GOSPEL: John 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

World Rosary

Countries around the world are joining to hold Rosary Rallies across the world on 7th October. the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Together we are calling upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, The World Rosary will start with a '54-day Novena' on 15th August (Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) until the feast of the Holy Rosary on the 7th October. Each nation has been asked to pray for its own intentions on the day. To sign up for the email feed to http://holyleagueofnations.com

Australian intentions for the world rosary will be family, rekindling of faith and continued Godly protection. We have been doing regular novena prayers to St Joseph, Eileen O Conner etc via Facebook a new one is posted every couple of weeks. The link is https://www.facebook.com/ OZROSARY53/



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Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Summer & Jordan Askar

May they always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout their life.



Catechist & Friendship Group: Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; Choir: Line Collet 0410 568 103; Youth: Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187; Pastoral Council: John Sarkis 0400 606 297; St Vincent de Paul: John Ashe 9796 1055; Bankstown Josephite Associates: Robyn Molloy 9707 1292; Children's Liturgy: Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; Cemetery Committee: Maureen Vincent 9790 4217; Sacramental co-ordinator: Gloria Booby 0413 294 224; Safeguarding Officer: Anthony Chadrawy 9790 1933; Polish Priests: 8783 0533; De La Salle Brothers: 9708 2692;

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Saturday: 6pm (Vigil), Sunday: 8am, 10am (Children's Liturgy), 6pm, 12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday - 8.00am. Thursday - 9.00am

Nursing Home Masses

Wednesday - 10am Uniting.

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

DEVOTIONS

Benediction: Saturday 7.00am.

Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.

Divine Mercy Prayer:

6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm Or by appointment.

Marriages: By arrangement with at least 6 months notice.

Care for the Sick: Any time. Please call the Presbytery.

Baptisms: By appointment. Preparation classes are held in the 5:21-32; Gospel - John 6:60-69 Presbytery on the 1st Sunday of each month after 10AM Mass.



"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God." John 6:68-69

Responsorial Psalm

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

This weeks readings - Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Ephesians

Next Weekend: 22nd Sun Ord Time - Year B. Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Gospel - Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 26 August 2018

WYD Fundraiser

Students from Lasalle Bankstown will be selling chocolates and raffle tickets after masses this weekend, to assist their journey to World Youth Day in Panama 2019. Chocolates are \$1 to \$2.50 in price and Raffle tickets are \$2. The first prize in the raffle draw is a Toyota Yaris. We would very much like to thank you for your support as we prepare for our pilgrimage to Panama.

Welcome Year 3

This weekend we welcome year 3 children from the primary school and their families who are helping with the liturgy for the Sunday 10am Mass

Daffodil Day Morning Tea

Next weekend after the 8am and 10am Masses a Special Morning Tea will be held to raise money for Cancer Research. All donations are welcome.

Pilgrimage and Tour with Fr John Ssemaganda

Have you heard a comment that reading the four Gospels is never fulfilled until you walk through the 'fifth gospel' in the HOLY LAND? Fr John Ssemaganda has organised a two weeks Pilgrimage and Tour of the Holy Land and Mount Sinai, leaving Sydney on the 11th February 2019. Those interested, contact him on 0404 639 925 at St Paul of the Cross Parish Dulwich Hill for further information. It is an indicative price of AUD\$5,500 including all airfares, accommodation, coach, tour guides, and bookings into sites and daily Holy Mass. There are limited places for an intimate group.

Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Ive Vrdobjak.

Anniversary: Nelly Tawa-Ackad.

Deceased: John Field.

Sick: Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Dinh Thi An; Teresita Martinez; Georgina Omeros; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Debbie Randall (nee Goodwin); Teresita Tenorio; Zenaida Elizondo; Maria Portia Mariano; Madelyn Nicole; Andrew Nguyen.

(Please advise the office when the names of the sick can be removed)

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society: 2/9/18 Group 1: Gloria Walker, Margaret Chan, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Dorie Encarnacion, Michael & Jacinta Viner, Hien & Vu Bui (Florist)

St Vincent de Paul: 2/9/18 Andrew Nguyen 9/9/18 John Ashe

Church Cleaners: 31/8/18: Samoan Divine Mercy Group Children's Liturgy: 2nd Sept - Ligaya

Weekend Choirs: 2/9 Saturday 6pm - St Anne's Choir.

Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God. 10am - St Felix Choir. 6pm - Youth Choir.

