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Australian Catholic Youth Festival – ACYF

Early bird registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival need to be paid by 25 August 2017. Final group registrations close on 22 September, so we still have time to register additional young people from our parish. All young people from this parish aged from Year 9 to 30 years are invited to contact our Deanery contact for further information. Our Central Deanery contacts are Teresa 0424 880 074 & John 0401 236 669 or email: centraldeanerysydney@gmail.com



In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop - 2017 National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. Commence Melbourne 8 November, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18 November 2017. COST EX SYDNEY: \$3,050.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$610.00. For further info contact Sr Therese Leydon 89124845 or Sr Annie Bond 89124818, or at MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au.

The CFC Handmaids of the Lord

A family ministry of Couples for Christ invite women to a Christian Life Program, an integrated course intended to lead the program participants into a renewed understanding of God's call to them as Christian women. It is open to all mature women such as single mothers, widows, separated women, unmarried mature women & married women whose husbands are working in another state or country or are not willing nor able to participate in any religious affiliation. It runs for 8 consecutive Sundays starting on 17 September 2017 at St Felix Valois Parish Centre, 550 Chapel Rd Bankstown. For more information, please contact Joy Skerritt - 0401353826, Portia Mariano - 0421694078 or Josielyn Dunshea - 0431870733.

Yagoona Accommodation available

YAGOONA Accommodation self contained, 2 reference essential & full time worker. Fully furnished with electricity & water, internet included. Contact Gloria on 0411 532 201

Wedding Congratulations

Vinh Nguyen & Julie Giang

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



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.:

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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.



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - A - 20 August 2017



Pray with true faith

When Augustine was living a reckless and immoral life, his devout mother (St Monica) came to ask for help of St. Ambrose. *"It is impossible,"* he said to her, *"that the child of such prayer and tears should perish."* Monica's prayer was answered Augustine later converted and became a saint.

The Gospel today tells us about the love of a mother who persists in her plead to Jesus. *"Sir, Son of David, take pity on me."* But Jesus seems unresponsive and declares he is here only for the lost children of Israel. *"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel."* It is only when the woman insists and even compares herself to a house dog that Jesus grants her requests. *"Ah, yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table."* The point of this story is not however to make this woman seem small, and that her request is granted. What is being shown is her complete trust in Jesus because of her faith and the love for her child. She is not put off by the first setback. Jesus then praises her great faith. *"Woman you have great faith. Let your wish be granted."* Jesus' initial response is designed to bring out the great faith and love that this woman possessed.

When we feel setbacks and it seems that our prayers and petitions are not being granted we should take courage from the example of this Canaanite woman. It is her great faith that is praised and it is her faith which leads her to persevere in her request which is granted. The story today shows us that God's salvation moves beyond the kingdom of Israel and becomes more universal. Matthew's Gospel was written for an audience who were Jewish before and were now Christians, the universalising of the message of salvation was thus very important to them, as they considered the issues of how to welcome the new gentile members to their Christian community.

Let us pray that like the Canaanite woman we will trust the Lord with our troubles and problems and persist in our prayers.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

1384 The Lord addresses an invitation to us urging us to receive him in the sacrament of the Eucharist: 'Truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.'

This week's Readings - Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Gospel - Matthew 15:21-28.

Fete Meeting

Our fete this year will be held on Saturday 11th November. The first Fete meeting is being held on Wednesday 23rd August commencing at 7.30pm in the presbytery. If you would like to be involved with the fete in any way please attend, otherwise you may contact Joe Michael on 0418 414 867 for information.

Thank you Volunteers

More volunteers have come forward to assist with Altar Society and we thank Dorie Encarnacion and Michael & Jacinta Viner who have joined group 1. Your assistance and the continual assistance of every single volunteer in this Parish is what makes it run smoothly.



Our thanks go to W.T Newey & Co. Property Agents at 30 Bankstown City Plaza, for sponsoring our Planned Giving Envelopes again for this financial year. Contact our local Parishioner, Joe Michael for your real estate needs on 0418 414 867 or e-mail: sales@newey.com.au

Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Felix Le Peter Vu

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



Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased:



Anniversary: JB Mac Nguyen Quang; Maria Nguyen Thi Nguyet; Cornelius Roy Afrian.
Deceased: Peter & Anna; Lorenzo; Giuse & Maria; Ipapandi & Michael Omeros.
Sick: Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); 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; Chu Thi Hao; Anne McKinlay; Shirley Salter

Next Weekend - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Readings: Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Gospel - Matthew 16:13-20.

Feasts of the Week

21 August - St Pius X, pope. Memorial.

Born Giuseppe Sarto at Riese (Italy) in 1835. Died at Rome on 20 August 1914. Elected pope in 1903, after being bishop of Mantua and patriarch of Venice. In pursuit of his motto, "to renew all things in Christ", he initiated reforms of the liturgy and of canon law and took stern measures against "modernist" trends in theology. His efforts to avert world war were frustrated. Remembered for his poverty and for his promotion of liturgical participation, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children.

22 August - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Memorial.

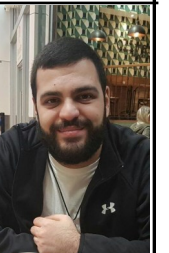
This feast was established by Pius XII in 1955 and was celebrated on 31 May. Since 1969 it has been observed on 22 August to stress its relationship to the Assumption (15 August): taken up into glory, Mary became queen of heaven and earth.

24 August - St Bartholomew, apostle. Feast.

Named in the list of apostles and generally identified with Nathaniel of Cana, the "Israelite without guile" (*John 1:47*) who was led to Jesus by the apostle Philip (3 May). Said to have preached the gospel in India and in Armenia, where tradition indicates he was martyred.

Congratulations Brendan

Join us this Sunday 20th August as we farewell our brother Brendan Bourizk. Brendan has been a committed and inspiring member of St Felix Youth Group over many years. We admire his many qualities, including his unwavering faith and the steadfast hope he has in Christ. Next month, Brendan leaves Bankstown and begins his formal formation with the Order of Friars Minor - Capuchin. Please join us at 6pm for Youth Mass followed by a farewell dinner in the Parish Centre as we listen to Brendan's inspiring testimony.



Altar Society: 27/8/17 Group 4: Phyllis Vujkovic, Laura Malss, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Chris Kreltszheim, Eric Valencia, Bach Lam (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul: 27/8/17 Andrew Nguyen 3/9/17 J Obeid

Church Cleaners: 25/8/17: Mai Hai **Children's Liturgy:** 27th August - Maree

Weekend Choir: 27/8 Saturday 6pm - Samoan Divine Mercy Group
Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God **Sun 10am** - Children's Choir.

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	20 AUGUST	8am	10am	6pm
C	Patrick Abourizk	Joseph Dang	Emanuela Viner	Kathleen Mezentsef	
R	Kalisiana Mar	Imelda Dela Cruz	Mary O'Hea	Lucia Mezentsef	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Maria Huong	Ala Pesamino	Amelia Mezentsef	
M	Joseph Bui	Robyn Molloy	Joe Luongo	Loreto Eduardo	
27 AUGUST					
C	Stephen Hoang	Mary Buckley	Jessica Vujevic	Charbel Eltarraf	
R	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Jennifer Nguyen	Elias Eltarraf	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Tuyen Tran	An Dang	Gordon West	Judy Jones	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Chris Kreltszheim	Helen Vujevic	Paul Ngoc	