Catechist: Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; Choir: Line Collet 0410 568 103; Friendship Group: Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; Youth: Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187;

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Childrens Liturgy: Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; Cemetery Committee: Maureen Vincent 9790 4217;

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LaSalle Catholic College: 9793 5600 Mr Michael Egan - Principal; Archdiocesan Website: www.sydney.catholic.org.au

Easter Raffle

St Felix Parish is conducting an Easter hamper raffle, with proceeds raised going directly to our Parish. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday, 9th April after 10.00am Mass and the winner will be advertised in the Easter Bulletin.



CCI has kindly donated this hamper prize to our Parish, valued over RRP\$150. As the Church's own insurance company CCI provides support to the Catholic Church and its community. As part of their commitment to serve, CCI offers a range of personal insurance products for the whole Catholic community: * Home & Contents * Car * Personal Accident * Travel * Landlord * Caravan. For more information call 1300 655 003 or visit www.catholicinsurance.org.au

The real meaning of love is shown by the cross

Passion Sunday begins Holy Week, a week we remember and relive the sufferings of Jesus on the cross. The cross captures everything Jesus was and is - everything he said and did. The cross contains all kinds of meanings. It says a great deal about humankind and about God; it says a great deal about love and about hate; it says much about sin and about grace. We bring our own meanings to the cross as well. During this time, we reflect on our suffering and failings. We also empathize with others who hurt and walk a few steps in the sandals of the Master. The cross is the perfect image of God's love and of the reach of human love as well.

Nigerian Catholic Women's Retreat

A one day retreat hosted by the Nigerian Catholic Community of Parramatta on 30 April, Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Flyer attached. The Nigerian community also holds monthly Masses. For more information, please contact our Chaplain Fr Akamadu, 0451174438 or Stella Nwosu, 0405478472.

Chrism Mass

The Annual Chrism Mass will be held at St Mary's Cathedral on Thursday (13/4) at 10.30am. The ceremony includes blessing of the oils which are used during the year for Baptisms, Confirmation and Anointing and all the priests in the archdiocese will renew their commitment to the Church. All welcome.

Holy Week Roster

A blank roster for the Holy Week Masses is now in the sacristy. Please write your name next to the appropriate job for the particular Mass in which you can assist.



Holy Thursday - 7.30pm Mass with prayers continuing until midnight.

Good Friday - 10.30am Stations of the Cross, Youth re-enactment; 3.00pm The Lord's Passion.

Easter Saturday - 7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass.

Easter Sunday - 8.00am, 10.00am & 6.00pm Masses.



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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, Wednesday - 8.00am. (See Holy Week Schedule)

Tuesday - 10.30am Bupa Yagoona.

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.



Aloma

When Typhoon Santi destroyed her home in coastal Philippines, Aloma feared for her family's safety and their future. Extreme weather events such as typhoons and cyclones are a common occurrence in this country, threatening the safety and food security of many families. In the Philippines, GDP per capita is around one-tenth that of Australia's, and life expectancy is around 14 years lower. Poverty is the single most important factor determining vulnerability to natural

disasters, which makes communities like Aloma's particularly vulnerable.

However, confidence began to replace fear for Aloma as she began participating in the Integrated Community Development Program (ICDP) in 2011. The program, run by the Socio Pastoral Action Center Foundation Inc., is supported by Caritas Australia. It helps communities to prepare for disasters, and adopt environmentally friendly practices. Aloma's training in disaster risk reduction empowered her to take a leadership role in her community in caring for the environment. She manages logistics during natural disasters, and encourages the families in her village to plant mangroves for land conservation.

The program also offers guidance on working together for the common good. As a result, Aloma says, "All the skills that I learned, I pass on to friends and neighbours." Aloma's community now cares for their common home together, and Aloma sees a brighter future for her children.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help vulnerable communities in the Philippines learn how to work together to care for their common home, creating a more secure environment and a more secure future for their children.

Palm Sunday - A - 9 April 2017

Holy Week

Lent reaches its climax during Holy Week which begins with Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday). On Palm Sunday Jesus was triumphantly welcomed into Jerusalem. This was a dramatic summing up of the earlier expectations of the people about Jesus. It is superficial and temporary, the people wanted a king who would be popular and who would use miraculous powers to eliminate their problems. A few days later at the last supper Jesus reveals his true mission. It is a mission to be food that is broken and given for his people. It is a mission to be expressed in service and dramatized in his washing of the disciples' feet. This is a mission that is rejected when Jesus is crucified on Good Friday. Jesus' real mission and kingship will be vindicated in his resurrection. It will be a permanent victory and presence to be shared with all people. "The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his friends." This passage reminds us of St Maximilian Kolbe's life whose painting is at the back of the Church.

