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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: 2 Oct
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:
In Memorium: Mookan Drottam, Leonardo Jr, Kata Milicevic, Anna Asta, Giovanni Asta, Estrella Santos, Zvonko Puskadija, Vito & Giulia Doria, Elsie & Benjamin Tranquille.
Those who are ill: Peter Walsh, Frank Bisticic, Paul Sirianni, 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

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY
This Sunday, fathers around the world will be spoilt, over-fed and have their sock drawers gratefully replenished, as we celebrate Father’s Day. In Western secular culture there seems to be a growing tendency to diminish or undermine the important role that fathers play in the family. The growing crisis of ‘Fatherlessness’ is closely linked to many forms of social disadvantage. This is a great tragedy and makes it important to honour and celebrate the vocation to fatherhood. Our earthly fathers are called to be an image in the world of the love of the Heavenly Father for His beloved children.
As well as taking the opportunity to show our appreciation for our dads, on this day the Church also invites us to reflect on the role of our spiritual fathers. Though celibate, every priest throughout the world is called ‘father’; even the Pope is addressed as “Holy Father”. The ‘fatherhood’ of the priest is lived out through lives of sacrificial service for the good of their spiritual ‘sons and daughters.’ We pray for all our fathers (natural and spiritual) on this day and pray that they can fulfill their holy vocation to lead us to a knowledge of our heavenly Father.
Yours in Christ – Fr Francis Denton P.P.

THE JUBILEE YEAR – 9 DAY NOVENA 25 September - 3 October
In celebration of the Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi , we invite all parishioners to join us for a special 9-Day Novena in preparation for the Feast of St Francis of Assisi .
Each evening will include Holy Mass , followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the St Francis Novena and Benediction . The complete 9-day timetable will be published this week.

CHURCH CLEANING
We are seeking volunteers to join our Church Cleaning Roster and assist with keeping our church clean and welcoming. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Parish office for further information.

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 is 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. Please contact the Parish Office to register.

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

2 PM

Blessing of the animals

\$50 Mega Pet Voucher Prize

For Most Exotic Pet!

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St Francis of Assisi
Mill Park Parish

DONATIONS FOR FEAST DAY RAFFLE
Several quality items are needed for our Raffle on St Francis Feast Day. Can you help? Donations by local businesses would be appreciated - your business will be publicised on the Feast Day.
Contact Parish Office: 9407 6700.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2026
 Join us as we peacefully walk through the city of Melbourne to protest the current abortion laws in Victoria.
Sat 10 Oct - Meeting at 1pm, Treasury Gardens. <i>Please wear pink and/or blue.</i>

LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL RETREAT 26
 The Legion of Mary, Mother of Perpetual Succour Curia, Preston, invites everyone to its Annual Retreat on Saturday, 12 September 2026 at San Carlo, 970 Plenty Road , South Morang. The day will include Holy Mass, spiritual talks, Adoration, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. Tea and coffee will be provided; please bring your own lunch. The full retreat schedule is available in the Church foyer. All are welcome to attend.

INTRODUCTORY RITES	
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON	Ps 118: 137, 124
You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.	
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.	℟. Lord, have mercy.
V. Christ, have mercy.	℟. Christ, have mercy.
V. Lord, have mercy.	℟. Lord, have mercy.
Or:	
V. Kyrie, eleison.	℟. Kyrie, eleison.
V. Christe, eleison.	℟. Christe, eleison.
V. Kyrie, eleison.	℟. 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	Ezek 33:7-9
The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’	
The word of the Lord.	
℟. Thanks be to God.	
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	Ps 94:1-2,6-9 R. v. 8
℟. O that today you would listen to his voice!	
Harden not your hearts.	
1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. ℟.	
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. ℟.	
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ ℟.	
SECOND READING	Rom 13:8-10
Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.	
The word of the Lord.	
℟. Thanks be to God.	

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Mt 16:18
Alleluia! Alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!	
GOSPEL	Mt 18:15-20
Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.	
‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.	
‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’	
The Gospel of the Lord.	
℟. 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.	

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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 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul
is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God,
the living God.