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Australian Catholic Youth Festival – ACYF

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.:

Address:.....

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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.



PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

For those who nurtured our faith



This weekend marks the start of the **Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal** – set up with the aim of looking after our sick and retired priests, it provides them with appropriate accommodation and assistance with transition into retirement, medical and dental care, pastoral and other practical support – to give them a life of relative comfort and dignity in retirement. As a way of expressing your gratitude for the men who've nurtured your Catholic faith and provided guidance, friendship and mercy through the years, we hope that you'll consider giving back and donate to the Priests' Retirement Foundation. Thank you.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - A - 3 September 2017



Have strength and courage

A small foreign car tailgated James for several blocks through the streets of the city. He tried in vain to discourage the small car from following too closely. Then thirty blocks from home, James had all he could take. He pulled to the curb. So did the little car. Angrily James got out, ready to read the riot act to the other driver, and discovered that the foreign car was attached to the rear bumper of his own car. The two vehicles, police theorised, probably came entangled when James backed up in front of his house. Is something unpleasant tailgating you? Perhaps you're dragging something you shouldn't. Think for a minute.

In the readings today, Paul says that his life unfolds under the shadow of the Cross. This is the acceptable sacrifice of mercy that, once fulfilled in Jesus Christ, continues as an act of communion between the disciple and the master. Furthermore, Jesus invites his own disciples to the fulfilment of this communion which is destined to grow on the journey towards Jerusalem. "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me." Jesus challenged us to face our problems, sufferings, crises instead of trying to avoid them.

The Psychiatrist Scott Peck says that 'the tendency to avoid problems and the emotional suffering inherent in us is the primary basis of all human mental illness'. Or in the succinctly elegant words of Carl Jung, "Neurosis is always a substitute for legitimate suffering" But the suffering itself becomes more painful than the legitimate suffering it was designed to avoid." To conclude, problems and sufferings are essential to our growth as soil and fertilizer is for plants. It is true that we don't go around in search for problems and sufferings but let us pray that when they come our way, may we have the courage and strength to face this reality of life instead of turning away or trying to avoid them.

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618 The cross is the unique sacrifice of Christ, the 'one mediator between God and men'. But because in his incarnate divine person he has in some way united himself to every man, 'the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the paschal mystery' is offered to all men. He calls his disciples to 'take up (their) cross and follow (him)', for 'Christ also suffered for (us), leaving (us) an example so that (we) should follow in his steps'. In fact Jesus desires to associate with his redeeming sacrifice those who were to be its first beneficiaries.

This week's Readings - Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Gospel - Matthew 16:21-27

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the Church on Friday 8th September at 6.30pm with Bishop Tony Randazzo. **The Spiritual Day in preparation for this Sacrament will be on Thursday 7th in St Felix Hall from 9am - 3pm.** Let us all pray for these candidates as they come to the end of their preparations and will be empowered by the Holy Spirit through Confirmation.

Liturgy Meeting

The next Liturgy meeting will be held in the presbytery on Tuesday 12th September at 7.00pm.

Live for Tomorrow

Why is it easier for us to focus on today than the future? Why do we make decisions for the future based upon today's needs? As the 1960's pop hit from the Yardbirds states, "Live for today." Many people use that phrase as a motto. Our material culture uses it as a mantra. Enjoy life today and postpone pain until tomorrow. Doesn't that sound familiar? Sometimes this attitude seeps into our prayer life. We ask God with expectation, not anticipation. If the Creator does not deliver, we will be tempted to abandon prayer (or at least postpone it). Yet, if we are honest with ourselves, we would recognize that prayer life is different from popular culture. Prayer sometimes demands the pain and suffering of patience. Sometimes we need to wait, even if that means "hanging by a thread." Jesus took this spiritual fact one step further. The Christian life means life postponed for the good of others. That's what Jesus did as he walked to Jerusalem and to the cross. He called us to do the same.

Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Augustino Tang Cat Nguyen; Benjamin Kaudeer
Anniversary: Bernard Danh; Eugenie Thien Tai Tran; Rosemary Lacaze; Angelo Famularo; Maria Famularo; Clifford Kreltshheim.
Deceased: Lucien Descombes; Pompeo Giuseppe Sergi; Giovanni Frisina; John Field; George Sultana; Eddie Helmawan

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 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Gospel - Matthew 18:15-20.

Feasts of the Week

8 September - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Feast

This feast originated in Jerusalem about the sixth century, a development of the feast of the dedication of the church of Saint Anne, built in Jerusalem "where Mary was born". Observed in Rome in the seventh century, it was later used to determine the date of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Because of her importance in salvation history, Mary's birthday is celebrated as well as those of her son Jesus the Lord, and of Saint John the Baptist (24 June).

Petition—Assisted Suicide Bill NSW

This weekend and next weekend you will have an opportunity to sign the petition against the Voluntary Assisted Dying bill tabled in NSW parliament on 14 September. This bill allows persons to kill themselves or be killed by a physician assisted injection. It is impossible to safeguard such legislation against coercion and abuse. Many in the medical professions oppose this bill. The petition sheet is available in the Church foyer to sign after Mass. More info: www.no euthanasia.org.au, click on *Take Action* and *NSW*.

RCIA:

This weekend, we receive the following candidates into full reception with the Church;

*Vivien Zita Ly, Sunti Vilaikul Teerapol
& Edwin Aiden Moses*



Altar Society: 10/9/17 Group 2: Robyn Molloy, Enid Sneddon, Teresa Neang, Jeannette Chong, Nora Campbell, Anna & Willy Gabut, Maria Huong Nguyen (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul: 10/9/17 A Nguyen 17/9/17 D Rodrigues

Church Cleaners: 8/9/17: Charbel Karam **Children's Liturgy:** 10th Sept - Belinda

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

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	3 SEPTEMBER	8am	10am	6pm
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	
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C	Kalisiana Mar	Philip Castillo	Jennifer Nguyen	Elias Eltarraf	
R	Patrick Abourizk	Ligaya Castillo	Thu Ha Kim	Anthony Eltarraf	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Mesake Mar	Jeannette Chong	Amelia Mezentsef	
M	Tuyen Tran	Madelyn Nicole	Bev Lamaro	Jacinta Eltarraf	