

MALTESE MASS: 3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.

ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm.

INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS: 3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm.

MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS: 2nd Sat of the month 6:30 pm. Rosary, Mass, Adoration.

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.

Next Mass: 7th January

Next Mass: 13th February

Next Mass: 19th February

Next Mass: 1st February

Next Mass: 19th February

Next Mass: TBD

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 over eight years of age.
- 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: Valerie Kerr.

IN MEMORIAM: Michael Dango, Susana Castelo, Garry Marpuri, Ireneo Marpuri, Joseph Perera, Meraga Perera, Jude Quinn.

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 Fernadez, Jean-Marie.

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

Dear Parishioners,

I hope Christmas Day brought many joyful blessing to you and your families. Today as we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, let us reflect on the blessings that come to us by the love we receive from the members of our families. Hopefully we are able to gather with people from our extended families who we many not have been able to celebrate Christmas with last year. Let us thank God for the opportunities we have to be with our loved ones.

As well as this on a more profound level, let's remember we are all members of the God's family as a result of our baptism. As much as we are close to our family members, we are more truly united to one another through the spiritual bond given to us at our baptism. For at our baptism we all became children of God and brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. As we have opened our heart to Christ on Christmas Day may we be inspired to open our hearts to one another. May the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary and Joseph—accompany you in the new year to come.

Have a Happy and Holy New Year!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Anthony Girolami

PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS

As of 11:59pm on the 23rd of December, the wearing of masks in the church is mandatory for all people over eight years of age. 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.

SAINT WHO?

Saint Clare of Assisi and Saint Agnes of Assisi

Clare (Chiara) Offreduccio was but nineteen when she left home to join Saint Francis. He cut her hair, gave her a rough smock, and housed her in a convent in an effort to thwart her irate family. Soon afterwards, her fifteen-year-old sister Caterina stole away from home to join her. Francis gave her a new name, Agnes. She too was the target of attempts by the family to forcibly bring her home; these were repeatedly thwarted by apparently supernatural means.

Over the next eight years, their blood sisterhood was transformed by adherence to a new form of life, evangelical poverty. Seeking true liberty of spirit in imitation of Christ, Agnes and Clare called nothing their own. They went barefoot, slept on the ground, and ate very meagrely.

Around 1220, Francis made Agnes abbess at a new convent outside Florence, and she suffered greatly at being separated from her relations (by this time, her mother and another sister had also joined the convent). She remained firm in maintaining the "privilege of poverty" that was the centrepiece of Clare's Rule. This "privilege" meant that the nuns could not be forced to live on alms or charge rents—a revolutionary way of life for women religious.

Clare and Agnes both died in 1253, only three months apart. Their remains lie together at the Church of Saint Clare in Assisi.

Loving Father, through the intercession of Saints Clare and Agnes of Assisi, awaken me to my deep need for you.



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.



THANKSGIVING RECEIPTS & NEW ENVELOPES

Thanksgiving receipts for those that contribute via all methods, including credit card, and new sets of envelopes are available for collection in the foyer of the church. They are in alphabetical order of street name. Thank you.

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.



Goodbye

SR IGNACIA

This is Sr Ignacia's last weekend with us. Thank you to all who helped in giving Sister a farewell morning tea last Sunday. We thank Sr Ignacia for her years of faithful service to our parish and pray for her as she embarks on the next stage of her religious life.