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MASS TIMES
Saturday vigil 5:00pm; Sunday 9:00am, 10:30am, 5:00pm
Weekdays: Monday – Saturday 9:15 am, Wednesdays 7:30pm (7:15pm Novena, Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

OTHER DEVOTIONS & SERVICES	
1ST FRIDAY VIGIL MASS 1 st Friday of the month 7:30pm to Midnight Mass.	Next Mass: 7 August
FILIPINO MASS 2 nd Sunday of the month at 12pm.	Next Mass: 9 August
MALTESE MASS 3 rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30pm. Rosary 3:40pm.	Next Mass: 15 August
INDONESIAN FAMILY MASS 3 rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.	Next Mass: 15 August
AGAPE RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING Contact Jigimon – 0402 652 646.	
ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: 1st Saturdays of every month (except school holidays), meeting in the church foyer.	
AYA FELLOWSHIP Young Adults, last Saturdays of the month for those aged 19–35. Trybooking now open.	
CATECHIST R.E. CLASSES Classes have resumed for 2026. Term 3 (4:15pm - 5pm). Please contact the Parish Office for late enrolments. The following classes are offered: Pre-Sacramental: Prep, 1s, 2s First Reconciliation: Minimum Year 3 level First Eucharist: Students who have already received First Reconciliation Confirmation: Minimum Year 6	
CHILDREN’S LITURGY Sundays 10:30am Mass. Pre-school and lower to middle primary school children are welcome.	
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET Fridays, 2:45 pm in the chapel and Friday mornings after 9:15am Mass.	
HOUSE BLESSINGS Please fill in the card in the foyer.	

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS	
1st Collection Presbytery Account: To support the priests of this parish, sick and retired priests, priests of various chaplaincies of the Archdiocese, and the Archbishop.	Parish Bank Account details for electronic payments PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT BSB: 083-347 Acc: 637480734 CHURCH ACCOUNT BSB: 083-347 Acc: 637482019
2nd Collection (Thanksgiving) Church Account: To support church operating costs (including debt repayment) and to support the growth and pastoral outreach of our parish and other agencies of the Archdiocese.	
Parish Contributions can be dropped off between 9am and 5pm each day at the parish office. Envelopes: Please remember to write the amount on the front of your thanksgiving envelopes.	

PLEASE PRAY FOR
Recently Deceased: Donald Hurdoyal, Anthony Newcastle, Maria Abbate
In Memorium: Luciano Moretto, Abraham, Giuseppina De Vincentis
Those who are ill: Johnny Atapans, Michelle Commarmond, Keith Lambert, Emmanuel KJ, Jeffrey Canny, Pierce Ng, Fr Anthony Fox, Julieta Bordan, Kim Ki Tan, Greg Forrester, Nancy Gheno, Caterina Schiavello, Cliff Aquilina. (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.melbcatholic.org/millpark

Fr Francis Denton will be on annual leave from the 13th to 31st July. Please keep Fr Francis in your prayers during his time of rest.

YOUCAT STALL THIS WEEKEND
This weekend, we welcome **Michael Murphy** from YOUCAT, who will have a display in the Church foyer. We encourage you to take a moment to visit and learn more about the wonderful resources YOUCAT has to offer.



FAREWELL & THANK YOU FR SIMEON ANTHONY
MILL PARK TO NOBLE PARK
A warm thank you to those who have contacted the parish office to assist with bringing a plate to share for the farewell lunch!
Additional plates to share would be most appreciated!



FAREWELL MASS
Fr Simeon Anthony
Sunday, 2nd August
10:30am Holy Mass

Followed by a Farewell Reception
Parish Hall – Everyone is warmly invited.

 **St Francis of Assisi Parish**
290 Childs Road Mill Park 3082



WOMEN’S SPIRITUALITY EVENING
Friday 14th 6pm - All women are warmly invited!
Tickets: \$30 including two-course meal, SFOA Parish Hall.



Women's Spirituality Evening
Guest Speaker:
Sr Marie Bourke FMDM
Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood

**BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER**
After all weekend Masses this weekend!
All proceeds will help support our youth as they prepare to attend World Youth Day 2027.
Thank you for your generous support!

EVERY SUNDAY AT 6PM
A LIFETEEN SERIES:
The Summit
THIS SEMESTER AIMS TO LEAD TEENAGERS INTO A RICH UNDERSTANDING OF THE MASS, AND CHALLENGES THEM TO MAKE WORSHIP AT MASS THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF THEIR LIVES.

 LIFETEEN ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, MILL PARK
SOCIALS:
FACEBOOK: LIFE TEEN, MILL PARK
INSTAGRAM: @LIFETEENMILLPARK
PLEASE BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION FOR DINNER.

WE ARE Called VOCATIONS EXPO
ACU Campus Ministry and Vocations Melbourne invite you to come and explore what life looks like in Catholic Religious Orders, Diocesan Priesthood, and Married life. Hear from speakers who will share what answering a call looks like, what challenges lie ahead and the many joys you find along the way.

SATURDAY 1 AUGUST
9AM-1PM
GREG CRAVEN CENTRE,
LEVEL 7, ST TERESA OF KOLKATA BUILDING,
ACU MELBOURNE

*with Archbishop Peter Comensal*


  

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 53: 6,8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your
name, O Lord, for it is good.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

KYRIE

V. Lord, have mercy. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
V. Christ, have mercy. **R. Christ, have mercy.**
V. Lord, have mercy. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

Or:

V. Kyrie, eleison. **R. Kyrie, eleison.**
V. Christe, eleison. **R. Christe, eleison.**
V. Kyrie, eleison. **R. Kyrie, eleison.**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Wis 12: 13, 16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for
everything, to whom you might have to prove that you
never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in
strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to
all. You show your strength when your sovereign power
is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who
know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in
judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you
have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus
you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous
man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have
given your sons the good hope that after sin you will
grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 85: 5-6,9-10,15-16. R. v. 5

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

- O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all
who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend
to the sound of my voice. **R.**
- All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify
your name, O Lord: for you are great and do
marvelous deeds, you who alone are God. **R.**
- But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to
anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and
take pity on me. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when
we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the
Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never
be put into words, and God who knows everything in our
hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the
pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to
the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the
kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 13: 24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, “The kingdom of
heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed
in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came,
sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When
the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared
as well. The owner’s servants went to him and said, “Sir,
was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so,
where does the darnel come from?” “Some enemy has
done this,” he answered. And the servants said, “Do you
want us to go and weed it out?” But he said, “No,
because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up
the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and
at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the
darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the
wheat into my barn.” ’

He put another parable before them, “The kingdom of
heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and
sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when
it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a
tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its
branches.’

He told them another parable, “The kingdom of heaven is
like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three
measures of flour till it was leavened all through.’

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed,
he would never speak to them except in parables. This
was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden
since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his
disciples came to him and said, ‘Explain the parable about
the darnel in the field to us.’ He said in reply, “The sower
of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the
world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the
darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed
them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the
reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is
gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end
of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will
gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke
offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the
blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding
of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the
kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!’

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and
invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before
all ages. God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, **PAGE 3**
consubstantial with the Father; through him all things
were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from
heaven, *At the words that follow, up to and including*
‘and became man’, all bow. and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Or:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in
excelsis.

COMMUNION RITE

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Or:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 110: 4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his
wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.