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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.

Youth Bible Studies and Adoration

Join in for Bible Study in the presbytery every Wednesday evening at the new time of 7.30pm followed by Adoration at 8.30pm. All welcome. Keep in touch through facebook - [facebook.com/StFelix100](https://www.facebook.com/StFelix100)

Attention ex-students of St Peter Chanel, Berala - class of 1977 (Yr 10)

You are cordially invited to attend the 40th Anniversary of the Class of '77 from St Peter Chanel, Berala, which will be celebrated on Saturday, 12 August, 2017 at the Balmain Town Hall Hotel in Balmain at 6pm. See Facebook page: 1977 St Peter Chanel Berala Reunion; or phone: Kathy Samuels (Raven) on 0418667379 for further information.

Camelot Musical

Artes Christi is delighted to present one of the world's most loved (but rarely performed) musicals, Lerner & Loewe's *CAMELOT* starring acclaimed film, TV & stage actor Donald Macdonald (Merlyn) alongside Paul McLeod (Arthur), Emily Potts (Guenevere) and a cast & live orchestra of 75. From the writers of *My Fair Lady*, this Tony Award Winning musical brings to life all the romance, pageantry and intrigue of King Arthur and his legendary Medieval Kingdom with this production of *CAMELOT* proudly supporting Ephpheta, the Catholic centre for deaf and hard of hearing people. Shows: 18-20 August; Seymour Centre TIX from \$35, Ph 9351 7940 or www.camelot2017.com (Flyers in Church foyer)

Your vocation can provide sustainable solutions to global poverty

Catholic Bishops in Timor Leste are seeking mentors to assist build on the strengths of their personnel in dioceses, schools, clinics and important community organisations. Palms Australia, who have recruited Australian Catholics to meet the requests of communities in various countries for over 56 years, will help you get there.

If you first need an insight into the life and work of Palms volunteers you can join a 13-day cross-cultural Encounter experience starting on September 24th. The Encounter will also provide an insight into the daily life of Timorese culture and an understanding of sustainable approaches to development. We have more information on the notice board. You can also call Roger during business hours on 02 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au.

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.:

Address:

Email :

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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.

He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Matthew 13: 37-39



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - A - 23 July 2017



Will you rise above the weeds?

Things were getting quite noisy in the young couple's apartment on the fifth floor. The neighbours all stood in the hall way, listening to the argument. "He's certainly going to hit her. We better do something." A woman exclaimed. "Yes, yes. And she's not made out of paper either but it's none of our business." Another added. There were more bangs and crashes; then everything became very quiet. "We'd better call the police. It could be that..." just then old Grandpa, who takes no interest in others' chattering, turned up, "Why don't you let the young couple do what they want to? May be all they're doing is moving the furniture." "But, Grandpa, I heard a groan and a moan." "So what? All of us groan and moan sometimes." Just then the door opened and a young couple came out into the hall, the young lady smiled on all the neighbours and seeing so many of them gathered said, "we owe you all an apology for all the noise we made in our apartment. We were moving the furniture around and we knocked over and broke our big lampshade, and we're just going out to buy a new one." Grandpa just smiled as the young couple walked past the neighbours, and then the people said: "What a lovely couple the two of them made!" It is very easy for us to make a rash judgement according to what we think, and often what we think can be very negative.

In the Gospel today we find the farmer who has sown good seed in his field being amazed at the sight of weeds in the midst of the good plants as they grow. While the servants quickly wanted to pull them out: "Do you want us to go and weed them out?" the owner was very patient and compassionate, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest..." It is true, that we usually condemn and try to eradicate others when what we see as wrong and not appropriate according to our judgement, without deepening our understanding. That is why Jesus wanted us to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect not perfect as the way we see ourselves. The way in which our heavenly Father is perfect is that He sends his rain and his sunshine on the good and on the bad alike. He has the same love for the sinner as he has for the saint; the only difference is that the saint knows that he is forgiven and loved.

God is always patient and compassionate with us, let us be aware of what is going on in us and let us pray for the strength and courage to change ourselves and change the way we see others.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

827... All members of the church, including her ministers, must acknowledge that they are sinners. In everyone, the weeds of sin will still be mixed with the good wheat of the gospel until the end of time. Hence the church gathers sinners already caught up in Christ's salvation but still on the way to holiness.

*There is so much good in the worst of us, And so much bad in the best of us,
That it ill behoves any of us, To speak ill of the rest of us.*

R. Stevenson.

This week's Readings - Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Gospel - Matthew 13:24-43.

Planned Giving Receipts 2016/17

Receipts for the financial year ending June 2017 are now available for collection 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 Ministers commencing 6th August are available to pick up from the Sacristy and also may be viewed on our website.

Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Theresa Doan Thi Tinh; Tuan Quoc La; Eugenia

Wolyngo

Anniversary: Aldo Troncoso; Joseph Bay; Joseph Hieu; Anna Can; Therese Thi Dao.
Deceased: Peter Nguyen Van Soi; Nicholas Lahood; Fahme Abdul Ahad; John Paul Hieu Dao.

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 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

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

Feasts of the Week

25 July - St James, apostle. Feast.

Born at Bethsaida in Galilee, a son of Zebedee. Died about 44, the first apostle to die, beheaded by Herod. A fisherman, summoned by Jesus together with his brother Saint John (27 December). They were called the "Sons of Thunder" (Mark 3:17). Remembered as a favoured apostle: with Saint Peter (29 June) and Saint John he was present at the transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in the garden.

26 July - Sts Joachim & Ann, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary. Memorial.

Joachim and Ann are named as Mary's parents in a late second century tradition. Churches dedicated to Saint Ann are found in Jerusalem and Constantinople from the middle of the sixth century. The feast of Saint Ann was kept in Rome by the eighth century, that of Saint Joachim from the fifteenth century. The feast honours the parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord.

29 July - St Martha. Memorial.

The sister of Mary and Lazarus of Bethany. Honoured for her confession of faith in the Lord in which she beseeched him to restore life to her dead brother (John 11:27). Remembered too for her hospitality to Jesus and her concern for the details of service to guests.

Yagoona Accommodation available

4 mins to train station close to shops, post office & park. 2 references essential & full time worker. Fully furnished with electricity, water, internet & foxtel included. Contact Michael 0411532201.

Altar Society: 30/7/17 Group 5: Samoan Divine Mercy Group.

St Vincent de Paul: 30/7/17 J Obeid 6/8/17 D Rodrigues

Church Cleaners: 28/7/17: Mai Hai **Children's Liturgy:** 30th July - Maree

Weekend Choir: 30/7 Saturday 6pm - St Anne's Choir
Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God Sun 10am - St Felix Choir

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	23 JULY	8am	10am	6pm
C	Stephen Hoang	Joseph Dang	Anthony Rowe	Charbel Eltarraf	
R	Kalisiana Mar	Robyn Molloy	Emanuela Viner	Elias Eltarraf	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Mesake Mar	Bev Lamaro	Jacinta Eltarraf	
M	Tuyen Tran	Madelyn Nicole	Helen Vujevic	Loreto Eduardo	
30 JULY					
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	