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### Youth Bible Studies and Adoration

Join in for Bible Study in the presbytery every Wednesday evening at 7.00pm followed by Adoration at 8.00pm. All welcome. Keep in touch through facebook - [facebook.com/StFelix100](https://www.facebook.com/StFelix100)

### Day of the Unborn Child

Sunday, 26 March. Annual Pro-Life march through Sydney CBD in support of the unborn. 10.30am Mass, St Mary's Cathedral, 12 Noon Angelus, followed by a prayerful procession through the streets of Sydney led by His Grace Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, 1.30pm Benediction inside the Cathedral. More information: [www.fli.org.au](http://www.fli.org.au)

### Considering a Rome Pilgrimage?

Free Information Seminars Available. Domus Australia in conjunction with the Sydney Archdiocese is running a number of tours to Rome all throughout the year. Find out more about these competitively priced tour packages (inclusions, itinerary, dates, etc) at our complimentary seminar (no obligation) to be held on Level 8 at Polding Centre: Friday, 24 February 2017 (11am-12:30pm). Complimentary pilgrimage kits are available for attendees (plus a chance to WIN a trip for 2 to Rome joining one of the Rome Pilgrimages or Encore Rome Pilgrimages of your choice!). All welcome to attend at no obligation. To book your place please RSVP by phoning 1800 753 959 or email [pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org). Thank you and we hope to see you there.

### Opportunities for reflection during Lent

At the Grail Centre, 22 McHatton St, Nth Sydney. Over three Saturdays, 25th February, 11th and 25th March, 10 am – 2 pm on ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION. Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* calls us to 'profound interior conversion'. How will we respond? Tricia Gemmell will lead three seminars to explore where these words of Pope Francis can lead us. Register and get more information: Tel. 99553053, [pgemmell@tpg.com.au](mailto:pgemmell@tpg.com.au)

### St Brendan's Friendship Club – Trip to Cataract Dam

Date: Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March Bus departs St Brendan's at 8.30am. Cost: \$50. Morning Tea at Cataract Dam where we will spend some time exploring the Dam. Lunch will be at Panorama House for an all-you-can eat buffet with spectacular views of the South Coast. Return trip will be via scenic Stanwell Tops. To book please contact Venero or Catina on 9707 1403

### Red Cross Mobile Blood Service

The Australian Red Cross Mobile Blood Service is visiting Bankstown Sports Club, 8 Greenfield Pde Thursday 2 March, 8.30am – 2.00pm & Friday 3 March, 9.00am – 2.00pm (20 more donors needed) If you haven't already made an appointment to give blood, you can [make an appointment online](#) or call us on 13 14 95. 1 in 3 Australians will need blood, but only 1 in 30 donates. Donated blood helps cancer patients, people with blood disorders, mothers-to-be and newborn babies, as well as trauma and surgical patients.

### 40 Hours for Vocations

24 – 26 February 2017. Join us in prayer for an hour at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd as the Archdiocese of Sydney dedicates 40 Hours of Adoration to pray for vocations. 40 Hours includes Mass, Confession, communal and personal prayer, and guided reflections before the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like to commit to an hour of adoration and get more information about the 40 Hours weekend visit [www.vocationcentre.org.au](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au) or call us on (02) 9307 8424. (See flyer on backboard)



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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 - 10.00am Uniting Centre. Friday - 10.15am Yagoona Nursing Home.

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.



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - A - 19 February 2017



# Forgive

A young man in the village had been badly insulted, and he hurried to his pastor to tell him about it, adding that he was going immediately to his offender and avenge his honour. "Better go home, son," said the pastor, kindly. "But I've been insulted!" protested the young man. "That's exactly why you should go home at this time. An insult is like mud." "I know that...and I'm going to clean it up." "Son, there is one thing you might as well learn now than later. Mud brushes off a lot more easily when it is dry."

In the Gospel today, Jesus said to his disciples: "You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well." The question of forgiveness is a most crucial one for all of us. That is why it is the most central, novel and challenging aspect of Christ's teaching. He talks about the need to forgive not just seven times but seventy times seven times. He teaches us to pray, "Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us." He gives us the example of forgiveness from the Cross: "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they do." This is also the issue in the stories of healing of the blind and the paralysed. Our blindness and paralysis come from the bitterness and lack of forgiveness that is with in us.

