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Australian Catholic Youth Festival

This three day festival will be held in Sydney 7-9 December 2017. The event will attract 15,000 young people and is for those aged Year 9 to 30 years. It's a Catholic Festival a bit like World Youth Day! We look forward to the whole Parish Community being involved. For more information, please go to www.acyf.org.au.

Youth Bible Studies and Adoration

Join in for Bible Study in the presbytery every Wednesday evening at the new time of 7.30pm followed by Adoration at 8.30pm. All welcome. Keep in touch through facebook - [facebook.com/StFelix100](https://www.facebook.com/StFelix100)

Attention ex-students of St Peter Chanel, Berala - class of 1977 (Yr 10)

You are cordially invited to attend the 40th Anniversary of the Class of '77 from St Peter Chanel, Berala, which will be celebrated on Saturday, 12 August, 2017 at the Balmain Town Hall Hotel in Balmain at 6pm. See Facebook page: 1977 St Peter Chanel Berala Reunion; or phone: Kathy Samuels (Raven) on 0418667379 for further information.

Our Lady of Terzito

The 86th anniversary of Our Lady of Terzito will be celebrated at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Gladesville (cnr Victoria & Westminster Rds) with Mass at 1.30pm on Sunday 23 July, in OLQP church followed by a procession in the street. The feast day will be preceded by a triduum in the church with Mass at 7.15pm including the Rosary on Thursday 20, Friday 21 and Saturday 22 July. Everyone is most welcome.

Your vocation can provide sustainable solutions to global poverty

Catholic Bishops in Timor Leste are seeking mentors to assist build on the strengths of their personnel in dioceses, schools, clinics and important community organisations. Palms Australia, who have recruited Australian Catholics to meet the requests of communities in various countries for over 56 years, will help you get there.

If you first need an insight into the life and work of Palms volunteers you can join a 13-day cross-cultural Encounter experience starting on September 24th. The Encounter will also provide an insight into the daily life of Timorese culture and an understanding of sustainable approaches to development. We have more information on the notice board. You can also call Roger during business hours on 02 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au.



PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

Would you like to become a regular contributor to the Parish?

If so, please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office. Otherwise send an e-mail with your details to Marie at admin@stfelixparish.org.au

Name..... Telephone No.:

Address:.....

Email :

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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, Thursday, Friday, Saturday - 8.00am

Wednesday - 7.30pm Young Adults Bible Study in Meeting Room, 8.30pm 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.



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - A - 16 July 2017



How do you sow your seed?

A prisoner in jail receives a letter from his wife. “I have decided to plant some vegetables in the back garden. When is the best time to plant them?” The prisoner knowing that the prison guards check all mail, replied in a letter, “Dear wife, whatever you do, do not touch the back garden. That is where I hid all the money.” A week later, he receives another letter from his wife: “You won’t believe what happened! Some men came with shovels to the house, and dug up all the back garden.” The prisoner wrote another letter: “Dear wife, now is a good time to plant the vegetables.”

In today’s Gospel we have the allegorical story of the sower who went out to sow seeds. The seed is the word, the soil is us. “Some seeds fall on the edge of the path.....others fall on patches of rock.....others fall among thorns.....others fall on rich soil.” We receive the seed or listen to the word every week, for some people everyday. What do we do with the seed we receive? Do we allow it sown in our hearts and be part of our lives and actions? If we treasure the seed we will prepare the soil so that the seed will grow and multiply. The fate of the seed depends on the type of soil it was sown in. Jesus invites us to enter the feast of the kingdom through his words.

Let us prayerfully reflect on his words, and make them be part of our words and actions.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

546 Jesus’ invitation to enter his kingdom comes in the form of parables, a characteristic feature of his teaching. Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom, one must give everything. Words are not enough, deeds are required. The parables are like mirrors for man: will he be hard soil or good earth for the kingdom?...

This week’s Readings - Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Gospel - Matthew 13:1-23

“The one who receives the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing.”

