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 LaSalle Catholic College: 9793 5600 Mr Michael Egan - Principal;
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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.

Holy Pilgrimage

Holy Spirit Pilgrimage to "Holy Land & Holy Places in Italy(17 Days)" for \$5,555 from 3rd-19th Sept, 2018 and 7 Days "Optional Extension to Egypt & Jordan". Spiritual Directors: Fr Emmanuel-tv & Fr Jude CSSp. Contact for itinerary/info: fremmanueltv@hotmail.com, 0417999553, (08)93413079, (08)93413131; or jude.agorchukwu@cam.org.au, 0400759391, (03) 97899672.

Young Women's Retreat

"In a Gentle Way, You Can Shake the World" 13-15 October 2017. Jamberoo Abbey
 Registration via www.trybooking.com/RAXG by 8 of September.

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:

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

Tuesday - 10.00am 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.



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - A - 17 September 2017



Reach out and forgive

At Grace Lutheran Church in Atlanta, worshippers annually celebrate the end of the old year and the beginning of the new one with what they call a “burning service”. Each member of the congregation brings to the altar a paper on which he or she has written failures and mistakes, plus changes to be made during the new year. The paper is dropped into a flaming urn. One year, two men who had once been friends, but had quarrelled over a business deal stood side by side at the altar. After dropping their papers into the urn, they got up, faced each other and shook hands.

In today’s Gospel, the insecure Peter asks: “Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?” Seven times seemed to be a very generous number and he expected a pat on the back for it because he knew that Jesus put a high priority on forgiveness. But Jesus answered, “Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.” And he went on to tell a parable story about a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants.

I often meet people who ask why should I forgive others for the wrongs they did to me? We forgive because we have been forgiven and in being forgiven we know that we are loved. When we know that we are loved we can love others and we in turn show it by forgiving them. The person who finds it hard to forgive is because he/she does not feel loved. Peter and Judas both were the great examples of this principle. Peter failed again and again, and particularly at the trial he denied Jesus three times. Yet when Jesus met him after the resurrection he accepted him in love and just said “Peace be with you.” And when Jesus asked him, “Do you love me?” Peter responded “You know that I love you.” It was as if he wanted to say that I love you because I know that you love me, and I know that from the way in which you forgave me. In contrast to Judas who also betrayed Jesus, but he could not accept forgiveness and committed suicide. Everyone who can not accept forgiveness locks him/herself into the past. They carry with them the guilt, the burdens, the hurts of the past and they can’t accept the joys of the present moment.

Let us pray that we can get in touch with our own weakness and sinfulness but always trust in God’s compassion and forgiveness. And may we reach out to show forgiveness to those who have wronged us particularly those whom we see everyday.

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2843 Thus the Lord’s words on forgiveness, the love that loves to the end, become a living reality.

The parable of the merciless servant, which crowns the Lord’s teaching on ecclesial communion, ends with the words: ‘So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from the heart. ‘It is there, in fact, ‘in the depths of the heart’, that everything is bound and loosed. It is not in our power not to feel, or to forget, an offence; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession.

Sacraments of Healing

Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick are the sacraments of healing that can be received more than once. These sacraments are a sign that God is present and active in difficult times, such as when we need to be forgiven or are challenged by illness. Through these sacraments Jesus continues to forgive and heal us.

This weeks readings - Sirach 27:30 - 28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Gospel - Matthew 18:21-35

New Appointment

A big thank you to Fr Graham who looked after the parish while I was away. I studied a Bible course in Jerusalem, while doing the course we traveled around the country which is a very interesting place with interesting people with a long Scriptural history. After that I drove from Rome to Spain and ended the journey in Paris. It was such a wonderful experience. But it’s nothing like home so it is good to be back. During my months away, our Archbishop asked me if I am willing to go to another parish, considering I have been in Bankstown for 12 years, I accepted his appointment. I want to express my gratitude and thankfulness to all of you who have been like a family to me. I will start at St John the Baptist parish in Bonnyrigg-Edensor Park in November.

Fr Dominic Dinh

Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: James (Jim) Shanahan; Zoila Ibanez; Chona

Enriquez; Cesar Duque; Josefa de Leon; Aurelia Salas; Enrique Valdes; Rodolfo Arroyo.

Anniversary: Alan Walker; Hend El-Daher; Magid Hobeiche; Anna Nguyen Thi Tin; Gil Tonel; Ramon Tonel.

Deceased: John Field; Bill & Mary Galvin; Betty Williamson; Joseph Shehede Hanna; Anthony Hanna.

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; Anne McKinlay; Shirley Salter

Next Weekend - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Gospel - Matthew 20:1-16.

Feasts of the Week

20 September - Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs. Memorial.

Andrew Kim Taegön was the first Korean presbyter and Paul Chöng Hasang a catechist and lay apostle. After more than two centuries of lay leadership, the Church in Korea was subject to fierce persecutions between 1839 and 1867. This feast commemorates 103 of the numerous Korean martyrs, representatives from all walks of life: men and women, married and unmarried, the elderly, teenagers and children, missionary bishops and presby-ters. Remembered for their fearless witness in the face of torture and death.

21 September - St Matthew, apostle, evangelist. Feast.

Matthew, also known as Levi, was a Jew who collected taxes for the Romans at Capernaum in Galilee. Here Jesus met him and called him to be an apostle (Luke 5:27-28). Venerated as the author of the gospel which highlights Jesus’ role as Messiah and underlines the presence of the kingdom of God in the Church.

23 September - St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest. Memorial.

Born on 25 May 1887 in Pietrelcina (Italy). Died on this day in 1968 at San Giovanni Rotondo (Italy). Raised in a deeply religious rural home, Francesco Forgione became Padre Pio when he was ordained in the Capuchin order in 1910. A mystic who received the marks of the stigmata in 1918, a renowned holy man, and a charity worker who founded a hospital (the House for the Relief of Suffering). His ascetic life of pain led to special compassion for the suffering. Remembered as an extraordinary confessor and spiritual director.

Altar Society: 24/9/17 Group 4: Phyllis Vujkovic, Laura Malss, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Chris Kreltszheim, Eric Valencia, Bach Lam (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul: 24/9/17 John Ashe 1/10/17 Andrew Nguyen

Church Cleaners: 22/9/17: Mai Hai **Children’s Liturgy:** 24th Sept - HOLIDAYS

Weekend Choir: 24/9 Saturday 6pm - Samoan Divine Mercy Group
Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God **Sun 10am** - Children’s Choir.

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	17 SEPTEMBER 8am	10am	6pm
C	Patrick Abourizk	Kiara Asuzu	Jessica Vujevic	Kathleen Mezentsef
R	Stephen Hoang	Maxwell Asuzu	Emmanuela Viner	Lucia Mezentsef
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Gloria Booby	An Dang	Jessie Kovacevic	Paul Ngoc
M	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Helen Vujevic	Phu Nguyen

24 SEPTEMBER

C	Gabrielle Nguyen	Imelda Dela Cruz	Jennifer Nguyen	Charbel Eltarraf
R	Stephen Hoang	Joseph Dang	Thu Ha Kim	Elias Eltarraf
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Gloria Booby	An Dang	Bev Lamaro	Jacinta Eltarraf
M	Tuyen Tran	Madelyn Nicole	Gordon West	Loreto Eduardo