Carl Jung, the Psychologist, said that many people are suffering enormously now because they failed to suffer little things in the past. A person is hurt: he or she does not accept and deal with the hurt. It lies in the heart. Because of this the joys of the next day cannot be received and enjoyed. So the pile up continues. The doors of the heart are clogged. Only bitterness is experienced. "For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not?"

Let us pray that with the grace of God we can entrust all of our burden, grudges, hurt and anger in his hand and we will try to be more forgiving and understanding so that we can live our life in peace and love with others.

## Catechism of the Catholic Church

2262 In the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord recalls the commandment, "You shall not kill," and adds to it the proscription of anger, hatred, and vengeance. Going further, Christ asks his disciples to turn the other cheek, to love their enemies. He did not defend himself and told Peter to leave his sword in its sheath.

This week's Readings - Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 1Corinthians 3:16-23; Gospel - Matthew 5:38-48

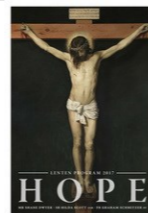
## Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent commences on 1st March with Ash Wednesday. Masses on that day will be at 8.00am, 9.00am (with St Felix primary) and 7.30pm. Please bring in your old palms before Sunday 26th so they may be burned and used for the ashes.

## Lenten Program

Lent begins on Wednesday 1st March and this will be a great opportunity for us to prepare ourselves, through prayer and to experience Christ's Passion more deeply.

If you would like to join or organise a Lenten Group this year, please advise Marie at the Parish Office by the end of the week, how many books you require. We will be ordering the *Hope Lenten Program 2017* from the Diocese of Wollongong.



## Lenten Talk

A talk will be given by Fr Joseph Lam on how to prepare for Lent according to the Passion of Christ by St Matthew on Saturday 11th March at 9.00am in the Church. All Welcome.

## Gardening/Maintenance

We are looking for someone who is able to take over the role of Church Gardener with basic maintenance duties. This is a casual position of approx. 8 hours per week. Duties include maintaining the Church and Cemetery gardens, cleaning the Church toilets, sweeping, watering etc. Our current gardener Phyllis is now retiring and we thank Phyllis for the wonderful job she has done in the last few years - a legacy which was left over by her late husband John.

## Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Joseph Condello

**Anniversary:** Ken Primrose

**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; Phero Hanh; Ine Phan; FX Le Hong Thuy; John Field.

**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

## Next Weekend - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Readings: Isaiah 49:14-15; 1Corinthians 4:1-5; Gospel - Matthew 6:24-34.

## Feasts of the Week

### 22 February - The Chair of St Peter, apostle. Feast.

The chair (cathedra) of a bishop is a pre-eminent sign of his teaching authority and pastoral oversight of a local Church. This feast, observed in Rome since the fourth century, celebrates Peter, first among the apostles, as founder of the See of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.

### 23 February - St Polycarp, bishop, martyr. Memorial.

Born about the year 69. Died on this day about 155 at Smyrna (Turkey), where he had been the beloved and respected bishop. A disciple of Saint John the apostle (27 December) who wrote to the Philippians to strengthen their faith and to defend the Church against heresy. Remembered because of the account of his martyrdom for his fearless acknowledgment of Christ, and honoured as one of the apostolic fathers of the Church.

## Love your enemies

Wow! Are you serious, Jesus? Yes, he is. Of all the biblical imperatives we've received, this one command defines the nature of our Christian walk. The true disciple at least tries to reach out to enemies, even if that outreach is a mere matter of prayer. We might not be able to change an enemy, but we can at least maintain our integrity as followers of Christ. Let us imitate God. As God does, we must love without limit - with a love that does not distinguish between friend and foe, overcoming evil with good (see Rom. 12:21).

**Altar Society: 26/2/17 Group 4:** Maureen Vincent, Laura Malss, Phyllis Vujkovic, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Chris Kreltszheim, Hien & Vu Bui (*Florist*)

**St Vincent de Paul: 26/2/17** M T Tran **5/3/17** D Rodrigues

**Church Cleaners: 24/2/17:** Mai Hai **Children's Liturgy:** 26th Feb - Maree ElChar

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

## Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	19 FEBRUARY	8am	10am	6pm
C	Patrick Abourizk	Joseph Dang	Emanuela Viner	Kathleen Mezentsef	
R	Stephen Hoang	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	Thong Tran	Amelia Mezentsef	
M	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Joe Luongo	Loreto Eduardo	

## 26 FEBRUARY

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	Gloria Booby	Chris Kreltszheim	Helen Vujevic	Paul Ngoc