Planned Giving Envelopes and Receipts

There are still some new Planned Giving Envelopes to be collected.

Ensure you check your name with corresponding address and you pick up the correct one. Receipts for the financial year ending June 2017 are now available for collection from the Church foyer.

Confirmation 2017 - Registrations Open

Registrations for Confirmation are now open. If your child is in Year 6 or above and you would like them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year at St Felix on Friday 8th September with Bishop Tony Randazzo, kindly complete a registration form found at the back of the Church and return it to the Parish Office before 31st July. The first compulsory Parents meeting will be on Tuesday 1st August at 7.00pm in St Felix Hall.

Thank you & Goodbye

As you know, today is my last Sunday with you before I return to Uganda for my ordination to the priesthood on 12th August. Before I go, I wanted to let you know how much I have enjoyed my time here. Thank you all for your support, patience, and friendship over the past 18 months. Thank you also for your generous contribution towards my ordination ceremony. I have learned a great deal from you and have a lot to take with me. You are a special community and I will definitely miss you. I look forward to seeing you on Fathers’ day weekend in September when I will come back to say a thanksgiving Mass. May God bless you abundantly and please keep me in your prayers.

Deacon Richard.

**Thanks
&
Goodbye**

Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Van Nghia Dao; Francis Xavier Vy Tran (*Martin’s father*)

Anniversary: Frederick Holmes; Marcelle Collet; Paul Mai Ho; Anna Men Nguyen
Deceased: Phanxico; Delia Mananes Nabor; Marcelino Nguyen Huu Phuoc; Peter Nguyen Mon; Teresa Nguyen Thi Cang; Dominico Pham Quyen; Micae Nguyen Van Ha; Maria Pham Thi Lam; Maria Le Thi Nyoan

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

Next Weekend - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Gospel - Matthew 13:1-23.

Feasts of the Week

22 July - St Mary Magdalene. Feast.

A faithful disciple of Christ, Mary ministered to his needs after having seven devils cast out from her. Witnessed his crucifixion, was present at his burial, and was the first to see the risen Lord. Commissioned by Christ to proclaim the good news of his resurrection to the apostles (John 20:17-18). Remembered in the East as the "Apostle to the Apostles."

Yagoona Accommodation available

4 mins to train station close to shops, post office & park. 2 references essential & full time worker. Fully furnished with electricity, water, internet & foxtel included. Contact Michael 0411532201



The Craft Friendship Group would like to thank the parishioners for their interest and support of our stall on the 2nd July. Around \$300 was raised to go towards the Parish Fete funds. The raffle for the crocheted throw rug was won by Maureen Magill. Thank you to all who participated.

Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Aubrielle Mary Magdalene Falaniko

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



Altar Society: 23/7/17 Group 4: Maureen Vincent, Laura Malss, Phyllis Vujkovic, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Hien & Vu Bui (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul: 23/7/17 Andrew Nguyen 30/7/17 J Obeid

Church Cleaners: 21/7/17: Vinh Nguyen **Children’s Liturgy:** 23rd July - Maricel

Weekend Choir: 23/7 Saturday 6pm - Samoan Divine Mercy Group
Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God **Sun 10am** - Children’s Choir

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	16 JULY	8am	10am	6pm
C	Gabrielle Nguyen	Janice Rodrigues	Helen Vujevic	Kathleen Mezentsef	
R	Patrick Abourizk	Jeanette Rodrigues	Jessica Vujevic	Lucia Mezentsef	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Emmanuel Icard	An Dang	Gordon West	Phu Nguyen	
M	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Thong Tran	Judy Jones	

23 JULY

C	Stephen Hoang	Joseph Dang	Anthony Rowe	Charbel Eltarraf
R	Kalisiana Mar	Robyn Molloy	Emanuela Viner	Elias Eltarraf
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Emmanuel Icard	Mesake Mar	Bev Lamaro	Jacinta Eltarraf
M	Tuyen Tran	Madelyn Nicole	Helen Vujevic	Loreto Eduardo