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 LaSalle Catholic College: 9793 5600 Mr Michael Egan - Principal;
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Australian Catholic Youth Festival – ACYF

Early Bird registration to Australian Catholic Youth Festival has now closed but registrations are still open (\$280). Young people are encouraged to continue to register. University students can register with a group of uni students contact unicatholics@sydneycatholic.org. Our Deanery Coordinator can still add names to our Central Deanery group contacts are Teresa 0424 880 074 & John 0401 236 669 or email: centraldeanerysydney@gmail.com



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.

City Silence

City Silence is a Holy Hour hosted by Catholic Youth Services for young adults every Tuesday at St Mary's Cathedral from 6.30-7.30pm. This event provides a regular and consistent place for young adults to gather for prayer and fellowship. City Silence consists of times of silence, reflection, scripture, song and the opportunity for confession. Each week the event is animated and led by different presiders, musicians, confessors and servers.

City Silence is not restricted to only youth. We invite people of all ages over 18 and backgrounds to City Silence. We find it is a great time to worship and adore Our Lord in the heart of Sydney.

St Felix Fete - 11 November 2017

Plants

We would like to start collecting plants that we can sell at our Fete. If you have any plants you would like to donate please bring them to the presbytery.

Donations
are Greatly
Appreciated!

Prizes

We are looking for donations of gifts, vouchers or money to buy gifts suitable for the Chocolate wheel and major Raffle. Please contact Parish Office if you can donate.

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

Friday - 9.00am

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.

Congratulations Fr Richard



**By the grace of God, I was
ordained priest on
12th August 2017.**

**I thank you for your
support and prayers. As I
embark on a new journey I
continue to request for
your prayers.**

**I will be with you for a few
days before I return for
ministry in Uganda on 5th
September.**

May God bless you all.

Fr. Richard

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - A - 27 August 2017



Live the values of faith

A car skidded on some wet pavement and struck a telephone pole, injuring the driver. A woman rushed over to help, but she was pushed aside by a man who yelled out, “*Step aside! I’ve taken a course in first aid.*” After a moment, the woman politely tapped him on the shoulder and said, “*Pardon me, but when you get to the part about calling a doctor, I’m right here.*” If the man looked and observed carefully he would have recognised the woman as a doctor, then he would not have to push her aside. We often behave differently and strangely depending on what sort of people we are with, whether they are children, adults, our parents or our friends.

During WYD there were hundreds of thousands of young people together but it was wonderful to see there were no drugs, alcohol or violence which is often associated with the youth. It happened because they recognised who they were with - the Pope, and people with active faith.

In today’s Gospel Jesus wanted his disciples to look hard to see his divinity. “*Who do you say that I am?*” He wanted to find out the truth how they felt and what they heard from within themselves, not just from their peers and people whom they have met. Peter had seen Jesus cure the afflicted, he had listened to Jesus’ words to love others and forgive always, he then professed his faith that, ‘Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God’, Jesus replied, “*Blessed are you Simon, because no mere man revealed this to you but the Father who is in heaven*”. By responding to Jesus’ question, Peter made a personal commitment to him, to be his follower through trials and persecutions until his last breath.

Let us pray that when we say “*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God*”, we will make a personal commitment to what we believe and we will try to live the values of our faith in our daily lives.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

881 The Lord made Simon alone, whom he named Peter, the ‘rock’ of his church. He gave him the keys to his church, and instituted him shepherd of the whole flock. The office of binding and loosing which was given to Peter was also assigned to the college of apostles united to its head. The pastoral office of Peter and the other apostles belong to the church’s very foundation and is continued by the bishops under the primacy of the pope.

Something to reflect about.

Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets. So love the people who treat you right. Forget about the ones who don’t and believe everything happens for a reason. If you get a chance, take it. If it changes your life, let it. Be who you are and say what you feel. Because those that matter, don’t mind and those that mind....don’t matter.

This week’s Readings - Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Gospel - Matthew 16:13-20

Psalm 130 (Out of the depths)

On Saturday 2nd September at 9.00am in the presbytery, Lasalle Br John who is a scripture scholar will give a talk on Psalm 130 - What meaning can we give this psalm today? All welcome.

Timor Leste Raffle

Fr Graham thanks everyone who bought raffle tickets to help raise money for the people of Timor Leste. Raffle winners as follows: 1st prize - Gracie Fantez from Moorebank. 2nd prize - Max Hastie from Bensville. 3rd prize - Reme Michael from Chipping Norton. Congratulations winners.

Offertory Volunteers

We would like to have more families involved with our liturgy by taking up the offertory during the 10 am Mass on Sundays. If you would like to be involved please write your name on the list at the back of the Church.

Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Alessandro Marco Martincic

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



Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Augustino Tang Cat Nguyen; Anthony Nicholas.

Anniversary: Rosemary Lacaze; Mary Galvin; Joseph Hieu; Anna Can.



Deceased:

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 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Gospel - Matthew 16:21-27.

Feasts of the Week

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 thirty-four 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.

Heart Women’s Conference

19-21 October at Fairfield RSL, 14 Anzac Ave Fairfield. A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. Invite your daughters, mothers, sisters and friends! Register at Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com email: heart@TheCatholicGuy.com phone:1300 734 880. (See flyer in Church foyer)

Altar Society: 3/9/17 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: 3/9/17 J Obeid 10/9/17 A Nguyen

Church Cleaners: 1/9/17: Polish Group **Children’s Liturgy:** 3rd Sept - Ligaya

Weekend Choir: 3/9 **Saturday 6pm** - St Anne’s Choir
Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God **Sun 10am** - St Felix Choir.

Readers & Ministers

Sat 6pm 27 AUGUST				
	8am	10am	6pm	
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
3 SEPTEMBER				
C	Patrick Abourizk	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Anthony Rowe	Lucia Mezentsef
R	Gabrielle Nguyen	Imelda Dela Cruz	Mary O’Hea	Kathleen Mezentsef
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Joseph Bui	Madelyn Nicole	Rosa House	Loreto Eduardo
M	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Jessie Kovacevic	Phu Nguyen