



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

29TH SEPT 2024

PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Simeon Anthony
NEWLY ORDAINED	Fr Jean-Sébastien Géry	PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Anh Tran - 9407 6720
YOUTH MINISTER	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6704	PARISH/SCHOOL LIAISON	Ruth Lees - 9407 6703
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	Maree Chamoun - 9407 6700	PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Paul - 9407 6722
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Mark Basile - 9407 3100	SEMINARIAN	
WEEKEND MASS TIMES	Saturday vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm		
WEEKDAY MASS TIMES	Monday – Saturday 9:15 am Wednesday 7:30 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help		
RECONCILIATION	Wednesday evening after Mass and Novena Saturday 9:45 am		
ADORATION	Saturday 9:45 am – 10:45 am concluding with Benediction		
VIGIL MASS:	1st Friday of the month 7:30 pm to Midnight Mass.	Next Mass: 4 th October	
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	NO MASS IN OCTOBER	
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass: 20 th October	
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.	Next Mass: 20 th October	
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Wednesday 6:30 am - 7:00 pm in the chapel.			
NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH: 1st Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.			
ANOINTING OF THE SICK: 2nd Wednesday of the month after 9:15am Mass.			
ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS: Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.			
NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM): Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm.			
LIFE TEEN: Every Sunday during school terms after 5pm Mass. Contact Carmel at millpark.youthministry@cam.org.au for further details.			
LEGION OF MARY: Every Thursday at 10:15 am in the church fellowship area. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.			
JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY: Every Wednesday at 3:30 pm during school terms in the fellowship area. Contact Jackie - 0422 443 324.			
WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP: Every Friday at 7:00 pm in the chapel. Contact Nancy - 0434 559 352.			
PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP: Contact Regina - 0432 267 557 or Alfons and Helen Glatzel - 9404 2050.			
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Every Friday at 3:00 pm in the chapel and Friday mornings after 9:15am Mass.			
AGAPE RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING: Contact Jigimon - 0402 652 646.			
JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP: Every Thursday at 7 pm in the chapel. Contact Amish Joseph - 0481 717 616			
CATECHIST R.E. CLASSES: For all enquiries contact May Park at sfranciscatechist@gmail.com.			
MEN'S MEET & GREET GROUP: 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.			

PARISH NEWS

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS: Contributions can be dropped off between 9am and 5pm each day at the parish office.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES: Please remember to write the amount on the front of your thanksgiving envelopes.

PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION: PRAYER COMPANIONS – Meeting Cancelled: The Training Session for 'Prayer Companions' has been postponed. There will be NO meeting of Cell Leaders this Tuesday, 1st October.

SUGGESTION BOX: All will be considered by the Parish Evangelisation Team each month (Location: Church Foyer)

HOUSE BLESSINGS: To invite our clergy to visit and bless your house, please fill in the "Family Visitation - House Blessing card found in the Church foyer.

ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER: The Holy Rosary will be recited before each weekday morning Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brigida Marzan

IN MEMORIAM: Sam Sgarlata, Manickam Pillay

THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Sharon Barber, Audrey Quessy, Bernadette Dammo, Skye Dalton, Grace Fong Mei Lee, Peter Johns, David Wallace, Greg Forrester, Anupiya Menikdiwela, Henrica Hanny, Peter Basile, Antonina Gangi, Dignus Kaemon, Fr Terry Kean, Jack Mercovich.

(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 the Lord,

It is with heartfelt thanks that I wish to acknowledge all the support you have given me since I arrived in the Parish. From Christmas last year, I was welcomed by all and felt the joyful warmth and hospitality that was shown to me from this time.

In the lead up to my ordination, I received a great deal of support, encouragement and prayers from many people that gave me great reassurance.

In particular, I would like to say thank you to all who came to my ordination and Mass of Thanksgiving. I am indebted to the choirs, Sr Anh for her altar decorations and those in the Parish staff who printed the Mass booklets. I was moved by the show of support given by your presence at the Mass and the generous hospitality shown in the hall. I would also like to thank you for the gift of the 'Mass Kit' and your financial assistance.

Last but not least, I would like to thank Fr Anthony and Fr Simeon for their support and all the priests who joined me for Mass at St Francis. Mill Park will always have a place in my heart and I look forward to my new posting. Please pray

Fr Jean-Sébastien Géry

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI 9 DAY NOVENA

In preparation of our parish Feast Day celebrations, all are invited to join our parish novena before each morning Mass from 5th-13th October at 8:40am. May the spirit of St Francis of Assisi guide us and bring peace into our families.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED FOR PARISH FEAST DAY 13TH OCTOBER

DONATIONS FOR THE RAFFLE

Several quality items are needed for our Raffle. Can you help? Donations by local businesses would be appreciated. Your business will be publicised on the Feast Day. Contact the Parish Office

DONATIONS OF CAKES

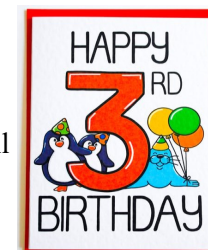
Can you help by making cakes for our Feast Day lunch? Please fill in your name on the list after Mass with the number of serves of cake you will provide.

VOLUNTEER HELPERS NEEDED

Help is needed for preparations on the parish Feast Day: setting up for the Courtyard Lunch and many other tasks. If you can help, please fill in your name on the roster after Mass or contact the Parish Office.

GODSTART PARTY FOR 3-YEAR-OLDS ON SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER

The GodStart Birthday Party for 3-Year-Olds will be held on Sunday, 6th October, after 10.30 am Mass, in the Church Foyer. All parish children turning 3 in 2024, and their families, are invited!



SFOA PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP (A FAMILY FOR ALL) 32ND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

All members, parishioners warmly invited & welcomed. Please bring a plate to assist with dinner.

Date: Saturday 19th October
5:00pm: Thanksgiving Mass
6pm - 9pm: Dinner & family entertainments in Parish Hall.
RSVP: Leaders/Parish 9407 6700



RCIA Has now begun!
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults It is not too late to join!

7:30pm Thursdays,
St Francis of Assisi, Small Hall. For all enquires,
contact the Parish Office: 9407 6700

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

Our parishioner, Ian Vergel, will be ordained a Deacon on the 20th October 2024 11am St Fidelis, Moreland. All are invited to attend!

CHILDRENS LITURGY RESTARTING TODAY!

There will be a meeting for people to plan for restarting Children's Liturgy, to be held TODAY at 11.30 am in the Church Foyer (after 10.30 am Mass). Please come if you are interested in leading or helping at Children's Liturgy.



FEAST OF ST FRANCIS SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2024

10:30am Solemn Mass
Parish Expo

12:00pm Family Lunch in Courtyard
Musical Entertainment
Jumping Castle

2:00pm Blessing of the animals
in the spirit of St Francis
\$50 MEGA PET VOUCHER PRIZE FOR MOST EXOTIC PET!



290 CHILDS ROAD MILL PARK 3082

DONATE YOUR REFUND! MARIAN CHAPEL RENOVATIONS

Scan the **barcode** at your local refund point, and all donations will go towards the new Marian statue and chapel renovations.

CDS VIC provides a 10c refund for every eligible container you return, helping divert valuable containers from landfills.

Westfield Plenty Valley
Reverse Vending Machine. 415 McDonalds Road,
Mill Park - (7:00am - 8:00pm)

CDS Vic Depot Epping
Depot, 6/106 Yale Drive,
Epping, 3076
(8:00am - 4:00pm)



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