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 De La Salle Brothers: 9708 2692; St. Felix Primary School: 9796 7875 Lisa Wahab- Principal;
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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.

Nazareth Senior College, Bankstown

40 year Reunion for the Class of 1977. Saturday September 9 at 7pm at Revesby Workers Club. Please contact Lea De Angelis on 0418484198 or Lynda Griffiths (Bonanno) on 0408898830 for details. Please pass on to any ex-students!

Healing After Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard ministries offers support through a retreat for all who suffer grief and loss after an abortion. Next retreat is 25 – 27 August. Call: 0400 092 555 or email: info@rachelsvineyard.org.au or visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au.

Christianity across the Ages

A Journey of Faith through the Evolution of Christian liturgy and its Music. This is a presentation of amazingly unique slides combined with related story-telling by Marie Therese Levey rsj - music teacher, author, specialist in medieval plainchant, collector of digital copies of manuscripts from across the centuries. Where: St Joseph's Regional Centre 5 Alexandra Ave, Croydon 2132
 When: 9am-12midday Friday June 2 Entry by voluntary donation
 Bookings essential: RSVP by May 26 Email marie.levey@sosj.org.au

MGL Vocations Day: Saturday 27th May 2017

The Missionaries of God's Love Priests and Brothers invite young men to come and see what our life is all about. Kicking off with 8:00am Mass followed by bacon and egg brekky, the day will also include short talks and the opportunity for sharing and personal prayer. Finishes at 9:30pm. Held at St Declan's parish, 55 Penshurst St, Penshurst. Bring sports gear and \$10 to help cover meal costs. Enquiries/RSVP: Fr Chris: ceatonmgl@gmail.com/0410935621. Find out more at www.mglpriestsandbrothers.org.

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

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

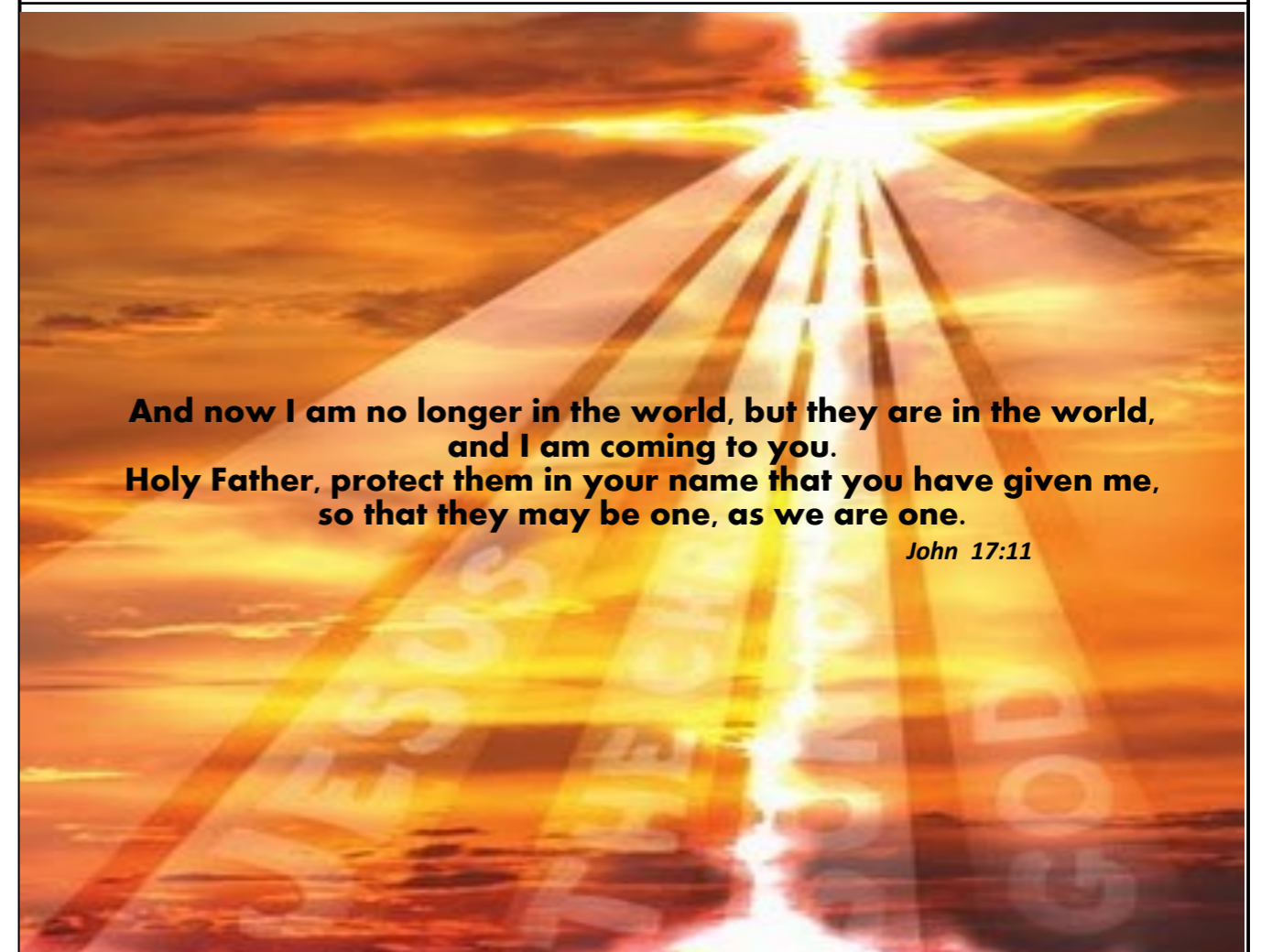
Friday 10.15am - Yagoona Nursing Home

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.



