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Youth Bible Studies and Adoration

Join in for Bible Study in the presbytery every Wednesday evening at 7.00pm followed by Adoration at 8.00pm. All welcome. Keep in touch through facebook - facebook.com/StFelix100

Day of the Unborn Child

Sunday, 26 March. Annual Pro-Life march through Sydney CBD in support of the unborn. 10.30am Mass, St Mary's Cathedral, 12 Noon Angelus, followed by a prayerful procession through the streets of Sydney led by His Grace Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, 1.30pm Benediction inside the Cathedral. More information: www.fli.org.au

Red Cross Mobile Blood Service

The Australian Red Cross Mobile Blood Service is visiting Bankstown Sports Club, 8 Greenfield Pde Thursday 2 March, 8.30am – 2.00pm & Friday 3 March, 9.00am – 2.00pm (20 more donors needed) If you haven't already made an appointment to give blood, you can [make an appointment online](#) or call us on 13 14 95. 1 in 3 Australians will need blood, but only 1 in 30 donates. Donated blood helps cancer patients, people with blood disorders, mothers-to-be and newborn babies, as well as trauma and surgical patients.

Healing & Hope after Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard ministries offers support through a retreat for all who suffer grief and loss after an abortion. Next retreat is March 24-26 at Pennant Hills. Call: 0400 092 555 or see: rachelsvineyard.org.au or email: info@rachelsvineyard.org.au.

Retreat Day for Families

Time for Us to prepare our Hearts for Lent. Sunday 5th March, 2017: 11am Holy Mass in the Family Hall followed by BYO Picnic, 1.30pm Input for Adults and Programme for Children, 3pm Prayer followed by Afternoon Tea. Free Event but Registration essential: www.trybooking.com/251605 Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. For further info contact Sr M Julie Brcar: juliebrcar@gmail.com

Shrine Time in 2017 - Young Adults 18-35

When: 4th Sunday of every month 2017, 7.30pm-8.30pm followed by social gathering.
What: 1 Holy Hour with prayer, reflection, meditation, praise & worship. 2017 is devoted to Praying for Vocations and Devotion to Mary as per our Holy Father's intentions for the next WYD.
Where: In the Shrine at Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa
Why: Mary, honoured as the Mother Thrice Admirable, offers 3 graces in the Shrine, this monthly event is a unique opportunity to experience them regularly: Discover your HOME in the hearts of Jesus and Mary See breakthrough TRANSFORMATION in your life. Get your spiritual boost to be an authentic WITNESS.



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Mass times: Saturday 6pm (Vigil), Sunday 8am, 10am (Children's Liturgy), 6pm, 12noon (Polish).

Vietnamese Mass: 7 pm 1st Thurs of each month. **Saturday Morning Benediction - 7.00am.**

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm. Or by appointment Rosary: Saturday 8.25am

This week - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday - 8.00am.

Ash Wednesday - 8.00am, 9.00am & 7.30pm.

Wednesday - 7.00pm Young Adults Bible Study in Meeting Room, 8.00pm Benediction.

BAPTISMS: Baptism preparations are held on the 1st Sunday of each month after 10am mass in the presbytery. Baptisms by appointment.

MARRIAGES: Please contact priest at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

SICK CALLS: Anytime. If you know of anyone who needs anointing please ring the presbytery.

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Love your neighbour".

As Pope Francis said, "Love of God and love of our neighbour is one and the same thing."

You will be helping to empower our world's most vulnerable neighbours to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to build a better future for our common home.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Message from Archbishop Anthony

Dear friends in Christ,

On Wednesday we will receive the mark of ashes on our foreheads, a sign of penance and humility as we begin the season of Lent. We do so with a heightened awareness of the pain and suffering of all victims of sexual abuse, especially those who were abused by clergy and others representing the Church. May our Lenten penance this year be an act of intercession in solidarity with all who suffer, praying that they may find healing and a renewed trust in God and in other people.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - A - 26 February 2017



Free yourself

It is difficult or impossible to stop worrying completely. The easiest way out is to try to worry about one thing at a time. That way you don't get mixed up and start worrying about the thing you're really not worried about. When you have too many worries on your mind at one time, you get confused, and then you've really got something to worry about!

In the Gospel today Jesus says, *“That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing!”* Jesus offers what may seem to be too simple a solution to all our worries and troubles that come from our hearts but a solution that is spiritually and psychologically effective. He tells us to just *“Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are?”* Like any model this can be misused. It can be taken as a licence to be care-free and irresponsible. On the other hand it can be a call to be care-free in a good sense. Many people are wrapped up in their anxieties, worries and cares. They are prisoners of their own possessions. Nature and in particular the birds of the air hold their treasures in freedom. The bird flies in unselfconscious joy and freedom. It is under no pressure to perform for others; it has no worry about what others think or say. It is not trying to manipulate or change the environment around it.

