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 Childrens Liturgy: Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; Cemetery Committee: Maureen Vincent 9790 4217;
 Sacramental co-ordinator: Gloria Booby 9708 2871; Polish Priests: 8783 0533;
 De La Salle Brothers: 9708 2692; St. Felix Primary School: 9796 7875 Lisa Harbrow - Principal;
 LaSalle Catholic College: 9793 5600 Mr Michael Egan - Principal;

Lenten Retreats

The Vision of Sisterhood Weekend Retreat

7-9 March at Stanwell Tops. Cost \$225 includes meals and accommodation at the Tops Centre. For all women years 16+. Register online: www.sisterhood.org.au.

Reasons for Hope Lenten Retreat

7-9 March at Benedict XVI Retreat Centre in Grose Vale for young people aged 16-35. Pick up a brochure in the Church foyer for prices and registration.

Retreat Day for Fathers

Saturday 15 March from 8.45am - 3.00pm at the Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. Cost \$10. To register & inquire e-mail: LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org or phone 9390 5290.

Bus trip to Wollongong & Botanic Gardens - Monday, 3rd March

The coach will depart St Brendan's church at 8.30am. Trip includes Morning Tea at Sublime Point, then visit to Wollongong Botanic Gardens. Lunch at Master Builders' Illawarra Club (all you can eat). Time permitting, we will taken in sights at Minnamurra. The return trip will be via the scenic Lawrence Hargrave Drive. Cost: \$40 (all inclusive) - \$10 deposit required at time of booking Contact Lena Galdes from St Brendans on 9644 7226 or 0433 157 080.

Introduction to The Grail

A program for women who may be interested in this movement. On three Saturdays in March, 1st, 15th and 29th, 10.30 am – 3 pm. Shared reflection on a vision to live by, spiritual search and living faith, the world today and our responses, action towards a world of justice and peace and creative development. Grail.Centre, 22 McHatton St, North Sydney. Tel: 9955 3053. Email: grailsydney@ozemail.com.au

Sexuality and the Church's teaching

Come and listen to Fr McShane talk to the youth on Humanae Vitae. Straight after the 6.00pm Youth Mass next Sunday 2nd March in the Parish Centre. All welcome.
 Join our Youth Group: **St Felix Youth & Young Adults #flybankstown**
 Add us as a friend on Facebook: **St Felix Parish Bankstown**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – relationship enrichment for married couples

21 – 23 March at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW
 Bookings: 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au
www.wwme.org.au www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

To become a regular contributor please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office.

Name..... Telephone No.:

Address:.....

Email :

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Please send me a set of envelopes. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, tax deduction required |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Please organise automatic credit card deductions.
(A credit card authority form will be sent to you for completion) | <input type="checkbox"/> No tax deduction necessary |



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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.

RCIA - Friday 7pm

Every Wednesday 10am - Praying of the Cenacle. 8.00pm - Adoration & Rosary

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.



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - A - 23 February 2014



Forgive

A young man in the village had been badly insulted, and he hurried to his pastor to tell him about it, adding that he was going immediately to his offender and avenge his honour. "Better go home, son," said the pastor, kindly. "But I've been insulted!" protested the young man. "That's exactly why you should go home at this time. An insult is like mud." "I know that...and I'm going to clean it up." "Son, there is one thing you might as well learn now than later. Mud brushes off a lot more easily when it is dry."

In the Gospel today, Jesus said to his disciples: "You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well." The question of forgiveness is a most crucial one for all of us. That is why it is the most central, novel and challenging aspect of Christ's teaching. He talks about the need to forgive not just seven times but seventy times seven times. He teaches us to pray, "Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us." He gives us the example of forgiveness from the Cross: "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they do." This is also the issue in the stories of healing of the blind and the paralysed. Our blindness and paralysis come from the bitterness and lack of forgiveness that is with in us.

Carl Jung, the Psychologist, said that many people are suffering enormously now because they failed to suffer little things in the past. A person is hurt: he or she does not accept and deal with the hurt. It lies in the heart. Because of this the joys of the next day cannot be received and enjoyed. So the pile up continues. The doors of the heart are clogged. Only bitterness is experienced. "For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not?"

Let us pray that with the grace of God we can entrust all of our burden, grudges, hurt and anger in his hand and we will try to be more forgiving and understanding so that we can live our life in peace and love with others.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

2262 In the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord recalls the commandment, "You shall not kill," and adds to it the proscription of anger, hatred, and vengeance. Going further, Christ asks his disciples to turn the other cheek, to love their enemies. He did not defend himself and told Peter to leave his sword in its sheath.

