# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

### Dear Friends,

Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Mill Park. It is good to have you here.

Our parish is very much alive, and there are many ways in which you can be involved. Please make yourself known to us, so that we can welcome you personally.

We are all on a journey to God. In particular, our weekend Masses give us the opportunity to join with others in our worship of our living God. Please join us.

If we can be of any assistance to you or your family please do not hesitate to contact us.

May God bless you.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr Anthony Girolami, Parish Priest Fr Jose Mathew, Assistant Priest



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# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

Parish of Mill Park and South Morang



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## MASS TIMES & PARISH GROUPS

WEEKEND PARISH MASSES: Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm Sunday: 9.00 am 10:30 am with Children's Liturgy 5:00 pm LifeTeen and Youth Mass WEEKDAY PARISH MASSES: Monday - Saturday 9:15 am. SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Wednesday Evening after 7:30 Mass and Novena. Saturday 9:45 am. NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP: Wednesdays 7:30 pm, beginning with Mass. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Wednesday 6:30 am - 7:30 pm. Saturday 9:45 am - 11 am, concluding with Benediction. **PRAYER VIGIL:** 1st Friday of the Month 7 pm - midnight. Mass at 7:30 pm. Adoration, Confessions & Mass at midnight. **FILIPINO MASS:** 2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon. MALTESE MASS: 3rd Saturday of the Month in the chapel at 4:00 pm. Confessions 3:30 pm; Rosary 3:40 pm. **ITALIAN MASS:** 2nd Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am in the chapel. Rosary 11 am. INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS: 3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm. MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS: 2nd Saturday of the month 6:30 pm. Rosary, Mass & Adoration. **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:** Every Friday after 9:15 am Mass and 2:45 pm in the Chapel. NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM): Said in Malayalam every Tuesday at 7 pm. Malavalam Mass 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH: Second Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass. YOUNG ADULTS MERCY NIGHT: Last Friday of the month from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. CHILDREN'S ROSARY: First Saturday of the month after 9:15 am Mass in the Chapel.

#### AGAPE MALAYALEE CHARISTMATIC PRAYER GROUP: The

Prayer Group meets every Sunday at 6.30pm for praise and worship, intercession, to say the Rosary, breathe the Word of God and pray for the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Contact Gigimon Joseph on 0402 652 646.

**ALPHA:** Alpha is an introductory course to the Christian faith with video talks and discussions. It runs for ten weeks during the year. Please contact the parish office for details.

**APOSTLES OF DIVINE MERCY:** They have devotions every Friday after morning Mass and every 2nd Friday of the month at 7.30pm in the Chapel the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena is said. Contact Carlo Stocco on 0419 351472.

**BLESSING OF HOMES:** The priests are happy to come to bless your home. Please contact the parish office.

CATECHETICAL PROGRAM: Classes are held at 4:15pm Tuesdays during school terms 2 and 3 and children are prepared for the Sacraments. Contact May Park at mpark@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au

CHLDREN'S LITURGY: Children's Liturgy sessions run every Sunday (except school holidays) in the Church Fellowship area, during 10.30am Mass for children, aged between 3 and 12.

FILIPINO COMMUNITY & SENIOR CITIZENS: There is a Filipino Mass in the Church on the 2nd Sunday of the month. After the Mass they get together in the Church fover for lunch, getting to know one another, especially the new migrants. The Senior Citizens group organises social outing trips. Contact Delia Javier on 0423 856 259.

**GODSTART:** The GodStart team visit the homes of children baptised in our parish on their 1st and 2nd Birthdays with birthday cards, greetings and information from the Parish and hold 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4th birthday parties run by the GodStart Team. Please contact the parish on 9407 6700 for more information.

ITALIAN SOCIAL GROUP: The group meet weekly on Tuesdays to play bingo and card games. There is an Italian Mass on the second Tuesday of the month at 11:30am. Contact Oscar Altavilla on 0402 842 552.

ITALIAN VISITING GROUP: Every two weeks they visit Bethel Nursing home, providing care, conversation and comfort to the residents. Contact Teresa Blasioli on 0401 789 744.

JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP: Jesus Youth is an International Association within the Catholic Church with a focus on evangelising young people and nurturing their missionary initiatives. They meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:45 pm in the Chapel. Contact Lovely John on 0411 208 706.

LEGION OF MARY: They are available to bring Our Lady's statue to homes on Monday/Tuesday evenings to pray the Rosary with families, their friends and neighbours and visit the sick and elderly during the day time. They meet Thursdays at 10:15am in the parish nook and pray the rosary Contact Jackie Sheehan on 0422 443 324.

JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY: The children meet every Thursday at 3:45 pm in the Church fover during school terms. Contact Jackie Sheehan on 0422 443 324.

MALTESE PASTORAL COMMITTEE: We gather the Maltese people to sing, pray, say the Rosary and celebrate Mass in the Maltese language and provide tea and coffee after Mass on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 4pm. Contact Michael Saliba on 0414 281 332.

MEN'S 'MEAT AND GREET' GROUP: It allows men to get together in a relaxed environment and share a meal (Generally Meat, hence the spelling of our group name) and socialise with a few activities to encourage building stronger relations in the Parish and encourage men to involve their sons to participate. We meet every first Wednesday of the month (Excluding Jan and Feb) at 7:00pm in the small hall. Contact Frank Spiteri on 0414648475 or Frank Schembri on 0410121066.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY: The priests and ministers regularly visit the homes of those in need and nursing homes within the parish and provide Holy Communion. If you know someone who is sick or in need of Anointing or Holv Communion. please contact one of the priests or the parish office on 9407 6700.

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** Our Parish Choirs sing at weekend Masses and special occasions, aiming to encourage the congregation to participate in worship. At Christmas our parish choirs sing Carols at local shopping centres and some sing at aged-care homes. Contact Victor Napoles on 0425 827944 (Saturday 5pm Mass). May Park (Sunday 9am Mass), Faye Gray on 0412 196 096 (Sunday 10.30am Mass) or Maree & Olivia Chamoun on 0450 274 888 (Sunday 5pm Mass Youth Choir).

PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION: Cells are small groups of people who meet each week for prayer, scripture, reflection, prayers of intercession and supper. Please contact the parish on 9407 6700 for more information.

**PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP:** Family groups live the faith in concrete circumstances of their lives. Members aim to get to know other members of the Parish, to involve our children, and to support each other in joys and sorrows thus building the Christian community. Members meet monthly. Contact Alfons and Helen Glatzel 9404 2050

PLAYGROUP: SFOA Playgroup is a group where parents/carers and their children 0 - 5 years can meet to play, socialise, develop friendships and parish connections. Contact the parish office on 9407 6700.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or those wanting to become Catholics. The group meets weekly during school terms. Please contact the parish.

SCHOOL OF EVANGELISATION: The School helps develop evangelising parishes. We conduct formation courses and provide creative forms of evangelisation by ways of plays, mimes and events to keep sharing our faith with others. Contact Trish on 0438 010 018.

ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP: St Anthony's Prayer Group meets every Tuesday at the Church for St. Anthony's Novena and the Rosary, with Holy Eucharist on every first Tuesday of the month. Every 4 months there is a get-together at the Hall. Contact Joy Mathew on 0415 537601.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: The Parish conference of St Vincent De Paul exists to help families and individuals. For assistance or offers of help, please contact 1800 305 330 or contact the parish.

WELLNESS ACTIVITY GROUP: The Group provides a space where you can have some personal time in a very friendly, accepting and supportive environment. Thursdays from 12:30 pm -2:30 pm. Contact Sr Ignacia Coching on 9407 6707.

WORD OF LIFE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: We meet on Fridavs at 7:30 pm in the Chapel with Praise and Worship of the Lord. pray for physical, emotional and spiritual needs for prayer group members and the wider parish community followed by fellowship. Contact Nancy D'Cruz on 0434 559 352.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Life Teen (13 - 19 years) meets for Mass at 5 pm and after Mass until 7:30 pm for the Life Night. These are nights of fun, food and faith education. Contact our Youth Minister Carmel at millpark.youthministry@cam.org.au.