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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](https://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](http://www.fli.org.au)

### Afternoon for couples hoping to conceive

Married couples (Catholic or otherwise) who are hoping for children, struggling to conceive, or who wish to better understand what the Church offers and promotes in regard to fertility awareness and assistance are invited to an afternoon of information and discussion. It is also an important opportunity for fellowship with other couples facing similar difficulties. WHERE: Dooleys Waterview Club, Silverwater Rd, Silverwater. WHEN: Saturday 18 March 2017, 2:00pm-4:30pm. Please direct RSVPs and inquiries to [lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org) or phone 9307 8403.

### Schoenstatt Shrine Open Times

The Shrine is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year, 7am to 8pm, for quiet personal prayer and reflection. Come and enjoy the peace and grace of the Shrine and our beautiful rural surroundings. You are always welcome to bring your family and friends and share lunch in the grounds. Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Please contact the centre if you have any questions on 4773 8338.

### St Mary's Cathedral Choir

In partnership with The Song Company present Arvo Pärt's Passio The St John Passion accompanied by The Omega ensemble. Friday, 10 March 2017 8.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. A mesmeric minimalist masterpiece with the most concentrated of musical means Pärt communicates the depth and universal spirituality of the Passion story. Tickets can be purchased from [www.songcompany/passio](http://www.songcompany/passio) Ph: (02) 8272 9500.

### Mount St Joseph Milperra - Open Day

WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2017 - 4.00pm – 6.30pm Guided tours and Performances 6.30pm-7.00pm. Principal's Address: The growth and success of girls at Mount St Joseph 273 Horsley Road Milperra. Phone: 8724 6200 website: [www.msj.nsw.edu.au](http://www.msj.nsw.edu.au)



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# St Felix deValois Parish

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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 - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday - 8.00am. Tuesday - 9.00am.**

**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.

### Dinia

Dinia's story is a story of healing, through her own skill and perseverance, and through support from a Caritas-Australia funded program. Living in the Philippines, she struggled daily with poverty in a country with many vulnerable communities. People living in rural and coastal areas have very little access to basic services. They face extreme weather events, environmental degradation and the effects of internal conflict and have little hope of a sustainable income.

For Dinia, the untimely death of her husband meant an end to his small income and a greater struggle to feed and educate her children. She struggled alone, facing a future without hope, until her community encouraged her to participate in the Socio Pastoral Action Centre Foundation Inc. (SPACFI) program supported by Caritas Australia.

SPACFI's Integrated Community Development Program helped her develop diverse ways to gain a sustainable livelihood, continue to send her children to school and contribute to her community.

The program foregrounds the need to work together for the common good, awakening Dinia's innate generosity and leadership qualities. She was able to learn about organic farming, managing livestock, and starting a small business.

Now she has an integral role in her community, a sustainable livelihood, and a brighter future for her children. "My life is much better now. It is much easier," she says.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help people in rural areas of the Philippines develop their strengths and build better futures for their families and their neighbours.**



# 1st Sunday of Lent - A - 5 March 2017





## Be content & rejoice

During Lunar New Year I received many cards and good wishes from friends, among them there was one which said, “*May you be successful in whatever you do and have all the things that you wish for to make you happy.*” It was a nice summary of the values of this world with which we are all imbued. We see happiness as coming from things and achievements, whereas real happiness comes only from the transcendence of our desires, ambitions and expectations.

In the Gospel today, the First Sunday of the season of Lent we see how Jesus struggled with these temptations. Firstly, “*If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.*” Jesus is tempted to change stones into bread that is not to accept the limitations of being human but to use his ‘divine power’ to achieve possessions in a short-cut way. Secondly, “*If you are the Son of God throw yourself down.*” Satan tempted Jesus to jump from the temple and win the adulation of the crowds. There are many people who would do anything to be known and praised by others. Thirdly, “*I will give you all these, if you fall at my feet and worship me.*” Jesus is tempted with power. Hunger for power is apparent in the world around us, when people want to control and dominate each other. We all are tempted to cling on to what the world claims as success, fame and power. These temptations create expectations that cannot but fail to satisfy our deepest needs. As long as we live within the delusions of the world we will continue to be discontented.

