



# St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN		THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD		25TH DECEMBER 2023	
<b>PARISH PRIEST</b>	Fr Anthony Girolami	<b>ASSISTANT PRIEST</b>	Fr Zaher Almhanna		
<b>PASTORAL ASSOCIATE</b>	Sr Anh Tran - 9407 6720	<b>PARISH/SCHOOL LIAISON</b>	Ruth Lees - 9407 6703		
<b>OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR</b>	Bernice Quinn - 9407 6700	<b>YOUTH MINISTER</b>	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6704		
<b>SCHOOL PRINCIPAL</b>	Mark Basile - 9407 3100	<b>PARISH BOOKKEEPER</b>	Paul - 9407 6722		
<b>WEEKEND MASS TIMES</b>	Saturday vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm				
<b>WEEKDAY MASS TIMES</b>	Monday – Saturday 9:15 am Wednesday 7:00 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 – 10:45 am concluding with Benediction				
<b>VIGIL MASS:</b>	1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to Midnight Mass.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	5th January		
<b>FILIPINO MASS:</b>	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	11th February		
<b>MALTESE MASS:</b>	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	<b>Next Mass:</b>	17th February		
<b>INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:</b>	3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm. (None Dec or Jan)	<b>Next Mass:</b>	17th February		
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:</b>	Wednesday 6:30 am - 7:00 pm in the chapel.				
<b>NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH:</b>	1st Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.				
<b>ANOINTING OF THE SICK:</b>	2nd Wednesday of the month after 9:15am Mass.				
<b>ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS:</b>	Resuming 6th February 2024, 7:00pm.				
<b>NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):</b>	Resuming 6th February 2024, 6:30pm.				
<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. Contact Nancy - 0434 559 352.				
<b>PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP:</b>	Contact Regina - 0432 267 557 or Alfons and Helen Glatzel - 9404 2050.				
<b>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:</b>	Every Friday at 3:00 pm in the chapel and after Tuesday morning 9:15am Mass.				
<b>AGAPE RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING:</b>	Resuming Sunday 4th February. Contact Gigimon - 0402 652 646.				
<b>LIFE TEEN:</b>	Every Sunday during school terms after 5pm Mass. Contact Carmel at millpark.youthministry@cam.org.au for further details.				
<b>JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP:</b>	Every Thursday at 7 pm in the chapel. Contact Lovely - 0411 208 706.				
<b>CATECHIST R.E. CLASSES:</b>	For all enquiries contact May Park at sfranciscatechist@gmail.com.				

## PARISH NEWS

- PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS** - Contributions can be dropped off between 9am and 5pm each day at the parish office.
- THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES** - Please remember to write the amount on the front of your thanksgiving envelopes.
- PARISH FEAST DAY EXPO** - The Parish Expo slideshow featuring the Parish Groups and also the Parish Information Booklet can be viewed on the Parish Website [www.cam.org.au/millpark](http://www.cam.org.au/millpark)
- PARISH CENSUS 2023** - If you did not fill in a Parish Census Card over the last few weeks at Mass please collect one from the church foyer to fill in and return. Thank you.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- RECENTLY DECEASED:** Br Christian Moe FSC.
- IN MEMORIAM:** Doris Vella.
- THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Lez Meyers, David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Maeve Reardon, Greg Forrester, Anupiya Menikdiwela, Henrica Hanny, Peter Basile, Antonina Gangi, Seamus Quinn.

(From time to time we will modify the sick list. If you prefer a person to remain on the list please contact the parish office.)

The newsletter will be available each week on our website [www.cam.org.au/millpark](http://www.cam.org.au/millpark)

Dear Parishioners,

'Joy to the world, the Lord has come! Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare him room.' These verses from such a well known Christmas carol inspire us to be people who realise how much God loves us, cherishes us and yearns for our peace and happiness. In fact God wants us to share in his perfect peace and happiness. May I take this moment to thank all who support our parish in so many ways that enable us to be a faith filled community imbued with vibrancy, vitality and viability because we seek to live with the vision of God.

Many thanks to Sr Anh and all those who assisted her in assembling the Christmas crib.

On behalf of the parish team may I extend to all of you and your families a Happy and Holy Christmas and a peace filled New Year.

God bless, Fr Anthony.




**GAZA CRISIS APPEAL**

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the people affected by the conflict.



**DONATE NOW**  
[www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza)  
**1800 024 413**

**PLEASE BE AWARE:**

There have been opportunists targeting churches pretending to help with collections or money counting and then stealing the money. If anyone you don't recognize asks to help with money collecting do not allow them.

**RECITATION OF THE CREED**

After we say: " and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man" we pause as we kneel for a few moments.

A huge thank you to all parishioners for the wonderful response to the 2023 St Vincent De Paul Annual Appeal for donations of gifts for needy families in our Parish. We thank you for your faithful support and generosity, which helps make their Christmas brighter. We wish you and your loved ones a happy, holy and joyous Christmas.




**HOLIDAY ROSTERS**

The rosters for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion will continue during January. If you will be absent or on holiday on your rostered turn, please contact another person to take your place.

**CHOIRS ON BREAK DURING JANUARY**

During January our choirs at Mass will have a well-earned break. We thank them for the talents they share with us faithfully every week.

The Piety Stall is now selling the 2023 Divine Mercy and Columban Art Church calendars. Buy your copy now so as not to be disappointed. Thank you.



**THANKSGIVING RECEIPTS & NEW ENVELOPES**

Thanksgiving receipts for those that contribute via all methods, and new sets of envelopes have now been posted and should be received by next week. Thank you for your continued support.

**ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE**

Since the start of the war, millions of Ukrainians have fled their home country, with thousands of refugees coming to Australia. In response to the continued conflict in Ukraine, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli is launching a special Advent appeal, the proceeds of which will go towards providing aid and practical assistance to those who have been displaced and are without basic supplies, especially as winter approaches. 'There are no winners in war, only families torn apart. Sadly, this is the painful reality facing so many at this time,' Archbishop Comensoli reflected. 'I'm inviting the faithful of Melbourne to offer whatever they can at this time. And I pray that, together, we can be a sign of God's nearness to those who need it most.' Please collect a Christmas card from the Archbishop from the church foyer.