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm 26 AU	GUST 8am	10am	6pm
С	Gabrielle Nguyen	Mary Buckley	Henrietta Owusu	Charbel Eltarraf
R	Emmanuel Icard	Maxwell Asuzu	Jennifer Nguyen	Kenneth Gan
Α	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
М	Gloria Booby	Thao Nguyen	Gordon West	Phu Nguyen
М	Cindy Hoang	Melanie Campisi	Helen Vujevic	Jacinta Eltarraf
2 SEPTEMBER				
С	Gloria Booby	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Anthony Rowe	Lucia Mezentsef
R	Gabrielle Nguyen	Imelda Dela Cruz	Mary O'Hea	Kathleen Mezentsef
Α	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
М	Emmanuel Icard	Mesake Mar	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc
М	Judy Jones	Robyn Molloy	Bev Lamaro	Phu Nguyen

Jesus has the words of eternal life.

When a child is baptized, the parents speak on behalf of the child in professing the faith in which the child is to be baptized. The parents promise to teach their child this faith so that they may one day accept this faith as his or her own. In the example of Simon Peter, we learn that each person must also make his or her own profession of faith in Jesus as the one sent by God to save us. We pray for our children as they mature in the faith that they may learn that Jesus alone has the words of eternal life and that they may choose to follow the way of Christian discipleship.

As you gather as a family, talk about promise that parents make at their child's baptism to teach their child about Jesus and the faith of the Church. Talk about the importance of this promise to your family and about some of the things that you are doing to try to honor this commitment. In today's Gospel we hear Simon Peter speak about what he has come to believe about Jesus. Together read today's Gospel, John 6:60-69. Pray together that each person in our family will grow in his or her faith that Jesus is the one sent by God who alone has the words of eternal life. Pray together the *Apostles' Creed* or the *Nicene Creed*.

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Feasts of the Week

27 August – St Monica. Memorial.

Probably born at Tagaste (Algeria) about 331. Died at Ostia (Italy) in 387. Before her marriage her faith bore fruit in her recovery from a drinking problem and later helped bring her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Undertook many years of penance and prayer for her brilliant but wayward son Saint Augustine (28 August). Following his conversion and baptism in Milan, she died at the beginning of her journey home to Africa. Remembered for her parental devotion, her patience, and her persistence in prayer.

28 August - St Augustine, bishop, doctor. Memorial.

Born at Tagaste (Algeria) in 354. Died at Hippo (Tunisia) in 430. Though enrolled by his mother Monica as a catechumen, he renounced the Christian faith and espoused Manicheism. Taught in Carthage, Rome, and Milan. Lived for fifteen years with a woman who remains unknown and with whom he had a son, named Adeodatus. Baptised in 387, together with his son, after a long inner struggle and under the influence of Saint Ambrose (7 December) and the prayers of his mother, Saint Monica (27 August). Bishop of Hippo for thirtyfour years. Lived a communal life with his clergy and served the many needs of his people at a time of political and cultural collapse. Remembered as a model pastor and as a preacher and writer whose thought has had an enduring influence in Christian history.

29 August - The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr. Memorial.

The execution of John the Baptist is recorded in the gospels (*Matthew 14; Mark 6*) and is placed by the historian Josephus at the fortress of Machaerus near the Dead Sea. As early as the fifth century, a commemoration of John the Baptist was kept on this day at Jerusalem. It probably marks the anniversary of the dedication of the basilica in his honour at Sebaste (Palestine) where, according to tradition, he was buried.

Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal

In 2007 the Priests' Retirement Foundation of the Sydney Archdiocese was established to ensure that all priests receive the accommodation, health care and support they need in their retirement. With more priests retiring every year, the Foundation relies on donations to continue its work into the future and provide: • Convalescence care • Nursing home and hostel care for frail priests • Assistance in transitioning to retirement • Health insurance • Medical and dental expenses • Assistance with board and lodging expenses • Minor repairs and maintenance of accommodation. The Archdiocese will give two dollars for every dollar contributed to the Priests' Retirement Foundation. You can contribute to the care of our sick and retired clergy through: Annual parish collection; Pledges and Bequests. Help the Priests' Retirement foundation by making a donation in the envelopes provided in the Church. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Youth Bible Studies and Adoration

Join in for Bible Study in the presbytery every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm followed by Adoration at 8.30pm. All welcome. Keep in touch through facebook - facebook.com/StFelix100