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Gazing on the face of Mercy!

The Church is celebrating the Holy Year of Mercy, a time of *grace, peace, conversion and joy*. It is meant for everyone: people of every age, from far and near. There are no walls or distances, which can prevent the Father's mercy from reaching and embracing us. (Pope Francis message on the year of Mercy).

The youth of St Felix Bankstown will be hosting a Mercy Night on the 29th of April. The night will commence with a talk on the topic of Mercy followed by Adoration with opportunity for Reconciliation. The night will end with a celebration of the Eucharist. We will continue to host Mercy Nights on the last Friday of every month. Stay tuned for more information!

Date: 29th of April, 2016; Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm; Venue: St Felix de Valois Parish Bankstown.



The best way to end each day ...

- Gratitude:** I note the gifts God's love has given me and I give thanks to God for them.
- Petition:** I ask for the gift of God's insight to elevate my natural powers to be able to see as God would have me see.
- Review:** I look for occasions where I was "moved" by God. I also look for those thoughts and/or movements that have not been of God.
- Forgiveness:** I ask for the healing touch of the forgiving God who, with love and respect for me, removes my heart's burdens.
- Renewal:** I look to the following day and, with God, plan concretely how to live it in accord with God's loving desire for my life.

Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

*Sophia Teresa Bui, Amy Maria Vu, Quinn Emerson Gabriel Daley,
 Gabriel Stefano Antonio Foster & Elliana Mary Tran*

May they always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout their life.



PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

**Would you like to become a regular contributor to the Parish?
 Or would you like to change your contribution method from envelopes to monthly credit card giving?**

If so, please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office. Otherwise send an e-mail to Marie at admin@stfelixparish.org.au

Name..... Telephone No.:

Address:.....

Email :

- I wish to commence Planned Giving Program.
- I wish to change from envelopes to Credit Card monthly giving. Current envelope No:.....
 (a credit card authority form will need to be completed)



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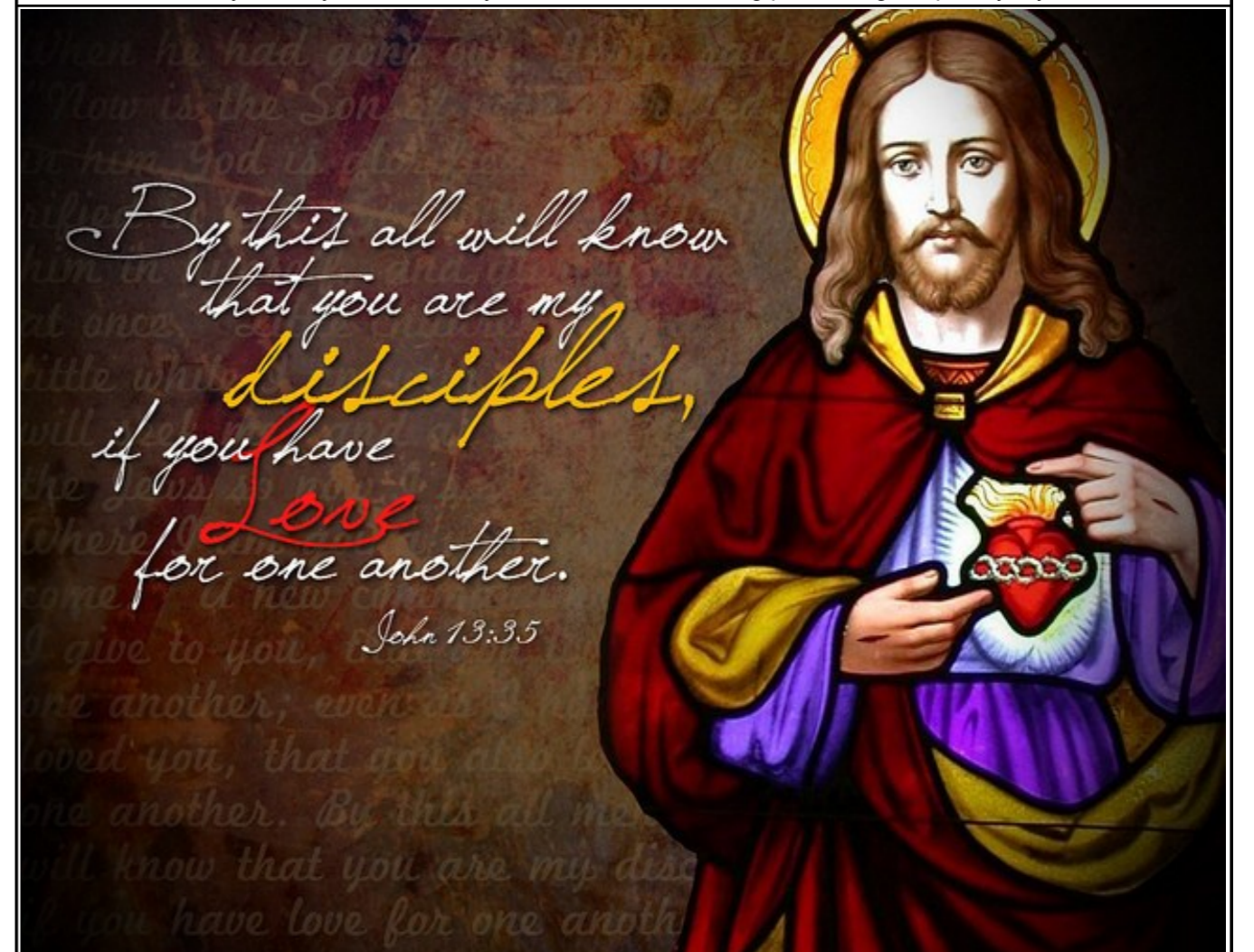
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Mass times: Saturday 6pm (Vigil), Sunday 8am, 10am (Children's Liturgy), 6pm, 12noon (Polish).
 Vietnamese Mass: 7 pm 1st Thurs of each month. **Saturday Morning Benediction - 7.00am.**
 Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm. Or by appointment Rosary: Saturday 8.25am
This week - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday - 8.00am.
 Wednesday - 7.00pm Young Adults Bible Study in Meeting Room, 8.00pm 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.



