



St Francis of Assisi Parish
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Parish Bulletin Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th January 2021

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MASS & CONFESSION TIMETABLE

- Confessions**
 Saturday - 9:45 am - 10:30 am
 Wednesday - Following Wednesday 7:30 pm Mass
- Mass**
 Monday to Saturday - 9:15 am
 Saturday evening - 5:00 pm
 Sunday - 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm

Important Reminders

Please remember to wear masks inside the church at all times and to wear masks outside if a 1.5 metre social distancing measure cannot be maintained. Face masks are required for all people 12 years and older. The wearing of masks allows us to have greater numbers in the church than otherwise.

All bookings will commence Monday at 10:00am for the week ahead (i.e. **Tuesday 26th January for the following week**). Phone bookings for the entire week will only be taken on **Monday from 10:00am to 5pm on 9407 6701**. If your call goes to voicemail, please remember to leave your name and number and we will get back to you.

TryBooking online bookings can be made by 5:00pm the previous day throughout the week, if seats are available. Please arrive 15 to 20 minutes prior to Mass to enable list checking requirements to occur without difficulty. Please be aware that entry is not permitted once Mass begins.

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.

EMAIL SCAM

Any emails requesting for financial aid from the 'parish priest' please delete as they are scams.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently deceased: Gaspare Peroni.

Death Anniversaries: Franca Mazza, Rita Nathan.

Those who are ill: David Wallace, Sharon Barber, John Pathinathan, Alfio Tringal & Giovanna Tringal, Herve Incoul, Asha Narayan, Philomena McManus, Antony Picardo & Zena Picardo, Anna Altavilla, Marina Manabat, Nerio & Helen Smith, Ormond Family.

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

Dear Parishioners,

It's good to be back enjoying the warm weather of Mill Park. Over the last two weeks some changes have taken place regarding our Covid responses and management. In regard to a number of queries I have received of late, may I explain our policy.

Firstly we are acting in union with Diocesan guidelines in the following ways.

1. Wearing Masks. Compulsory or optional?

Masks are optional in churches that are observing a 4 square metre rule with people social distancing at 1.5 metres.

At St Francis we have opted for the 2 square metre density rule recognising that not all people are social distancing at 1.5 metres. With the 4sq metre rule we can have 120 people in church. With the 2sq metre density ruling we can have more than double that number. Consequently, to allow more people to attend Mass, it remains compulsory to wear masks.

2. Reception of Holy Communion.

The Archbishop has now allowed the reception of Holy Communion to be on the hand or on the tongue, at the discretion of the parish priest. Communion on the tongue will now be administered under the following conditions; those wishing to receive communion on the tongue must receive communion only from the priest, and last of all. The priest is required to sanitise his hands after each person he administers communion to on the tongue. Your patience will be appreciated.

Until things get back to normal I would encourage you to receive communion on the hand.

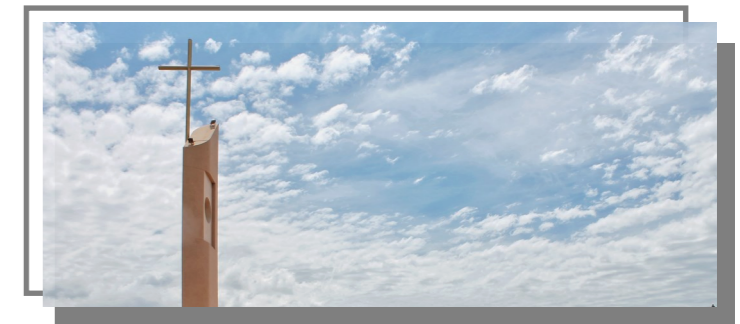
3. Choirs will resume singing next weekend under strict directives.

4. We hope Masses in languages other than English will resume next month at their regular time. More details to follow.

5. Chapel re-opening.

After next weekend the chapel will be re-opened to private prayer subject to a number of requirements. More details to follow.

6. Mass bookings for the next week will be taken on **Monday 25th January** from 10:00am, as the office is closed on the Australia Day Public Holiday (Tuesday 26th January). Again, I remind you please book in advance, and arrive at the church in plenty of time before Mass. Late comers cannot be admitted. People walking in without a booking are becoming increasingly difficult to manage so please book in advance.



Our Vicar General, Monsignor Joe Caddy recently wrote to priests informing us that more police spot checks will continue particularly when people raise concerns about their ongoing safety. As he pointed out, Covid is not quite done with us yet, and now is not the time to become complacent, rather it is a time to double down on our resolve and efforts to continue and manage this dangerous and highly contagious disease.

Personally, I thank you for your understanding and thoughtful concern you are all showing for the welfare of all who attend Mass at St Francis. God bless you all and may the Lord Bless our Country on Australia day for the many blessing we have all received.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Anthony Girolami