



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN		FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		21ST APRIL 2024	
PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Zaher Almhnna		
DEACON	Deacon Jean Sebastien	PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Sr Anh Tran - 9407 6720		
YOUTH MINISTER	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6704	PARISH/SCHOOL LIAISON	Ruth Lees - 9407 6703		
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	Bernice Quinn - 9407 6700	PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Paul - 9407 6722		
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Mark Basile - 9407 3100				
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: 3rd May			
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass: 12th May			
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass: 18th May			
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.	Next Mass: 18th May			
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.					
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: Resuming Sunday 4th February. Contact Gigimon - 0402 652 646.					
LIFE TEEN: Every Sunday during school terms after 5pm Mass. Contact Carmel at millpark.youthministry@cam.org.au for further details.					
JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP: Every Thursday at 7 pm in the chapel. Contact Lovely - 0411 208 706.					
CATECHIST R.E. CLASSES: For all enquiries contact May Park at stfranciscatechist@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.					
PLEASE PRAY FOR					
RECENTLY DECEASED: Claudio Tieri.					
IN MEMORIAM: Rosa Alvaro, Domenico Mancuso.					
THOSE WHO ARE ILL: David Wallace, Sharon Barber, Maeve Reardon, Greg Forrester, Anupiya Menikdiwela, Henrica Hanny, Peter Basile, Antonina Gangi, Gerard Mercovich, Jack Mercovich, Edna Cruz, Dignus Kaemon, Maggie Campbell, Shirley Trinidad.					
(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 Parishioners,

GOODBYE AND HELLO

At the end of this week, Friday 26th April, we will say farewell to Bernice Quinn who has been our parish secretary for the last ten years.

Throughout her entire time she has been thoroughly conscientious and remarkably accommodating in consideration of all the 'clerical' errors she has needed to rectify. Her courteous, respectful and delightfully friendly manner has endeared her to all who have knocked on our front door over the last ten years. No difficulty was ever too much of a trouble for her and in her thoughtful and sensitive way she was all we had hoped for as very often the first contact so many people have had with our parish. So we say farewell as she prepares to take up a position at St Monica's College.

Welcome to Maree Chamoun. As of Monday 6th May Maree Chamoun will take on the role of parish secretary. We hope Maree will find her time with us to be fruitful and enjoyable.

So because there is a week between Bernice departing and Maree arriving I suggest you all pray fervently!

Yours in the Risen Lord, Fr Anthony Girolami.

Good Shepherd Sunday 2024

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday - the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us:

There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

A prayer request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the altar at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

Catholic Vocations

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CATECHIST CLASSES 2024

Catechist classes will begin on Tuesday 16th July at 4:15 pm - 5 pm. Enrolments are now open. Enrolment and payment forms are available on our website or from the parish office. These forms can be emailed back to stfranciscatechist@gmail.com.au Alternatively, you can phone the parish office on 9407 6700.

The following classes are offered:

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| Pre-Sacramental - | Children in Years Prep, One or Two |
| First Reconciliation - | Minimum Year Three level |
| First Eucharist - | Students who have already received First Reconciliation |
| Confirmation - | Minimum Year Six level who have already received First Reconciliation and First Eucharist |

This year, classes will run during term three on Tuesdays from 4:15-5:00pm. We look forward to sharing this faith journey with you and your children this year. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact May Park at stfranciscatechist@gmail.com.au

"WHAT'S THE MEANING OF LIFE?" "IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?" "WHAT AM I DOING HERE?" "DO I HAVE A PURPOSE?" "IS THERE A GOD?"

Alpha

FIND OUT ABOUT THE ALPHA COURSE

NO ALPHA SESSION THIS THURSDAY
Due to the Anzac Day Public Holiday on 25th May the Alpha Course resumes on Thursday 2nd May!

WELLNESS GROUP STALL

The Wellness Activity Group would like to thank everyone who supported their fundraising stall last weekend.

Thank you

CHILDRENS LITURGY TO RESTART

Children's Liturgy was held at 10:30 Mass each Sunday. We hope to get a team of people to help run Children's Liturgy during the Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30 am Mass through the school terms. If you are interested in helping please contact the Parish Office on 9407 6700.

GODSTART PARTY FOR 4 YEAR OLDS

There will be a **Birthday Party** for all children in the parish who **turn 4** this year, **on Sunday 28th April**, starting at 11:30 am in the Church Fellowship Area (after 10.30 am Mass). All 3-4 year-old children and their families are invited. RSVP to 9407 6700.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. COME & SEE!

An Information Session will be held on **Saturday 4 May**, 10 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne. Contact: 03 9412 3357