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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: 19 Sept
INDONESIAN FAMILY MASS 3 rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.	Next Mass: 15 Sept
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: Philomena Taliana, Vice Pastuovic, Koulla Karayiannis, Anna Virginia Ayalade Deus, Won Yong- Gi, Stephen Robinson, Stefano Korsi, Marilyn Filippini	
In Memorium: Eugenio & Rachela Scriba, Anna Altavilla, Flora Altavilla, Marilyn Holmes, Florie Ley-Wong, York Wai Wong, Davorka Stevanja.	
Those who are ill: Frank Bisticic, Paul Siriani, 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	

RCIA 2026/2027
Thursdays 7pm, Parish Small Hall. - Begins Sept 17



Every Easter our parish has the joy and privilege of welcoming catechumens into the Church through the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. We see in this a sign of the Church fulfilling her mandate to “go make disciples of all nations” (Mt 28:19). The RCIA is a programme of instruction and formation for those seeking entry into the Church; it also serves as a forum of enquiry for those who are curious to better know and understand the teachings of Christ and His Church. If you know people (family, friends, colleagues, neighbours) who have expressed some interest in becoming a Catholic you may consider extending to them this personal invitation to “come and see” (Jn 1:39) who Jesus is and discover His plan for us. The course runs from 17th September 2026 through to March 2027. Please contact the Parish Office to register attendance.

FUNDRAISING STALL
This weekend stall will help support our youth as they prepare to attend **World Youth Day 2027, Korea**. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!



THEOLOGY AT THE PUB *Catholics aged 18-35*
Speaker: Fr Nicholas Pearce | **Topic:** "Beyond Happiness"
Date: Monday, 7th Sept | **Doors:** 6:00pm **Talk:** 7:30pm
Location: The Imperial Hotel – 2-8 Bourke St, Melbourne

From Aristotle to Aquinas to the modern day, human beings have wrestled with a fundamental question: What will make me happy? Drawing together ancient wisdom, Thomistic thought, and contemporary psychology, this talk explores the relationship between happiness, virtue, and human flourishing and what it really means to live a good and fulfilling life.

TRUE, GOOD, BEAUTIFUL TALK SERIES

Restoring Justice
Building a Society for Virtue & Wisdom

Friday, 4 September 2026
6.30pm
Australian Catholic University | Tickets \$35

AN EVENING WITH JUDGES
AMUL THAPAR & ANDREW OLDHAM

US COURTS OF APPEAL
JUDGES THAPAR & OLDHAM
Time: Friday 4 September 2026 6:30pm
Location: Australian Catholic University



Join Judges Amul Thapar and Andrew Oldham of the **US Courts of Appeals** for **a rare evening** exploring timeless questions of wisdom, virtue, justice and the formation of character. Hosted by the Chesterton Academy of Melbourne
Tickets: Scan QR Code or Call John Smyth: 0406 747 123

THE JUBILEE YEAR

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI
FEAST DAY
SUN 4 OCT, 2026

“Go, Francis, rebuild my Church!”

Feast Day Schedule

10:30 AM
Solemn Mass

12 PM
Family Lunch
Musical Entertainment
Face Painting
Jumping Castle

1226 - 2026

2 PM
Blessing of the animals
\$50 Mega Pet Voucher Prize
For Most Exotic Pet!

St Francis of Assisi
Mill Park Parish

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI 9 DAY NOVENA
26 SEPT - 4 OCT More details to come!

UPCOMING LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

3 Sept ✙ St Gregory the Great — *Memorial*
5 Sept ✙ The Blessed Virgin Mary — *Memorial*
8 Sept ✙ Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary — *Feast*

CHOSEN 2026, NOV 19-22

Chosen is a national **Catholic youth conference** run by Jesus Youth Australia, where young people are given the space for a real encounter with God. Running **19-22 November** at **La Trobe University in Melbourne**, the four days bring together young Catholics from across the country for talks, Eucharistic adoration, sacramental encounter, worship, and community. **With three streams, Teens** (Yr 10+), **Young Adults** (18-35), and **Young Couples** (married up to five years, kids welcome!), Chosen covers content relevant to their stage of life, from faith and identity, vocation and discernment, living as a Catholic in the workplace, and building a marriage grounded in faith. Parishes and schools are encouraged to come as a community, with a group discount for 10 or more. **To register** or put a group together, visit chosenconference.org.au, or to reach out call **Irene** at **0481829529**.

INTRODUCTORY RITES	
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON	Ps 85: 3, 5
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to 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, <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	Jer 20:7-9
You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody’s butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: ‘Violence and ruin!’ The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, ‘I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.’ Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.	
The word of the Lord.	
R. Thanks be to God.	
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	
Ps 62:2-6, 8-9. R. v. 2	
R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.	
1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. R.	
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. R.	
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. R.	
4. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; / your right hand holds me fast. R.	
SECOND READING	
Rom 12:1-2	
Think of God’s mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.	
The word of the Lord.	
R. Thanks be to God.	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	
Mt 16:18	
Alleluia! Alleluia!	
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!	

GOSPEL	Mt 16:21-27
Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day.	
Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. ‘Heaven preserve you, Lord,’ he said. ‘This must not happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’	
Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?’	
‘For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.’	
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.	
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.	PAGE 3
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 30:20	
How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.	
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION	
P. Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.	