



St Francis of Assisi Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12TH JAN 2025

PARISH PRIEST	Fr Anthony Girolami	ASSISTANT PRIEST	Fr Simeon Anthony
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YOUTH MINISTER	Carmel Walsh - 9407 6704	PARISH/SCHOOL LIAISON	Ruth Lees - 9407 6703
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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: 7 th February	
FILIPINO MASS:	2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.	Next Mass: 12 th January	
MALTESE MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30. Rosary 3:40.	Next Mass: 18 th January	
INDONESIAN FAMILY GROUP MASS:	3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.	Next Mass: NO MASS JAN	
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 Camel 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:

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.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: 1st Saturday of every month (except school holidays), meeting in the church foyer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DECEASED:

IN MEMORIAM:

THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Fr Varghese Kattikattu, Cliff Aquilina, David Wallace, Greg Forrester, Antonina Gangi, 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 Parishioners,

As this the Holy Year of Hope, there are a number of parishes where a person can attend to receive a plenary indulgence.

One of these parishes is St Luke's, Lalor, and in the next few weeks we will have all the information needed to satisfy the requirements to receive the plenary indulgence.

This week I am attending a conference in Rome, and finalising plans for the renovation of our Marian Chapel and the new statue of Our Lady that will be part of it.

I am hoping to walk through the Holy Door at the Vatican, and as I do I will be praying for all of you.

**Yours in Christ,
Fr Anthony Girolami.**

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www.ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/

CHOIRS ON BREAK DURING JANUARY

During January our choirs at Mass will have a well earned break. We thank them for the talents they share with us faithfully every week.

JANUARY ROSTERS

The rosters for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion will continue during January. If you will be absent or on holiday on your rostered turn, please contact another person to take your place.

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN – NEW PRAYER GROUP AT ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

St Francis of Assisi Parish is excited to announce the formation of a Mothers Who Pray for Their Children prayer group, welcoming all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and spiritual mothers from all walks of life.

To learn more, join us for a Meet and Greet on
**Thursday, 13 February 2025,
at 5:00 PM in the Parish foyer.**

We are honored to host Angela Abdo, Foundress of the movement from Brazil, and Carolina, the English Mission Coordinator from South Africa, at this special event. Come and be part of this inspiring journey of prayer and fellowship!

Saint Who? Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Feast: 12th January



"God closes a door and then opens a window," people sometimes say when dealing with their own disappointment or someone else's. That was certainly true in Marguerite's case. Children from European as well as Native American backgrounds in 17th-century Canada benefited from her great zeal and unshakable trust in God's providence.

Born the sixth of 12 children in Troyes, France, Marguerite at the age of 20 believed that she was called to religious life. Her applications to the Carmelites and Poor Clares were unsuccessful. A priest friend suggested that perhaps God had other plans for her.

In 1654, the governor of the French settlement in Canada visited his sister, an Augustinian canoness in Troyes. Marguerite belonged to a sodality connected to that convent. The governor invited her to come to Canada and start a school in Ville-Marie (eventually the city of Montreal). When she arrived, the colony numbered 200 people with a hospital and a Jesuit mission chapel.

Soon after starting a school, she realised her need for coworkers. Returning to Troyes, she recruited a friend, Catherine Crolo, and two other young women. In 1667, they added classes at their school for Indian children. A second trip to France three years later resulted in six more young women and a letter from King Louis XIV, authorizing the school. The Congregation of Notre Dame was established in 1676 but its members did not make formal religious profession until 1698 when their Rule and constitutions were approved.

Marguerite established a school for Indian girls in Montreal. At the age of 69, she walked from Montreal to Quebec in response to the bishop's request to establish a community of her sisters in that city. By the time she died, she was referred to as the "Mother of the Colony." Marguerite was canonised in 1982.

Reflection

It's easy to become discouraged when plans that we think that God must endorse are frustrated. Marguerite was called not to be a cloistered nun but to be a foundress and an educator. God had not ignored her after all.

DONATE YOUR REFUND!

This refund will go towards our **Marian Chapel Renovations**. Thank you for your generosity!

Check for the 10c Label on your aluminum, glass, plastic & cartons for recycling.

Donation Bins are located in the Church rear carpark OR visit a CDS VIC Location.

