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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 Sunday 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 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: York Wong, Citas Jimenez, Stanley D’Sousa In Memorium: Joseph George, Vivien Trecarichi, Natalina Ferraro, Salvatore Giarratana, Kuchuttiressia George, Emenita, Barbara Khaw, Ruby & Horace Fisher, Bruno Vatta. 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. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to include a person on a certain weekend. (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

Farewell Fr Simeon!

This weekend will be Fr Simeon Anthony’s final weekend as assistant priest of St Francis of Assisi, Mill Park. There’s a good reason it probably seems like Fr Simeon has been around the Mill Park Parish longer than the average assistant priest. Prior to his priestly ordination, Fr Simeon had served as a deacon at St Francis of Assisi in that fateful year of 2020. Amid on-and-off COVID lockdowns and much uncertainty, Fr Simeon was finally ordained a priest on 5th December 2020.

Fr Simeon began his appointment as assistant priest at Mill Park in May 2024. For these past two years and three months he has served the parish generously and with almost boundless energy. His work with young people in the parish, especially in supporting the Life Teen youth group, training the altar servers and establishing the AYA (Assisi Young Adults) group has made a huge impact. Fr Simeon has been no less attentive to the various other facets of parish life besides the busy schedule of Parish Masses and confessions, including the regular school visits, offering Masses for the local Catholic secondary schools, leading the RCIA, Alpha and Baptism preparation programs, his attentiveness to home visitations, and so on. Fr Simeon is a man of sincerity and prayer, with a deep faith in the Lord. With these qualities, combined with his warm personality and winning smile, his presence has been a great gift for the parish, and we will surely be sorry to say ‘farewell’.

Notwithstanding our sadness at parting ways, we are happy for Fr Simeon as he begins his new appointment as Parish Administrator of St Elizabeth’s Parish, Noble Park. As we give thanks to God for his time here, we remember Fr Simeon in our prayers as he continues to serve the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church in the priestly ministry.

Ad multos annos!
Fr Francis Denton P.P.

**JESUS YOUTH, VOCATIONS PANEL**
Thursday 6th August, 7pm, Community Room.
All over 18s welcome!

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK - AUG 2-9
Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. **Strong families** and **communities** are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National **Vocations Awareness Week**, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

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



RSVP 7 AUG
Trybooking


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

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

**A Heartfelt Farewell to Fr. Simeon**

Thank you for your service and guidance.

A Farewell From:
St. Anthony’s Malayalee Community

Tuesday, 4 Aug 2026 at 7:00 PM

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH**
290 Childs Rd, Mill Park

Grateful for the memories.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRIGIN MARY - SOLEMNITY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

MASS TIMES
Friday 14 August
5 pm & 7 pm - Vigil Masses

Saturday 15 August
9:15 am Holy Mass
Followed by Confession, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and Benediction.

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

INTRODUCTORY RITES	
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON	Ps 69:2,6
O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord do not delay.	
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, <i>And, striking their breast, they say:</i> 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	Isa 55: 1-3
Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.	
The word of the Lord.	
R. Thanks be to God.	
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	
Ps 144: 8-9, 15-18 R. v. 16	
R. The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.	
1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. R.	
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. R.	
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts. R.	
SECOND READING	
Rom 8: 35, 37-39	
Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.	
For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.	
The word of the Lord.	
R. Thanks be to God.	

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL	Mt 14: 13-21
When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist’s death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.	
When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, ‘This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.’ Jesus replied, ‘There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.’ But they answered, ‘All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.’ ‘Bring them here to me,’ he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.	
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, <i>At the words that follow, up to and including ‘and became man’, all bow.</i> 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.	PAGE 3
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	
Wis 16:20	
You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.	