Jesus' beautiful prayer in itself is simply just looking at nature and God's creation around us. When we are looking we should try to avoid labelling things. Avoid saying to ourselves, *“that is a pine tree.”* And more importantly avoid making judgements, such as this is beautiful, that is ugly, this is good and that is bad. If we do this often slowly we will find ourselves being gradually set free from the prejudices that hinder our perceptions of reality.

Let us pray that our lives will be freed with not so many worries, and may we always trust in God's providence as Isaiah puts it: *“Does a woman forget a baby at the breast, Or fail to cherish the son of her womb? Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you.”*

Catechism of the Catholic Church

2547 The Lord grieves over the rich, because they find their consolation in the abundance of goods. “Let the proud seek and love earthly kingdoms, but blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Abandonment to the providence of the Father in heaven frees us from anxiety about tomorrow. Trust in God is a preparation for the blessedness of the poor. They shall see God.

This week's Readings - Isaiah 49:14-15; 1Corinthians 4:1-5; Gospel - Matthew 6:24-34

Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent commences on 1st March with Ash Wednesday. Masses on that day will be at 8.00am, 9.00am (with St Felix primary) and 7.30pm.

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

Lenten Talk

A talk will be given by Fr Joseph Lam on how to prepare for Lent according to the Passion of Christ by St Matthew on Saturday 11th March at 9.00am in the Church. All Welcome.

Welcome Kindergarten

This weekend during the 10am Mass we welcome the new Kindergarten children from St Felix Primary and their families and thank them for their involvement in today's liturgy.



Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Joseph Condello; Maria Thi Tram Ha



Anniversary: Ken Primrose; Mary Bernadette Roberts; Bernard Barlow; Michael Omeros Ipandani Omeros; Giovanni Frisina; Nick Frisina; Maria, Giuse, Baby Laura.

Deceased: Zwain & Salam Chadrawy; Gergis, Marie & Fannie Chadrawy; Pauline Chadrawy & husband; Daniel & Rashide Chadrawy; Hanna Chadrawy; Merchad & Emila Maklouf; Anthony, John & Joseph Maklouf; Antoinette & Eva Maklouf; Joseph Mowad & Charles Paul; Mary Chadrawy; Anna Doran.

Sick: Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Kim Do; Henriette Tam Tinh Lam; Gerard Go; Theresa Tinh Thi Doan; Christine Formosa; Maria Tuu Nguyen; Fatima; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; Tim Logue; Jeanette Chong; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Vaoliko Pesamino

Next Weekend - 1st Sunday of Lent - Year A

Readings: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Gospel - Matthew 4:1-11.

The LENTEN Season

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the 40 days of preparation for the Easter season when Christians are called to deepen their spiritual lives through the practices of **fasting, prayer, and almsgiving**. The belief is that our consistent participation in these practices — like exercise we do for our physical health — improves our spiritual well-being by stripping away all that is unnecessary and becoming more mindful of how God is working in our lives. Challenge yourself this year, and go beyond the usual practice of “giving up” something. For instance: Make a commitment to read the Sunday scriptures before you go to Mass; Go for Eucharistic Adoration; Spend some time in silent meditation each day; Pray for somebody; Go to a weekday Mass; Read at least one of the Gospels; Attend the Stations of the Cross; Think about a habit that has kept you from being whom God is calling you to be - consciously give up that habit for Lent; Spend at least one weekend or evening volunteering; Make a point to learn more about a particular social issue (Refugees, human trafficking, racism, the environment, public education, child abuse); Get to know your neighbors; Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Xt3 Lent Calendar website & free App

What will you give up or take up during Lent? Xt3 can help you journey through the season with the Xt3 Lent Calendar. The calendar is both a website and a FREE App with fresh content daily, including Catholic videos, audio reflections, interviews and blogs. The Lent calendar also includes the Gospel readings of the day and daily challenges focussed on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Give God a moment this Lent visit: www.xt3.com/lent.

Altar Society: 5/3/17 Group 1: Gloria Walker, Margaret Chan, Nice Collins, Lydia Leslie, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Hien & Vu Bui (Florist)

St Vincent de Paul: 5/3/17 D Rodrigues **12/3/17** John Ashe

Church Cleaners: 3/3/17: Polish Group **Children's Liturgy:** 5th March - Maree ElChaar

Weekend Choir: Saturday 6pm - St Anne's Choir
Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God **10am** - St Felix Choir

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	26 FEBRUARY 8am	10am	6pm
C	Stephen Hoang	Mary Buckley	Jessica Vujevic	Charbel Eltarraf
R	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Jennifer Nguyen	Elias Eltarraf
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Tuyen Tran	An Dang	Gordon West	Judy Jones
M	Gloria Booby	Chris Kreltszheim	Helen Vujevic	Paul Ngoc

5 MARCH

C	Patrick Abourizk	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Anthony Rowe	Lucia Mezentsef
R	Gabrielle Nguyen	Imelda Dela Cruz	Mary O'Hea	Kathleen Mezentsef
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Gloria Booby	Maria Huong	Rosa House	Loreto Eduardo
M	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Jessie Kovacevic	Phu Nguyen