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Fathers on Tap

Wednesday, 29 March 5.30pm Mass, 6.00pm Dinner, 7.00pm Talk: Bishop Richard Umbers speaks on: "Social Media: Friend or Foe? How do we re-evangelise the fathers?" @ The Two Wolves Cantina, 202 Broadway, Chippendale. RSVP to David 0437 679 865.

Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering

Housing and Homelessness. Join us for our first Social Justice Gathering of the year! Speakers on a variety of topics ranging from innovative tiny home solutions, planning reform campaigns to 'big picture' information sessions on what's happening in our communities, city and state and how you can get involved. Full line-up of speakers will be announced shortly! From our 2016 Gatherings feedback we will have more group discussions, practical guide for taking action back in your parish, community and collaboration with neighbouring parishes. Lunch and refreshments provided from Parliament on King. Plenty of street parking and easy accessibility. All welcome! WHEN: 01 April 2017 10.30 for 11.00am-3.30pm. WHERE: St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North. COST: Free. RSVP: Essential by March 29. Register: www.Eventbrite.com | www.justiceandpeace.org.au | call us 9307 8465 | email Kimberley.doyle@sydneycatholic.org.

Tell your story in the Catholic Weekly

Do you have a local parish news story which would be of interest to the many readers of the Catholic Weekly? The Catholic Weekly is always looking for human interest, inspirational and faith-based stories for our weekly publication. If you have a story please send it to: cweditor@catholicweekly.com.au or call (02) 9390 5407. We'd love to hear your story.

Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Alaina Castro

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.



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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, Saturday - 8.00am. Tuesday & Friday - 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.



Nguyet

In a small town in Vietnam, a severe disability kept young Nguyet behind closed doors. Constrained by the high demands of her condition, her parents were also isolated from their neighbours. There is a high level of disability in Vietnam, particularly as a legacy of war, but little support for families whose children have disabilities. People with disability have poorer health outcomes, lower educational achievements, lower economic participation and higher rates of poverty than people without disability.

The future seemed bleak for the whole family, until Nguyet's family became participants in a program supported by Caritas Australia. A neighbour kindly introduced the family to the Capacity Building for Parent Associations Supporting Children with Disabilities program, which has given them support on several levels. The neighbour, a teacher, has been able to offer Nguyet home-based education, and there is capacity building for her parents and others in the same situation, through their local Parents' Association. At Association meetings, Nguyet's mother has been able to increase her skills for managing her daughter's condition, and share her experiences with other parents of children with disabilities.

Nguyet has learnt to read and write and better manage her physical needs, and her creative gifts have been unlocked. Now she is increasingly engaging with her neighbours, and she and her parents are more confident about her future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for education and inclusion in their community.

4th Sunday of Lent - A - 26 March 2017



See God within

Long ago in St. Mary's, Kansas, there was a little outdoor shrine to our lady where the Indians often came to sing hymns and to pray. As years went by, the statue grew old and colourless. The paint weathered away and the face lost its expression. When the new parish priest came, he took one look at it and said, "Something has to be done about this. This statue looks blind – it's almost a blasphemy to Our Lady. In no time the word got around among the Indians that the new parish priest was going to paint the statue. They should have been very happy about it, because Indians are supposed to like bright colours. But they were not and they came to the parish house door and told the priest they did not want the statue painted. "Why?" he asked. "Don't you want her to look beautiful? Why, she looks blind!"

"Yes," said the chief. "We like her that way, because she cannot see our faults, she can only hear our prayers."

The beggar in today's gospel was blind from birth. He had never seen another human being. And yet, he listened to what Jesus told him to do, "Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam." 'So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.' His blindness was not the result of sin: "Neither he nor his parents sinned, he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him."

The message of today's gospel is that the blind see, while those with sight are blind. The real miracle was that the blind man recognised Jesus as the Messiah, whom the religious experts failed to see. "This man can not be from God: he does not keep the Sabbath." As a poet once expressed it: 'There are none so blind as those who do not wish to see.' St Paul draws the conclusion for us: "You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth."

Let us pray that our eyes will be opened to the presence of God through the people whom we come in contact with everyday living.

This week's Readings - 1Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; Gospel - John 9:1-41

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are celebrated in the Church every Tuesday during Lent at 7.00pm.

Ashes to Easter

A Concert-Reflection with Peter Kearney. A prayerful sequence of songs and stories on Lenten and Easter themes. Sunday 2nd April in St Felix Hall straight after 10 Mass. All welcome.



Offertory

We would like to have more families involved with our liturgy by taking up the offertory during the 10 am Mass on Sundays. If you would like to be involved please write your name on the list at the back of the Church.

Liturgy Committee Meeting

The next Liturgy Committee meeting is on Tuesday 28th March commencing at 7.30pm.

Condolences Deacon Richard

With deep sorrow, Deacon Richard announces the untimely death of his elder sister; Betty Bukirwa. She passed on 21/03/2017. She was a beautiful, loving and caring sister and mother of three. We thank God for her because she was truly a blessing to the family. Yes, we shall always miss her and will always cherish her memories! Please pray for her peaceful repose. Thank you for the condolence messages. We shall have a Memorial Mass for her on Friday, 31/03/2017 at 7:30 pm. You are all welcome.

Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Betty Bukirwa; Vladik Akulinin

Anniversary: Jack Zucco; Joseph Dao; Giuse Nguyen Duc Lien

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; Joseph Binh Chanh Lam; Maria Thuc Trinh Dang; Maria Trinh Thi Ngoan; Da Minh Ng Van Dam; Ethan Chau; Giuse & Maria.

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 - 5th Sunday of Lent - Year A

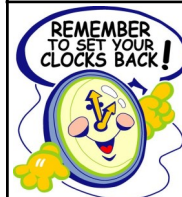
Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; Gospel - John 11:1-45.

Men's Lenten Retreat Day – Notre Dame Sydney

On Saturday, 8 April from 09:30am to 4:30pm. The day will include Mass, time for reflection and reconciliation, lunch, afternoon tea, and inspiring talks. This year we have three fantastic speakers who will present the sessions: • Bishop Richard Umbers • Fr. Brendan Purcell • Fr. James Baxter OP The retreat will take place at The University of Notre Dame Australia on Broadway campus. Event is free, registration essential: <http://www.trybooking.com/PERK> or (02) 8204 4189.

Chocolate Pascal Lambs

Chocolate Pascal Lambs have proven to be popular at St Felix and once again they will be sold in the coming weeks before Easter. This year the cost per lamb will be \$8.00. The money raised will go toward the running of the Parish. We wish to thank St Michael Mission Society Inc. for making and providing us with these beautiful chocolates.



Daylight saving ends next Sunday 2nd April at 2.00am.
Turn your clocks back one hour and
enjoy the extra hour of sleep before coming to Mass.

Altar Society: 2/4/17 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: 2/4/17 M T Tran **9/4/17** A Nguyen

Church Cleaners: 31/3/17: Samoan Divine Mercy Group **Children's Liturgy:** 2nd April - Ligaya

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

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	26 MARCH 8am	10am	6pm
C	Gabrielle Nguyen	Imelda Dela Cruz	Jennifer Nguyen	Charbel Eltarraf
R	Stephen Hoang	Joseph Dang	Thu Ha Kim	Elias Eltarraf
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Gloria Booby	An Dang	Bev Lamaro	Jacinta Eltarraf
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A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Emmanuel Icard	Maria Huong	Thong Tran	Amelia Mezentsef
M	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Joe Luongo	Judy Jones