



# St Francis of Assisi Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21ST JANUARY 2024

<b>PARISH PRIEST</b>	Fr Anthony Girolami	<b>ASSISTANT PRIEST</b>	Fr Zaher Almhna
<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>	2nd February
<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:** James Cortissos, Concetta Tieri, Nicola De Carolis, Anna Maria Di Summo, Monsignor Gerard Diamond, Gary Boyd, Cedric Dircuze, Gaetano Delavo, Sumathi.
- IN MEMORIAM:** Casiamo Gonzalez, Rose Sheehan, Christopher McManus, Rui Neves Braz, Cardinal George Pell.
- THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Lez Meyers, David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Maeve Reardon, Greg Forrester, Anupiya Menikdiwela, Henrica Hanny, Peter Basile, Antonina Gangi, Seamus Quinn, Brian Fernandez.

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### SAINT WHO? BLESSED BENEDICT DASWA MARTYR

FEAST: 1 FEBRUARY

Tshimangadzo Samuel Daswa was born in South Africa in 1946. When his father died, he worked to provide for his younger siblings. He was especially concerned for their education, and encouraged them to take pride in their academic work. Daswa converted to Catholicism in 1963, and was baptised Benedict. He attended a teacher's training college and took correspondence courses, earning himself accreditation in school administration. He taught primary school before becoming a principal. Strict but fair, he was deeply concerned with the welfare of his students. He involved them in music and sports, visited the families of troubled students, and helped poorer students earn money to pay for their books and uniforms. Daswa was married and had eight children, whom he loved tenderly. He annually hosted a joyful family feast: "Daswa Family Day". He was respected throughout the community. But in 1989, bad storms hit his region. The local elders decided to hire a magician to find the person responsible. A tax was levied to fund the witch-hunt. Daswa refused to pay such a tax, insisting that the storms were a natural phenomenon. He was ambushed by an angry mob and murdered. His final words were, "God, into your hands receive my spirit."



### SAINT WHO? SAINT JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO PRIEST AND RELIGIOUS FEAST: 18 SEPTEMBER



Born in extreme poverty, Joseph of Cupertino grew up malnourished and slow of mind. It is said he could not tell a story to its end, and could barely put a sentence together. His behaviour was so frustrating that even his mother did not want him around. In his late teens, he was accepted on trial at a Franciscan monastery, and it was, he said, the hardest day of life when he was told to leave. Joseph stumbled back home, much to the consternation of his mother, who berated the Franciscans for returning him to be a burden. The Franciscans took him back as a servant; his radiant good cheer and holiness caused them to reexamine his vocation. A series of providential circumstances led Joseph to be ordained a priest. He began to work frequent miracles of healing. He could command animals, read hearts, and levitate. He bi-located to be at the bedside of his dying mother. His great humility drove away demons. But many did not trust him, and eventually he came under suspicion from the Inquisition. He was exonerated of all charges, but it was decided for his own good to keep him in a prison-like confinement, hidden away from the world. On his deathbed, someone spoke to him of the love of God: "Say that again, say that again," he cried, and contagious joy came to his face. He died in 1663.

### THANKSGIVING RECEIPTS & NEW ENVELOPES

Please be aware because we had a difficulty with the post office, a number of envelopes were only sent out recently. If you have not received your envelope by the end of this week, please contact the office. If you have changed your address, please contact the office to inform us.



### JANUARY 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.

