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Australia Timor-Leste Advancement Society

You are invited to...

Timor Time

Repaying 'the debt of honour' to East Timor

20th August 2017

Time: Sunday lunch - 11:30 for a 12:00 start

Venue: Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club

Cost: \$60 includes food & entertainment Tickets:

Individual tickets or tables of 10

Please advise of any special dietary requirements.

Bookings: Call Noreen on 02 9833 8152 **RSVP by 4th August 2017**

We look forward to seeing you there!



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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 Mass

Tuesday - 8.00am Communion Service

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

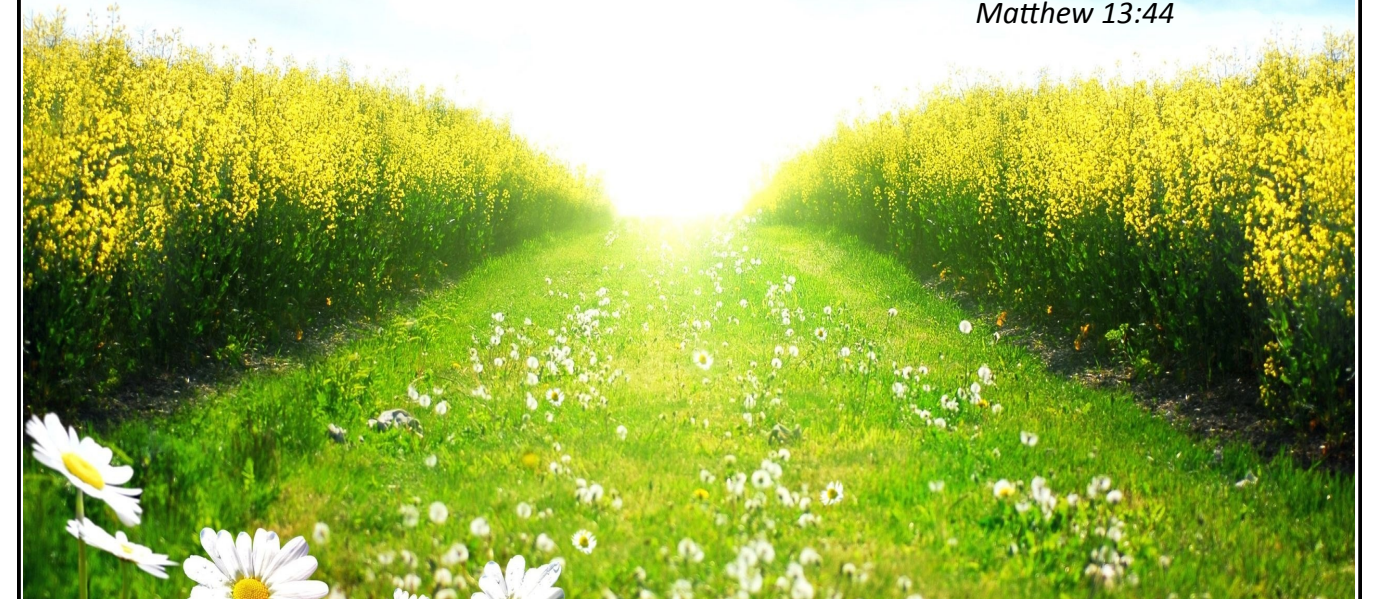
BAPTISMS: Baptism preparations are held on the 1st Sunday of each month after 10am mass in the presbytery. Baptisms by appointment.

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.

**The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field.
 When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy
 went and sold all he had and bought that field.**

Matthew 13:44



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - A - 30 July 2017



Reflect on what is important

There was a rich restaurant owner who is dying on a bed. While he was breathing heavily, the doctor calls his family members together and tells them that he only has a few more hours to live. So they all gather around his bed. The doctor wakes him up so they can say goodbye. The man opens his eyes, murmuring: “*Thank you my loving wife, John my eldest son, Jane and Jean my daughters, Steve and Brian my sons, for being here with me.*” He suddenly startled and called out, “*O my God, you’re all here! Then who is looking after the restaurant?*” ‘Where our treasure is, our thought is.’

In today’s Gospel, Jesus describes people who discover the beauty of the kingdom of heaven will do everything they can to obtain it. It requires a total commitment and total letting go of self. The first part is about the man who stumbles on a treasure by accident in a field and then goes and sells everything that he has so that he can buy the field. The second is about the merchant who has been searching and who on finding a special pearl sells all that he has and buys it. The third parable is about the fishing net that catches worthless fish as well as good ones. In every vocation we’re called to be, we need to reflect on what’s important and give meaning to our lives. For instance, if we consider Jesus’ message is important then we’ll meditate on his words and respond to it whole heartedly. If we consider family gives meaning to our lives then we will spend time and put our effort in deepening the relationship of our family members. These commitments are relevant to our prayer life, which will help us to experience the joy of a committed life.

