



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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STREAMING OF MASSES

Mass is being streamed every Sunday at 9 am and Wednesday at 8 am. To access the stream, please visit our website www.cam.org.au/millpark and click on the link provided on the homepage.

ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL

We now have an online parish payment portal, CDFpay for Parishes.

You can set up a recurring payment, if you haven't done so already, or you can choose a one-off offering. The St Francis of Assisi Mill Park site can be found via the link on our website www.cam.org.au/millpark

You can select to contribute to either the parish or presbytery. Please note that contributions to 'presbytery' will not be recorded towards your family's thanksgiving contributions.

We ask that you please enter your current envelope number under the 'notes' section. If you don't know your number please email millpark@cam.org.au or call 9407 6701.

Thank you to all who are supporting our parish.

Project Compassion

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can be returned to the Parish Office at anytime. Please place them in the baskets provided.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Adrian Harris.

Those who are ill: David Wallace, Anthony Lethbridge, Sam Pisani, Maria Concepcion Alcedo, Danuata Plaskota, Rebecca Scaringi, Marina Manabat, Isau Issac, Sharon Barber, Flor Madio, Brian Rooney, John Pathinathan, Alfio & Giovanna Tringal, Herve Incoul, Maria Ljutic, Inaam Jerjis.

Dear Parishioners,

I hope all of you are keeping well. Please be assured of my prayers. At this time many of us are probably feeling the effects of isolation. In fact I feel it most acutely when I am offering Mass without your presence. I am really looking forward to the day we can all join together for the celebration of Mass.

In the meantime we can give expression to the faith we all share, the hope we have for the day we can return together at Mass and the joy of knowing God's love for us in the Eucharist.

To give expression to these sentiments we can make a spiritual communion that enables us to share our desire to be closer to God and one another.

So may I suggest the following Spiritual Communion Prayer that we invite all to say, particularly when we are streaming Mass.

Yours in the Risen Lord, Fr Anthony Girolami.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Mass Intentions

A number of people have asked me about having Masses offered for people's intentions. While Fr. Jose and myself are not offering public Masses we are still offering Mass privately everyday. If you would like a Mass offered you can fill out the Mass intention envelopes at the Parish Office, or simply use your own envelope and leave it in the box, set aside for Parish contributions in the presbytery

SAINT WHO?

Saints Who Suffered Serious Illness

Saint Josemaría Escriba de Balaguer

Founder (t 1 975)

Feast: 26 June

Josemaría was the son of a Spanish textile merchant. He entered the seminary at sixteen, was ordained, and went to Madrid for doctoral studies. Longing to place himself at the service of the Lord, his constant prayer was "Ut sit, that it might be done". And, on 2 October 1928, the Lord answered him. In prayer he "saw" a new form of life in which Christians would cultivate a deep attachment to Christ while living and working in the world. He called it "the work of God", Opus Dei. In 1947, Josemaría attained papal approval for Opus Dei, and it began to spread outside of Spain.

Around this time, Josemaría was diagnosed with diabetes; over ten years, the disease progressed. On 27 April 1954, he received an insulin injection that sent him into anaphylactic shock. Not only did he survive this shock, but he recovered to find that his diabetes was gone. The day had been the feast of Our Lady of Montserrat, and Josemaría, who had prayed often at her shrine in Spain, credited Mary with his cure.

In The Forge, he wrote, "If I were a leper my mother would hug me. She would kiss my wounds without fear or hesitation. Well, then, what would the Blessed Virgin Mary do? When we feel we are like lepers, all full of sores, we have to cry out: Mother! And the protection of our Mother will be like a kiss upon our wounds, which obtains our cure."

Loving Father, through the intercession of Saint Josemaría Escriba, give me Mary for my merciful mother, the balm for my wounds.