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YOUTH MINISTER	Michelle Biju - 9407 6704	PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Rodelia Bordan - 9407 6720
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SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Mark Basile - 9407 3100	PARISH BOOK KEEPER	Paul - 9407 6722

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)

CONFESSION TIMES

Wednesday 6:15pm – 7:15pm
Saturday 9:45am – 10:45am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration & Benediction during these times.

OTHER DEVOTIONS & SERVICES

1ST FRIDAY VIGIL MASS

1st Friday of the month 7:30pm to Midnight Mass.

Next Mass: 2 Oct

FILIPINO MASS

2nd Sunday of the month at 12pm.

Next Mass: 11 Oct

MALTESE MASS

3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm.
Confession 3:30pm. Rosary 3:40pm.

Next Mass: 17 Oct

INDONESIAN FAMILY MASS

3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.

Next Mass: 17 Oct

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.

JESUS YOUTH YOUNG ADULTS

Thursdays, 7 pm. Contact Irene K. Jacob – 0481 829 529.

JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY

Wednesdays, 3:30 pm during school terms in the fellowship area. Contact Jackie.

LEGION OF MARY

Thursdays, 10:00 am in the church fellowship area. Contact Jackie – 0422 443 324.

LIFE TEEN

Sundays during the school terms 6–7:45pm for those in high-school. Contact Michelle, Parish Office 9407 6700.

MEN’S MEET & GREET GROUP

1st Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm (Small Hall).

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN

Mondays, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Church fellowship area.

NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm.

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

1st Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.

PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION:

The next Cells All Leaders Meeting will be on Tuesday, 6th October.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Contact Regina – 0432 267 557.

PRAYER COMPANIONS

Prayers for people after Mass in the Chapel after 9 am & 10.30 am Masses.

ST ANTHONY’S PRAYER GROUP MASS

Tuesdays, 7pm.

WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP

Fridays, 7:00 pm in the chapel. Contact Nancy, 0434 559 352.

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.

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.

Parish Bank Account details for electronic payments

PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT

BSB: 083-347

Acc: 637480734

CHURCH ACCOUNT

BSB: 083-347

Acc: 637482019

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Fr Simeon Pereira
In Memorium: Luciano Moretto, Socorro Pison, Susana Castelo
Those who are ill: Dolok, Teosofia, 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

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



First Holy Communions

Congratulations to the twenty-three children who will be making their first Holy Communion at St Francis of Assisi Parish this Sunday.

These children have been busy preparing for this special occasion over many weeks. Thank you to the catechists and parents who have assisted in the sacrament preparation of these children.

We remember them in our prayers and pray that their reception of Jesus Christ through this sacrament of His body and blood, may serve to deepen their faith in our Eucharistic Lord.

Yours in Christ, Fr Francis Denton P.P.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NOVENA SEPT 24TH - OCT 3RD

Please join us for a series of evening Mass and Novena in preparation for our Feast Day, 4th October.

All regular Mass times will remain as per usual (*except Monday 28th Sept, no 9:15am Mass)

STARTING THIS FRIDAY

Day 1 — Friday, 25th September, 7:30pm Mass, followed by Exposition, St Francis Novena & Benediction.

Full timetable available in the Church Foyer.

DONATIONS OF CAKES

Can you help by making cakes for St Francis Feast Day lunch? Please fill in your name on the list after Mass with the number of serves of cake you will provide. Thank you.

BUS TO MARCH FOR LIFE

Our parish gets a **free bus** only if we can recruit 58 people (a number required by those who are financing this offer). Departure from St Francis of Assisi Church at 12:00pm and return after the event. More details to follow soon. **Please write your name on the bus list (in the church foyer) to reserve your seat.**

TRUE. GOOD. BEAUTIFUL TALK SERIES

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Monday, 21 September 2026

6.00pm Dinner | 7.00pm Talk

Roccella, T01/5 Janefield Drive, Bundoora | Tickets \$10

Dine à la carte: order from the menu on the night, at your own cost

SPEAKER
Dr Jeffrey Lehman
Professor of Philosophy and Theology,
Augustine Institute Graduate School, USA

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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!

CELEBRATING 34TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Join us as we celebrate 34 years of friendship, faith & fun!
Bring the whole family — kids, parents, and grandparents!

 Sat, 10 Oct 2026
After 5PM Mass

 St Francis of Assisi School Hall

Bring a plate to share

Performances

Family Games

Music and lots of dancing!

FREE ENTRY



If you want to join or find out more about Family Group, please contact
Parish Office - 9467 6700
Regina - 0432 267 557

Passionist Family Group Movement

INTRODUCTORY RITES	
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON	
I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.	
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	
Isa 55:6-9	
Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.	
The word of the Lord.	
℟. Thanks be to God.	
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	
Ps 102: 1-4, 9-12. R. v. 8	
℟. The Lord is near to all who call him.	
1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name forever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. ℟.	
2. 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. ℟.	
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. ℟.	
SECOND READING	
Phil 1:20-24, 27	
Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.	
The word of the Lord.	
℟. Thanks be to God.	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	
Jn 13:3-4	
Alleluia! Alleluia!	
Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.	
Alleluia!	

GOSPEL	Mt 20:1-16
Jesus said to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’	
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 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.