6th Sunday of Easter - A - 21 May 2017



Easter - A time for Love

There was a domestic argument. Father and mother exchanged heated loud words. The children were dumbfounded. Then suddenly the 12 year old girl ran upstairs, took out her mobile phone and rang her parents' number. The father took the call and was astounded to hear a feminine voice say, "Good evening, sir. I'm a reporter and am doing a survey for one of the magazines. Do you love your wife?" The father is taken completely off guard, stuttered and stammered, "Yes. Of course...naturally." Then he called out to his wife, "Jenny, come here a minute." The girl again asked, "Excuse me, but I'm gathering statistics for a study. Could you tell me, do you love your husband?" As she answered "Yes", she recognized her own daughters voice... "Thank you," said the voice at the other end... After that the father took out his handkerchief and wiped the sweat off his forehead, sank into a chair and said, "Jenny, what we need is a cup of coffee."

Today's Gospel says "Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him." Jesus wants us to feel God's love by keeping his commandments. Unfortunately, we often portray God as a harsh judge who demands discipline and who will punish us if we do not behave. This understanding tends to make God part of the problem instead of part of the solution when we are in crisis. But today we are told of another mode of God's presence which Christ left with us. "The Spirit of Truth...he is with you, he is in you." Jesus presented a God who is more intimate to us than we are to ourselves. This God is the bedrock of our being, or in computer terms, the default mode of our being. When we remove all the garbage and fear, all the artificial settings and try to live Jesus' commandments, we find the Spirit God at the centre of our being. Living Jesus' commandments calls us to claim God's eternal love for ourselves so that we can live our temporal loves - for parents, brothers, sisters, teachers, friends, spouses, and all people who become part of our lives.

Let us pray that we can understand more about God's perfect and unconditional love so that we can truly open and show our love towards others.

This week's Readings - Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1Peter 3:15-18; Gospel - John 17:1-11

Family Mass

This Sunday at the 10am Mass we welcome the year 6 families from St Felix primary school who will be assisting with the Liturgy.

CWF Pastoral Appeal

From everyone in our parish, we wish to thank you for supporting last weekend's Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal for the benefit of our agencies such CatholicCare, Ephpheta Centre, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Seminaries and Catholic Chaplaincies. Through you, they can continue their passion for making a positive contribution in people's lives. Please ensure all donation envelopes are returned by the end of the week.

I believe in the Holy Spirit ...

When Jesus promises the coming of the Holy Spirit, Jesus calls him the "Paraclete", literally, "he who is called to one's side," *ad-vocatus* (the Advocate). The Holy Spirit is specifically said to enlighten our minds. He teaches, reminds, abides, and testifies to the truth - Jesus. Whatever we know by faith, we have received by the power of the Holy Spirit. In this way, the Spirit builds, animates and sanctifies the Church. As the Spirit of Love, he restores us to the divine likeness that is lost through sin and causes us to live in Christ the very life of the Holy Trinity. Thus, he sends us forth to bear witness to the Truth of Christ and he organises us in our respective functions so that all of us might bear "the fruit of the Spirit" (*Galatians 5:22*).

Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Sabrina Malvina Commisso

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



Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Betty Kelly; Gioan Phu.

Anniversary: Saade El-Sissi; Domenico Trong; Anna Toi; Maria Vuot; Giuse Trien; Fidelina Lopez Gabut; Jose Edwards.

Deceased: John Field; Mary Bernadette Roberts; Anna Can; Joseph Hieu; Neville Rayward; Felipa G Lopez; Ipapandi & Michael Omeros.

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, Ethan Chau.

Next Weekend - The Ascension of the Lord - Year A

Readings: Acts : 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Gospel - Matthew 28:16-20.

Feasts of the Week

24 May - Our Lady Help of Christians. Solemnity.

The Virgin Mary has often been invoked in times of religious strife under the title of Help of Christians. In thanksgiving for the release of Pope Pius VII from captivity in 1814, the feast was established the following year on the anniversary of his restoration. The first Australian provincial synod held in Sydney in 1844 placed the Church in Australia under Mary's patronage invoked by the title Help of Christians. The solemn feast is an occasion to seek Mary's help and protection for our Church and nation.

26 May - St Philip Neri, priest. Memorial.

Born in Florence (Italy) in 1515. Died at Rome on this day in 1595. An outstanding proponent of Church reform after the Council of Trent. Worked among the young and the poor in Rome and founded the Congregation of the Oratory. Remembered as a spiritual director, for his pastoral initiatives, and for his humour, simplicity, and charity.

Wedding Congratulations

David Johnson Tong & Ma Vencelle Rose F Pamonag

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



Altar Society: 28/5/17 Group 4: Maureen Vincent, Laura Malss, Phyllis Vujkovic, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Hien & Vu Bui (*Florist*).

St Vincent de Paul: 28/5/17 Andrew Nguyen 4/6/17 A Nguyen

Church Cleaners: 26/5/17: Mai Hai

Children's Liturgy: 28th May - Maree

Weekend Choir: 28/5 Saturday 6pm - Samoan Divine Mercy Group

Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God **Sun 10am** - Children's Choir

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	21 MAY 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	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Joe Luongo	Loreto Eduardo

28 MAY

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