Holy Week calls us to accompany Christ on his final journey by bearing our own crosses in trusting silence. According to Henri Nouwen: "In the world sadness and gladness are always separate, but in spiritual life they are all of a piece. In the world if you're sad, you cannot be glad. If you're glad, you cannot be sad - be happy and forget your troubles. In the spiritual life it's precisely the opposite. You embrace your sadness and trust that, right there, you will find gladness. That's what the cross is all about. I look at the cross, a sign of execution, of pain, of torture and see it as my hope. The cross is a source of life for me."

During this Holy Week, let us meditate and enter into the Pascal Mystery, in order to die to self and rise again with Christ.

Easter eggs

Have you ever wondered why people give each other Easter eggs? The answer lies in the symbolism of the egg. The egg represents new life. For Christians, Easter means new life in Christ. So eggs and Easter have a firm connection. For centuries Christians have decorated eggs (hard-boiled!) as a way of celebrating Christ's Resurrection. In more recent times this practice evolved into giving chocolate eggs to family and friends. Unfortunately, the religious symbolism of the egg has largely been forgotten.

This week's Readings - Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Gospel - Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are celebrated in the Church every Tuesday during Lent at 7.00pm. This Tuesday Reconciliation will offered from 6.30pm - 7.30pm.

Easter Triduum singers & musicians needed

All singers and musicians are invited to join in the Parish Choir who will be singing for Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday 3pm and Easter Vigil 7pm. Last rehearsal this Monday 10th April, at 7pm in the Church. Please contact Lyne on 0410568103 if you are able to attend. Thank you.

Chocolate Pascal Lambs

Chocolate Pascal Lambs will be selling from this weekend. 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.



Wedding Congratulations

Patrick La & Lisa Truong

are married at St Felix this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.



Baptism: This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Dariusz Baclay Bem

May he always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout his life.



Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Betty Bukirwa; Vladik Akulinin

Anniversary: Robert Farah; Thomas Dalton; Steph Wilson; Maria Le Thi Tam; Matthew Chu Van Khue; Paul Phan Hop Trong; Maria Ngo Thi Tuyen.

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; Francesco Daniele; Maria Antonia Pelli; Domenico Ferraro; Antonietta Martino; Joseph Condello; Anna Doran; Nick Frisina; Fahme Abdul Ahad; Babara Kostantine; Halina Wilczynska; Teresa & Guise.

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, Ethan Chau.

Next Weekend - Easter Sunday - Year A

Readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; Gospel - John 20:1-9.

Good Friday Collection for Holy Lands

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely very much on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.

Nazareth Senior College, Bankstown

40 year Reunion for the Class of 1977. Saturday September 9 at 7pm at Revesby Workers Club. Please contact Lea De Angelis on 0418484198 or Lynda Griffiths (Bonanno) on 0408898830 for details. Please pass on to any ex-students!

Faith is the key that opens the door to hope.

Altar Society: 16/4/17 Group 3: Youth Group, Samoan Divine Mercy Group, Tram Vu (Florist)

St Vincent de Paul: 16/4/17 John Ashe **23/4/17** J Obeid

Church Cleaners: 14/4/17: Charbel Karam Children's Liturgy: 16th April - HOLIDAYS

Weekend Choir: Saturday 7pm - Combined Easter Choir

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Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God 10am - Samoan Divine Mercy Group

Readers & Ministers

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С	Stephen Hoang	Philip Castillo	Jennifer Nguyen	Elias Eltarraf
R	Gloria Booby	Ligaya Castillo	Anthony Rowe	Anthony Eltarraf
Α	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
М	Emmanuel Icard	Mesake Mar	Jessie Kovacevic	Paul Ngoc
М	Tuyen Tran	Madelyn Nicole	Tu Nguyen	Loreto Eduardo
Sat 7pm 16 APRIL (EASTER)				
С	Gabrielle Nguyen	Janice Rodrigues	Helen Vujevic	Kathleen Mezentsef
R	Patrick Abourizk	Jeanette Rodrigues	Jessica Vujevic	Lucia Mezentsef
Α	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
М	Emmanuel Icard	Maria Huong	Gordon West	Phu Nguyen
М	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Thong Tran	Judy Jones