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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. (6:30pm for August Only)	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	
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.	PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT BSB: 083-347 Acc: 637480734	CHURCH ACCOUNT BSB: 083-347 Acc: 637482019

PLEASE PRAY FOR
Recently Deceased: Katie Bonnici
In Memorium: John Sharples, Paul Dakin, Maureen Gill, Teresa Ziino
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.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH
This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God’s mission through prayer and generosity. Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children. In the coming weeks, we will share how the Church is walking alongside these communities, and how you can be part of this living mission of love. To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.



Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

CHILDREN’S LITURGY IS BACK ON
Children are welcome during the Liturgy of the Word at 10:30 Mass. Children please come forward for a blessing after the Opening Prayer of the Mass. All Preschool children and lower to middle Primary school children are welcome. All pre-school children must be accompanied by an adult.

THANK YOU
From Alpha Coordinator Regina Di Pasquale
With a grateful heart, many thanks to our parishioners that have helped in many ways during the Alpha Course 2026. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Also to Fr Denton and Fr Simeon that have walked with us every step.

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.



RSVP 7 AUG
Trybooking


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

 DID YOU KNOW?

Historically, holy days of obligation were special occasions on which Catholics were obliged to attend Mass. Catholics were also encouraged to refrain from any work or involvement with commerce on these days. Early in the twentieth century, Catholics used to observe 36 holy days, in addition to all Sundays of the year. This has since been reduced to a much smaller number.

In May 2001, with permission from the Vatican, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference decided that **in Australia, the Catholic faithful should observe the following as holy days of obligation:**

- All Sundays of the year.
- Christmas Day (**December 25** – the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ)
- The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (**August 15**). **Our Mass times for the Feast of the Assumption will be announced in the coming weeks.**



RCIA
Expression of Interest

RCIA 2026-2027
Begins 17th of September
7pm Thursdays, Small Hall
Please contact the parish with any queries!

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





Free event
Book via - trybooking.com/DNKHK



INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Ps 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, ‘Ask what you would like me to give you.’ Solomon replied, ‘Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?’ It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. ‘Since you have asked for this’, the Lord said, ‘and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.’

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130. R. v. 97

R. Lord, I love your commands.

- My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **R.**
- Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **R.**
- That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **R.**
- Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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: 44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They said, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.’

Shorter form 13:44-46.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

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,
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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your
Resurrection until you come again.

Or:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Or:

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and
Resurrection you have set us free.

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 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his
benefits.