Let us take a moment during this Lent season to enjoy all the gifts which God has given us here and now - our life, our health, our family, our intellect etc. May we be contented and rejoice in who we are.

### Catechism of the Catholic Church

2847: The Holy Spirit makes us discern between trials, which are necessary for the growth of the inner man, and temptation which leads to sin and death. We must also discern between being tempted and consenting to temptation. Finally, discernment unmasks the lie of temptation, whose object appears to be good, a ‘delight to the eyes’ and desirable, when in reality its fruit is death.

This week’s Readings - Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Gospel - Matthew 4:1-11

### Lenten Talk

“....Be reconciled to God” (2 Cor 5:20) – The Passion According to the Gospel of Matthew  
Was Jesus’ death on the Cross a tragic accident? Did he just run into his fate, without wanting it?  
Is there no escape from it? What is the benefit of his death for us?

The passions of John and Matthew were the first two to gain a place in the liturgical canon: Pope Leo the Great established that these two accounts of the events leading to the crucifixion should be presented during Holy Week as early as the 5th century AD.

The passion of Matthew will be the key biblical reading for the 2017 Good Friday liturgy.

Fr. Joseph Lam OSA will explore the meaning and significance of Matthew’s passion.

The talk commences on Saturday 11/3/2017 after the 8am mass.

### Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in the Church every Tuesday during Lent at 7.00pm commencing this week (7/3).

### Friendship Group

Come and catch up with friends over breakfast at the Three Swallows after 10am Mass on Sunday 12th March. Cost is \$5 for full breakfast or pancakes. All welcome.

Be true ambassadors of God’s reconciliation through a genuine reconciliation with God and neighbour. This Lenten season, Pope Francis calls each of us to:

Fast from **hurting words** and say **kind words**. Fast from **sadness** and be filled with **gratitude**.

Fast from **anger** and be filled with **patience**.

Fast from **pessimism** and be filled with **hope**. Fast from **worries** and **trust in God**.

Fast from **complaints** and contemplate **simplicity**.

Fast from **pressures** and be **prayerful**. Fast from **bitterness** and fill your heart with **joy**.

Fast from **selfishness** and be **compassionate** to others.

Fast from **grudges** and be **reconciled**. Fast from **words** and be **silent** so you can **listen**.

**Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased:** Nguy Van Sang

**Anniversary:** Bernard Danh; Eugenie Thien Tai Tran; Rienzie Christoffels; Godfrey Van Heer; Teresa Folinazzo.

**Deceased:** Zwain & Salam Chadrawy; Gergis, Marie & Fannie Chadrawy; Pauline Chadrawy & husband; Daniel & Rashide Chadrawy; Hanna Chadrawy; Merchad & Emila Maklout; Anthony, John & Joseph Maklout; Antoinette & Eva Maklout; Joseph Mowad & Charles Paul; Mary Chadrawy; Phero Huy Nhiem Lam..

**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 - 2nd Sunday of Lent - Year A


Readings: Genesis 12:1-4; 2Timothy 1:8-10; Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9.

### 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](http://www.xt3.com/lent).

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## OPEN DAY

*Wednesday 15 March*  
**3.00pm – 5.30pm**

- Hear about the exciting changes that are coming
- Take a tour of our school, and checkout our new facilities
- Chat with the Principal
- Take part in interactive activities

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**Altar Society: 12/3/17 Group 2:** Robyn Molloy, Enid Sneddon, Teresa Neang, Jeannette Chong, Nora Campbell, Anna & Willy Gabut, Maria Huong Nguyen (*Florist*)

**St Vincent de Paul: 12/3/17** John Ashe **19/3/17** Andrew Nguyen

**Church Cleaners: 10/3/17:** Charbel Karam **Children’s Liturgy:** 12th March - Belinda

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

#### Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	5 MARCH	8am	10am	6pm
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	

#### 12 MARCH

C	Stephen Hoang	Philip Castillo	Jennifer Nguyen	Elias Eltarraf
R	Patrick Abourizk	Ligaya Castillo	Thu Ha Kim	Anthony Eltarraf
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Emmanuel Icard	Mesake Mar	Tu Nguyen	Amelia Mezentsef
M	Tuyen Tran	Madelyn Nicole	Bev Lamaro	Jacinta Eltarraf