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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: 4 Sept
FILIPINO MASS 2 nd Sunday of the month at 12pm.	Next Mass: 13 Sept
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 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: Eugenio Scriba, Robert McLeod, Vinko Kostic Mauer In Memorium: Maria Abbate, Kevin Woods, Bridgit Joseph, Barbara Khaw, Joseph George, Vivien Trecarichi, Mario Bignoux, Vickey Fava, Jason Gelvezon, Jose Marlan Those who are ill: Raffaele Sirianni, Johnny Atapans, 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

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

MASS TIME CHANGES FOR NEXT WEEK

ANNUAL CLERGY CONFERENCE

As in previous years, all priests of the Archdiocese will gather on the **10-14th of August** with the **Archbishop for the annual Melbourne Clergy Conference**. As a result, there will be **changes** to the Mass schedule as follows:

Monday, 10	– 9:15am Mass (as usual)
Tuesday, 11	– No 9:15am Mass
Wednesday, 12	– No 9:15am or 7:30pm Masses
Thursday, 13	– No 9:15am Mass
Friday, 14	– No 9:15am Mass

The church will be open for personal prayer 8:30am - 11:00am

Masses for the Solemnity of the Assumption will be celebrated on **Friday, 14 August at 5pm** and **7pm** (Vigil Masses) and **Saturday, 15 August at 9:15am**.



WELCOME FR GEO
Fr Tinku (Geo) Punnakkattusery Lawrence

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we officially welcome our new assistant priest, Fr Geo.

Fr Geo may be known to some parishioners, since he has been in the northern region having served as assistant priest at St John’s Heidelberg.

We look forward to the opportunity to get to know Fr Geo in the weeks and months ahead and I’m sure we will all make him feel very welcome as he settles into the Mill Park Parish.

Yours in Christ, Fr Francis Denton P.P.



WOMEN’S SPIRITUALITY EVENING
TRYBOOKING STILL OPEN FOR LAST MIN
BOOKINGS Friday 14th 6pm - All women invited!



THE ARCHBISHOP’S CAMPAIGN
Help bring the mission of the Church alive in our community! The campaign supports: The Priest Retirement Foundation, Corpus Christi College Building Fund, CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program, Melbourne Overseas Mission, John Pierce Centre, University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College & grants to Catholic agencies & community organisations.

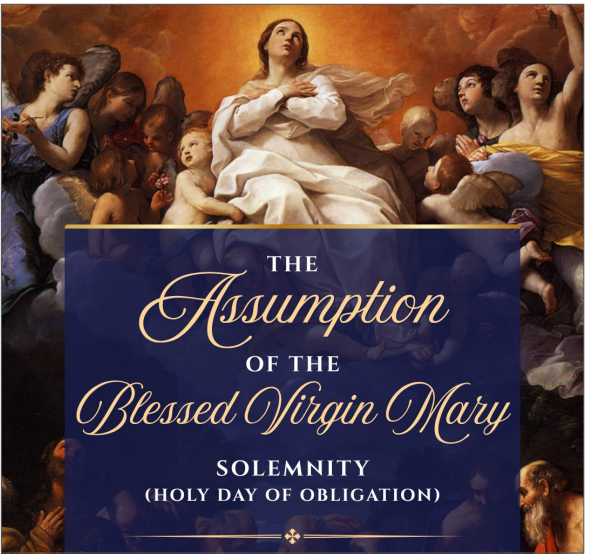


RCIA 2026-2027
Begins 17 Sept 7pm Thursdays, Small Hall! Scan the code to enroll!





PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL
Next weekend (**August 15/16**), SFOA will celebrate **World Mission Sunday**, in support Catholic Mission's work in Malawi to help families rebuild after devastating floods and provide children with access to education. Your generous support helps create safe places where children can learn, grow, and thrive with dignity.



THANK YOU
My dear friends,

I write to express my deepest gratitude for the time I have spent serving you. My heart is filled with joy for the memories we have shared at St. Francis of Assisi parish and school community.

This parish holds an incredibly sacred place in my vocation. I first arrived here as a deacon during COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the masks, social distancing, and empty pews, your resilient faith and creative warmth made a lasting impression on me. Returning here as an assistant priest felt like coming home.

Walking with you no longer just as a deacon, but completing the circle by serving you at the altar, hearing confessions, and celebrating the sacraments as your priest has been one of the greatest graces of my life.

Thank you for your immense patience with me as I grew, for your constant encouragement, and for welcoming me into your families during two distinct chapters of my ministry.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to Father Anthony Girolami and Fr Francis Denton for their invaluable mentorship, wisdom, and fraternal support throughout my time here. I am also deeply thankful to our parish staff Maree, Ruth, Sr Delia, Sr Anh, Paul, Rose, Olive and all volunteers who make the daily life of this parish so vibrant.

Though my role here is ending, the spiritual bond we share in Christ remains. Please continue to pray for me as I take what I have learned from you to my new assignment. Know that you, your families, and this entire parish will remain in my daily prayers and Masses.

May God bless you abundantly and keep you always in His grace. Christ is all and in all, (Col 3:11)- **Fr. Simeon Anthony**

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Ps 73:20, 19, 22, 23

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

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

I Kings 19:9, 11-1

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he
went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was
told, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the
Lord.’ Then the Lord himself went by. There came a
mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and
shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not
in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the
Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake
came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after
the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And
when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak
and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14. R. v. 8

**R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us
your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, / a voice
that speaks of peace. / His help is near for those who
fear him / and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; / justice and peace
have embraced. / Faithfulness shall spring from the
earth / and justice look down from heaven. **R.**
3. The Lord will make us prosper / and our earth shall
yield its fruit. / Justice shall march before him / and
peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with
Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the
Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is
this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless,
I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from
Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh
and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given
the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were
drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them.
They are descended from the patriarchs and from their
flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for
ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 14:22-23

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on
ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds
away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the
hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there
alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was
battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In
the fourth watch of the night he went towards them,
walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him
walking on the lake they were terrified. ‘It is a ghost’ they
said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to
them, saying, ‘Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.’ It was
Peter who answered. ‘Lord’, he said ‘if it is you, tell me to
come to you across the water.’ ‘Come’ said Jesus. Then
Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards
Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of
the wind, he took fright and began to sink. ‘Lord! Save
me!’ he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held
him. ‘Man of little faith,’ he said ‘why did you doubt?’
And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men
in the boat bowed down before him and said, ‘Truly, you
are the Son of God.’

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 147:12, 14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of
finest wheat.