5th Sunday of Easter - C - 24th April 2016



Love one another

There was a couple who went to a marriage counsellor and complained about each other. The counsellor sat with them but both wanted to speak at the same time, so the marriage counsellor told them to write their complaints on a piece of paper instead of speaking aloud. The woman saw her husband take out his pen and started writing, so she quickly filled out her paper with her complaints. After one page the husband started on a second page, without hesitation she then filled out another page with her complaints. This went on for half an hour, then the marriage counsellor told them to stop and exchange their writings. The woman wanted to read her husband's writing first. When she started to read, her face turned pale and she began to cry because all he wrote was, "I love you! I love you! I love you!..." in all the pages.

Today's gospel records Jesus' last message to his disciples to love one another, "I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another." Jesus shows forth the most important part of his teaching. Love is the essence of God. The Father loves the Son. This is the model for Jesus' love for us. This love is unconditional, self-emptying and endures trials and suffering for the sake of the beloved. It calls to give because its nature is to give all, without reservation. As Jesus has said before, all that he speaks and does are the words and works of his Father. Likewise, the kind of love that he exhibits is the love of the Father for us. Our love in return must resemble Jesus' and must be expressed in fulfilling his commandment. Keeping Jesus' commandment is hard because it turns us inside out, having to relate to God and to one another from our hearts, from the core of our being. It calls us to reach out to love and serve others.

There are examples of Christ-like love in our modern time; such as Father Damian of Molokai, who spent his life among the lepers, caring for them, and contracted leprosy himself. Or mother Teresa of Calcutta whom many people know about her dedication in caring for the poorest of the poor. Both father Damian and mother Teresa chose to love others no matter what the consequences may turn out to be. Their lives expressed "By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples." By loving one another we, as the disciples imitate the love of Jesus which we ourselves receive.

Let us pray that we can experience God's unconditional love for us so that in turn we will try harder to love others without expecting anything in return. May our love be big enough to accept people for who they are, created in the image of God.

This week's Readings - Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5; Gospel - John 13:31-35.

New Candle Stand

Our new candle stand has arrived and is in front of Mary's side Chapel in the Church. Donations simply go in the slot and a candle will light. Please ensure children do not play with it.



First Holy Communion Registration

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated this year on the weekends of 11/12 June and 18/19 June during the Saturday 6.00pm Masses and Sunday 10.00am Masses. If you have a child in year 4 or older who would like to receive this Sacrament kindly complete a registration form found in the Church foyer and return it to the Parish Office before Monday 2nd May. The first compulsory meeting for all registered Parents and Candidates will be held in St Felix Hall on Tuesday 3rd May commencing at 7.00pm.

