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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: 6 Nov
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: Ermina Stocco, Austin & Ella Pereira, Kong Che Tan, Bruno & Rosina Care, Joseph Budi Hartono, Those who are ill: Dolok, Teoso fia, 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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Happy Feast Day to you all! Each year we honour our parish patron, St Francis of Assisi, whose brief life, even 800 years after his death, continues to inspire and shape the life of the Church. In his last days he requested to be taken to the little chapel nicknamed the ‘*Porziuncola*’ (or ‘Little Portion’) that he had rebuilt with his own hands after hearing the voice of Christ speak to him: ‘Go, Francis, rebuild my church which as you see is falling into ruin!’ It was here in this chapel dedicated to St Mary of Angels, that Francis, surrounded by his brothers breathed his last on 3rd October 1226. Today the little chapel is housed inside the vast basilica of *Santa Maria degli Angeli*, and remains an important place of Franciscan pilgrimage and prayer. The basilica represents, quite symbolically, the expansive work begun by St Francis in rebuilding the Church of Christ, and that continues down to the present to grow.

Pope Leo XIV’s decision to declare this year an extraordinary Jubilee Year to honour the 800th anniversary of St Francis’ death is an added blessing for our parish since our church is automatically a designated place of pilgrimage where all the faithful can come to receive the Jubilee indulgence, simply by visiting the church, going to confession, receiving Holy Communion and praying for the Pope’s intentions.

This Jubilee Year provides us with an opportunity to revisit the life and legacy of St Francis of Assisi. To this end we have arranged a display in the foyer of the church, which tells the life of St Francis through the frescoes painted by Giotto. This luminous fresco cycle adorns the upper church of the Basilica of St Francis of Assisi, and was painted between 1297-1300. These paintings and the many early written sources record the popular cult of the saint that had spread through much of Europe within the first century of St Francis’ life. Among the most important of these early sources is the series of three biographical accounts of St Francis of Assisi written by Thomas of Celano. The first of these was commissioned by Pope Gregory IX in 1228 following St Francis’ canonization making it is the earliest written source in the Franciscan corpus. Between 1260-1263 St Bonaventure produced the so-called ‘Major Life’ of St Francis, which quickly became the authoritative early biographical source used by Franciscans. Since then the saint of Assisi has inspired more biographies than virtually any saint in the history of the Church. He continues to be a subject of fascination and inspiration. Today, St Francis of Assisi remains as popular as ever in the Church and in the devotional life of the faithful.

We have provided a jubilee prayer card for our parishioners which you are free to take with you. There are also commemorative magnets available (suggested offering of 50 cents). I hope this feast day is an opportunity for all parishioners and visitors alike to renew their love for Jesus Christ and to be inspired to be the saints Christ created us to be.

Thanks to all the many people who have contributed to our Feast Day celebrations, especially Mark Basile and the St Francis School Staff who so generously provided the lunch, organised the jumping castle and the flowers for the church; to the parish choir ; to the altar servers and sacristans; to the those who have donated items for the parish raffle; to our photographers, Vince Gangi and Adam and Alexya Biderman from Raw & Reel Moments; to Rhea John and the musicians who provided entertainment and to Theresa Francis for providing face painting during the lunch; and finally to Maree Chamoun and Ruth Lees who have worked so hard to organise and coordinate many aspects of this weekend’s celebrations.

Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

Yours in Christ, Fr Francis Denton P.P.

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

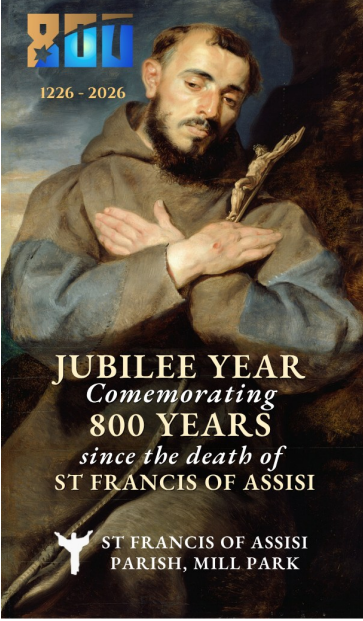




OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

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

 1226 - 2026



JUBILEE YEAR
Comemorating 800 YEARS
since the death of ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

 ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, MILL PARK

GODSTART PARTY FOR 3-YEAR-OLDS

The GodStart Birthday Party for 3-Year-Olds will be held next **Sunday, 11th October, after 10.30 am Mass** in the Church Fellowship area. All parish children turning 3 this year and their families are invited.

INTRODUCTORY RITES	
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON	
Francis, the man of God, left his home behind, abandoned his inheritance and became poor and penniless, but the Lord raised him up.	
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	
1 Kings 19:4-9. 11-15	
Elijah went on into the wilderness, a day’s journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. “Lord” he said, “I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.” Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, “Get up and eat.” He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.” So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. There 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 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. Then a voice came to him, which said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He replied, “I am filled with jealous zeal for the Lord of hosts, because the sons of Israel have deserted you, broken down your altars and put your prophets to the sword. I am the only one left and they want to kill me.” “Go” the Lord said, “Go back by the same way to the wilderness of Damascus.”	
The word of the Lord.	
℟. Thanks be to God.	
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	
Ps 15:1-2. 7-8. 11. R v.5	
℟. You are my inheritance, O Lord.	
1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: ‘You are my God.’ O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize ℟.	
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. Since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. ℟.	
3. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. ℟.	

SECOND READING	Galatians 6:14-18
As for me, the only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not Matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God. I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.	
The word of the Lord.	
℟. Thanks be to God.	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	
cf. Mt 11:25	
Alleluia! Alleluia!	
Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.	
Alleluia!	
GOSPEL	
Mt 11:25-30	
Jesus exclaimed, “I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.”	
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.	

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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

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

Mt 5:3

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of
heaven.