Let us pray that we will choose wisely what is important to our lives and may we treasure it and dedicate ourselves to its values.

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 up everything...

This week’s Readings - 1Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Gospel - Matthew 13:44-52

Planned Giving Receipts 2016/17

Please collect your receipts for the financial year ending June 2017 from the Church foyer. There are also some Planned Giving Envelopes yet to be collected by their owners.

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.

Roster for Readers & Ministers

Copies of the new roster for Readers and Minsters commencing 6th August are available to pick up from the Sacristy and also may be viewed on our website.

Yagoona Accommodation available

YAGOONA Accommodation self contained, 4 min to train station close to shops, post office. Parking available. 2 reference essential & full time worker. Fully furnished with electricity & water, internet included. Contact Gloria on 0411 532 201

Christianity across the Ages.

A Journey of Faith and a Journey through the Evolution of Western Music.
A Powerpoint presentation combined with story-telling by Marie Therese Levey rsj Music teacher, author, collector of digital copies of ancient manuscripts. Regional Centre 5 Alexandra Ave, Croydon 2132 Sunday August 20 1.30pm-4pm Bookings essential. RSVP Aug 14 marie.levy@sosj.org.au
Entry by voluntary donation.

Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Maria Nguyen Thi Luot

Anniversary: Maria Nguyen Thi Thom; Joseph Hoang Van Lien; Geatana Carta; Anthony John Muscat; Raymond Carta; Anna Carta

Deceased: Wilfrid, Eugenia, John, Agnes, Clansy & Jose Edwards.

Sick: Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Henriette Tam Tinh Lam; Gerard Go; 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 - The Transfiguration of the Lord - Year A

Readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2Peter 1:16-19; Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9.

Feasts of the Week

31 July - St Ignatius of Loyola, priest. Memorial

Born at Loyola (Spain) in 1491. Died on this day at Rome in 1556. A Spanish nobleman trained in diplomacy and the use of arms, wounded in battle against the French. The experience of conversion while convalescing led him to write the Spiritual Exercises. Then founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and became its first superior general. Remembered for his loyalty to the Church and its renewal, his ministry to the marginal, his concern for education, and his dedication "to the greater glory of God," the motto of the Jesuits.

1 August - St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor. Memorial.

Born at Naples (Italy) in 1696. Died at Nocera on this day in 1787. A lawyer before ordination. After founding the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), he was for thirteen years bishop of Sant' Agata dei Goti, but resigned due to ill health. He coped with much internal conflict within the congregation and external opposition. Remembered as a popular preacher and devotional writer and as an influential master of moral theology.

3 August - St Dominic, priest. Memorial.

Born at Calaruega (Spain) about 1170. Died at Bologna (Italy) on 6 August 1221. An Augustinian canon noted for prayer, penance, and an exemplary life. In a time of violent crusades he sought the reconciliation of Albigensian heretics through instruction and prayer. Established the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to revitalise the Church through study, teaching, preaching, and prayer. Remembered as a preacher, organiser, and patron of learning.

4 August - St John Vianney, priest. Memorial.

Born near Lyons (France) in 1786. Died at Ars on this day in 1859. Overcame various obstacles, including little education and lack of means, to be ordained a priest. Served in a remote parish as the Curé of Ars, where his sanctity attracted thousands of visitors. Remembered for his preaching and confessional counsel and is honoured as a model for parish clergy.

Altar Society: 6/8/17 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: 6/8/17 D Rodrigues 13/8/17 Thom Pham

Church Cleaners: 4/8/17: Polish Group **Children’s Liturgy:** 6th August - Ligaya

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

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	30 JULY	8am	10am	6pm
C	Emmanuel Icard	Mary Buckley	Tu Ha Kim	Lucia Mezentsef	
R	Patrick Abourizk	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Mary O’Hea	Kathleen Mezentsef	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Joseph Bui	An Dang	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Jessie Kovacevic	Phu Nguyen	

6 AUGUST

C	Stephen Hoang	Janice Rodrigues	Jennifer Nguyen	Lucia Mezentsef
R	Kalisiana Mar	Jeanette Rodrigues	Emanuela Viner	Kathleen Mezentsef
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Joseph Bui	Maria Huong	Jeannette Chong	Amelia Mezentsef
M	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Bev Lamaro	Loreto Eduardo