Cemetery Committee Meeting

The next Cemetery Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 26 April commencing at 10.30am. This will only be a short meeting and we will also farewell Anne Neilson.

Wedding Congratulations

Mathew De Sousa & Alison Marie Louise Collet
are married at St Felix this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.



Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased:

Harry Gulesserian; Sr Barbara Bochat; Anna Nguyen

Thi Tam; Fred Salter; Lynette Parsons.
Anniversary: Eleuterio Manriquez; Vicenta Manriquez; Esmeralda Martinez; Anna Toi; Maria Vuot; Joseph Trien; Dominico Trong; Magid Hobeiche; Toma Nguyen Van Sac; Joseph Trong An Nguyen; Paul Phuong Do; Josephine Yott.

Deceased: Joseph Binh Chanh Lam; Maria Thuc Trinh Dang; Anna Can; Joseph Hieu; Ricardo Cruz; Epifania Cruz; Anna Doran; Micae Ng Van Noi; John Field; Giuse Tran Duc Van; Giuse Da Minh; Phanxico Xavie; Hoang Van Son.

Sick: Lauren (Chris' grand-daughter); Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Kim Do; Henriette Tam Tinh Lam; Gerard Go; Theresa Tinh Thi Doan; Christine Formosa.

Next Weekend - 6th Sunday of Easter - Year C

Readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23; Gospel - John 14:23-29.

Feasts of the Week

26 April—St Mark, evangelist. Feast.

St. Mark wrote the second Gospel, probably in Rome sometime before the year 60 A.D.; he wrote it in Greek for the Gentile converts to Christianity. Tradition tells us that St. Mark was requested by the Romans to set down the teachings of St. Peter. This seems to be confirmed by the position which St. Peter has in this Gospel. In this way the second Gospel is a record of the life of Jesus as seen through the eyes of the Prince of the Apostles.

28 April - St Peter Chanel, priest, Martyr. Memorial.

Born at Cuet (France) 1803. Died on Futuna (South-west Pacific Ocean) on this day in 1841. A parish priest noted for his pastoral zeal, particularly his care of the sick. Joined the Society of Mary (Marists) and remembered for his missionary work in the Pacific. Evangelisation in the local language brought some success on the island of Futuna which led to his murder by a jealous chieftain. Honoured as the first martyr of the Church in Oceania.

29 April - St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor. Memorial.

Born at Siena (Italy) in 1347. Died at Rome on this day in 1380. Committed to the practice of prayer and penance from an early age, she entered the Dominican Third Order while still an adolescent. Became an influential spiritual leader and made strenuous efforts to reconcile Church and state and to reform the Roman papacy. Remembered for her holiness and determination and, though she never learned to write, for the quality of her teachings. Remembered also as a mystic and a reformer of religious life.

Native Plants wanted

We are looking for donations of Native plants, Maple, or Bosai to plant in our new Centenary Garden. Please let Fr Dominic know if you have suitable plants you would like to donate.

Altar Society: 1/5/16 Group 1: Gloria Walker, Margaret Chan, Nice Collins, Lydia Leslie, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Hien & Vu Bui (Florist)

St Vincent de Paul: 1/5/16 John Ashe 8/5/16 Joanne Ashe

Church Cleaners: 29/4/16: Samoan Divine Mercy Group **Children's Liturgy:** 1st May- Ligaya

Weekend Choir: Saturday 30/4 - 6pm - St Anne's Choir
Sunday 1/5- 8am - Singing Servants of God. 10am - St Felix Choir

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	24 APRIL	8am	10am	6pm
C	Isaella Tran	Kiara Asuzu	Jennifer Nguyen	Kathleen Mezentsef	
R	Kalisiana Mar	Maxwell Asuzu	Tu Ha Kim	Lucia Mezentsef	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Gloria Booby	Mesake Mar	B Lamaro & J Kovacevic	Amelia Mezentsef	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Madelyn Nicole	Thong Tran	Loreto Eduardo	
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C	Stephen Hoang	Maureen Vincent	Emanuela Viner	Lucia Mezentsef	
R	Patrick Abourizk	Jeanette Rodrigues	Jennifer Nguyen	Kathleen Mezentsef	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Gloria Booby	Maria Huong	J Chong & Gordon West	Amelia Mezentsef	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Bev Lamaro	Loreto Eduardo	