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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: 11 Oct
MALTESE MASS 3 rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30pm. Rosary 3:40pm.	Next Mass: 17 Oct
INDONESIAN FAMILY MASS 3 rd 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.	

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: Those who are ill: Dolok, Teosofia, Peter Walsh, Frank Bistricic, 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

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NOVENA
Day 4 — Mon, 28th September *No 9:15am Mass 7:30pm Mass , followed by Exposition, St Francis Novena & Benediction.
Day 5 — Tuesday, 29th September 6:45pm St Anthony Novena 7:00pm Mass , followed by Exposition, St Francis Novena & Benediction.
Day 6 — Wednesday, 30th September 7:15pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 7:30pm Mass , followed by Exposition, St Francis Novena & Benediction
Day 7 — Thursday, 1st October 7:30pm Mass , followed by Exposition, St Francis Novena & Benediction.
Day 8 — Friday, 2nd October 7:30pm Mass , followed by Exposition & St Francis Novena. The 1st Friday Vigil schedule will continue as per usual.
Day 9 — Saturday, 3rd October 5:00pm Mass , followed by Exposition, St Francis Novena & Benediction.

Note that all 9:15am Masses during the week will remain as usual, with the exception of Monday the 28th of September

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI EXHIBITION
In celebration of the 800 th Anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi (1226–2026), parishioners are invited to visit a special display depicting the life of St Francis told through the famous frescoes of Giotto in the Basilica of St Francis in Assisi . The display follows key moments in the life of our Patron Saint and offers an opportunity to reflect upon his remarkable life, conversion and witness to Christ. The display is available to view the Church Foyer.

DONATIONS OF CAKES - Can you help by making cakes for St Francis Feast Day lunch? Please contact the parish with the number of serves of cake you will provide. Thank you.

BUS TO MARCH FOR LIFE
Only 6 seats left! • Sat 10 Oct, Departure: Mill Park 12pm, Return: Mill Park 3-4pm • Call the parish office to reserve a seat - 9407 6700 This is the 18 th annual peace walk and rally held to protest Victorian abortion laws and advocate for the rights of the unborn, crisis

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!

 1226 - 2026

St Francis of Assisi Mill Park Parish

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, grandparents.

Sat, 19 October 2026 after 5pm Mass
Parish Hall - FREE ENTRY

- Bring a plate to share • Performances
- Family games • Music and lots of dancing

For more information call Regina: 0432 267 557



OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

Australia Needs Fatima invites parishes across Australia to pray a public Rosary for our nation through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima.

Join the Rosary Procession on Saturday 17 October at 11AM

INTRODUCTORY RITES	
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON	Dan 3:31, 29, 30, 43, 42
All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.	
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 18:25-28
The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’	
The word of the Lord.	
℟. Thanks be to God.	
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	
Ps 24(25): 4-9	
℟. Remember your mercies, O Lord.	
1. Lord, make me known your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my Saviour. ℟.	
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. ℟.	
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path he teaches his way to the poor. ℟.	
SECOND READING	
Phil 2:1-11	
If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people’s interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:	
His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death,	

death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.	
The word of the Lord.	
℟. Thanks be to God.	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	
Jn 10:27	
Alleluia! Alleluia!	
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.	
Alleluia!	
GOSPEL	
Mt 21:28-32	
Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go”, but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir”, but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’	
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.	PAGE 3
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	
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	
cf. Ps 118:49-50	
Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.	