This week's Readings - Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 1Corinthians 3:16-23; Gospel - Matthew 5:38-48

9 Night South Pacific Cruise with Royal Caribbean – January 2015

Depart from Sydney on 8/01/2015 on the Rhapsody of the Seas. Cost per person is \$1149 based on twin or quad share and is inclusive of all fees and charges including meals. A pre-booking fee of \$37.50 per person is required for reservation of cabins. This holding deposit is fully refundable if cancelled 101 days prior to sail. Availability at this discounted price is limited for group reservation and for a limited time only (first in first served). If interested, and to avoid disappointment, please contact Thanh Vu on 0414 674 092 (Mob); 9284 3086(work); 9786 7531 (Home) or email: tcvu2011@gmail.com, preferably before Monday 24/02/2014.

The Catholic Guy Mission Event 2014 at St Peter Chanel Church, Berala

Discover for yourself the Mission event that changed thousands of people. Be changed.... Be renewed...Be inspired. The Catholic Guy will be presenting four inspiring sessions that take you on a life changing journey. The sessions run twice a day at 9.45am or 7.30pm. Session 1 on 20th March, session 2 on 21st March, session 3 on 23rd March & session 4 on 24th March. Admission is free. 62 Kingsland Rd, Berala. For more info contact the Parish on 9644 7787 or visit www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au (pickup a flyer in the Church foyer)

World Day of Prayer

St Felix is hosting the World Day of Prayer this year on Friday 7th March at 10.00am. All Welcome. Bring a plate for sharing after Mass. Ring Chris Kreltszheim for more details and if you can help with food on 9790 1780.

Mass Intentions:



Recently Deceased: Louise Descombes; Chima Obioma Nwata; Joseph Tran Cao Thu; Laura Merlino; Antoine Nguyen Van Kieu; Phero Ha Van Thien.

Anniversary: David Patrick Ryan; Da Minh Tiem; Dominico Tiem; Elliott Casalegno; Jan Makhoul; Eugene Tran Thien Tai; Bernard Danh.

Deceased: Youssef Lahood; Fadwa Lahood; George Lahood; Boulas Lahood; Fahme Abdul Ahad.

Sick: Sue Terry; Paul Le Minh-Truc

Bus Trip to Palm Beach

Thursday 27 February departing St Felix Church at 10am. Travelling to Palm Beach for \$25. BYO picnic lunch or buy your own. Contact Bev Lamaro on 0409 710 703 before Wednesday if you are interested.

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Mass times on Wednesday 5th March will be 8.00am, 9.00am and 7.30pm.

The Francis Effect

The Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium has been described as Pope Francis' vision for the Church. This Colloquium will explore this vision and application for the Australian Catholic Church and society. This one-day Colloquium will challenge participants to answer Pope Francis' call to be "missionary disciples" (EG 120). The day will bring together people from across ministries of the Church for a time of formation and professional development. An occasion not to be missed for anyone who is living and leading mission and evangelisation. We invite you to come in groups or as an individual. A copy of the newly released book The Francis Effect: Living the Joy of the Gospel will be given to each participant. Thursday April 3, 2014 from 8.30am – 4.30pm at Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club, 24-28 John Street, Lidcombe. For registration & more info contact Roza Vukovich on 9919 7800; formation@catholicmission.org.au

Next Weekend - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Readings: Isaiah 49:14-15; 1Corinthians 4:1-5; Gospel - Matthew 6:24-34

Altar Society: 2/3/14 Group 1: Maureen Vincent, Chris Kreltszheim, Laura Malss, Rosa House, Phyllis Vujkovic, Margaret Eastburn, Sheila Fonseka (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul **2/3/14** M T Tran **9/3/14** John Ashe

Church Cleaners: 28/2/14: Mai Hai

Weekend Choir: Saturday 1/3 - 6pm - St Anne's Choir

Sunday 2/3- 8am - Singing Servants of God. 10am - St Felix Choir

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	23 FEBRUARY 8am	10am	6pm
C	Rushna Peter	Mary Buckley	Lynne MacKenzie	Elias Eltarraf
R	Maureen Vincent	Robyn Molloy	Maureen Hines	Anthony Hoang
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Peter Boughton	Mesake Mar	P Vujkovic & J Kovacevic	Paul Ngoc
M	Koreen Cueto	Chris Kreltszheim	Tu Nguyen	Loreto Eduardo

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C	Koreen Cueto	Jeanette Rodrigues	Jennifer Nguyen	Dan Vu
R	Kalisiana Mar	Maxwell Asuzu	Thu Ha Kim	Veronica Doumit
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	J Luongo & Thong Tran	Phu Nguyen
M	Peter Boughton	Mesake Mar	Bev Lamaro	Paul Ngoc