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The Holy Spirit

We need the **Holy Spirit** more than ever before
 In this day and age, all of us need the Holy Spirit to be true disciples of the Jesus. Given the tide of forces that bog us down, we must invoke the Holy Spirit who teaches and moulds character. When He dwells within us, we can be sure of the gift of God's grace. He is the source of our sanctification. All of us are called to be saints no matter who we are or where we find ourselves. If we ever feel any sort of emptiness, let us always remember that the Holy Spirit fills. He guides, reassures, empowers, and regenerates us. Come Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful...

Walk with Christ postponed.

Due to complications associated with the Light Rail works in the CBD, the decision has been taken to postpone the annual Eucharistic Procession, Walk With Christ, to a time close to the Feast of Christ the King (Sunday 20 November 2016). This will allow us to close the Year of Mercy with the Eucharistic Procession. His Grace also hopes that he might be able to accompany the procession in November. We are extremely grateful for the efforts of the personnel at Sydney's Transport Management Centre for the collaborative way in which they have engaged with us and we are hopeful of resolving a suitable route for November.

2016 Parish Centenary Mass

Will you be attending the Official Centenary Mass followed by celebrations on Sunday 22nd May commencing at 12.00pm?

For catering purposes kindly return this slip to the Parish Office or via the collection plates if you will be remaining after the Centenary Mass. Parking will be limited. We suggest you carpool or walk to ease some congestion.

I / We will be attending Mass and celebrations. Number of people:.....

Family Name:.....

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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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 - 11.00am Catechists Area Mass.
 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.

This weekend you are being asked to be a part of the CWF appeal. During the special Jubilee Year of Mercy we are especially called to remember and practise mercy, love and charity towards our neighbours – these are the people who stand beside us today, they are the people in our community, and it is the family created by Christ Himself through the common bond of our faith.

Your donation will go a long way towards fulfilling the CWF's charitable and pastoral mission, and we ask for your generous support of this pastoral appeal. Special appeal envelopes have been provided for your use.

You can also contact the Development and Fundraising Office on **1800 753 959** or email cwf@sydneycatholic.org to get more details on how you can support *your local charity*.

Donations \$2 and over are tax deductible. Thankyou.



6th Sunday of Easter - C - 1st May 2016



Smile

Once during a television interview, Mother Teresa was faced with a heckler who said, "You love the poor; that's fine. But how about the immense riches of the Vatican and of the Church?" Mother Teresa's reaction was typical. She looked straight at the interviewer and said, "Sir, you are not a happy man. Something is eating you. You don't have any peace within you." At that he wilted. And she just continued to make him writhe, "You should have some faith."

"And how do I get faith?" he asked. "You should pray."

"But I cannot pray." "Then I'll do it for you. But on your part you should try to give the people around you a smile. A smile touches other people. It brings some of the reality of God into our lives.

Jesus is aware of the harsh realities of the world when he talks in today's gospel about love and peace and about not having fear or trouble in our hearts. "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him." To love God is first of all to accept being loved by Him. When we accept this love we become more free from fear and trouble. Being more free from fear we become more free from compulsion and our way of seeing others begins to change. When our way of seeing changes our behavior also begins to change.

Let us pray that we shall listen well to Jesus' word and may we let the Spirit of God dwell within us and guide us towards better behavior.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

1823 Jesus makes charity the new commandment. By loving his own 'to the end', he makes manifest the Father's love which he receives. By loving one another, the disciples imitate the love of Jesus which they themselves receive. Whence Jesus says: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.' And again: 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.'

A thought for the day

When the people you're dealing with today look at you, they are to see a sign of God's presence to and for them. Pray for the grace to be that sign.

This week's Readings - Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; Gospel - John 14:23-29.

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 this Tuesday 3rd May commencing at 7.00pm.

Catechists Area Mass

St Felix Parish is hosting the Central Area Catechists Mass on Friday 6th May commencing at 11.00am. All are welcome to come along in prayer and thanksgiving to support of our Catechists who work tirelessly to spread the Good News to our neighbouring schools.

Welcome Fr John Ssemaganda

During this centenary year we have invited priests who have served St Felix in the past to return and celebrate Mass with us. Next Sunday, we are happy to welcome Fr John Ssemaganda who will be celebrating the 10am Mass.

Readers and Ministers Roster

The new roster is available to pick up from the Sacristy and also to view on our website.

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.

Mass Intentions: **Recently Deceased:** Harry Gulesserian; Sr Barbara Bochat; Anna Nguyen

Thi Tam; Fred Salter; Lynette Parsons; Eugene Serret.

Anniversary: Francesco Daniele; Domenico Ferraro; JB Dinh Van Dinh; Denivi Vasquez; Titina Vasquez; Vicente Vasquez; Pascual Martinez; Mark Levett; Denise Bru; Joseph Hoang Van Lien; Vincent Nguyen Van Nhu.

Deceased: Joseph Binh Chanh Lam; Maria Thuc Trinh Dang; Wilfrid & Clansy Edwards; Montagna Condello.

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

Next Weekend - The Ascension of the Lord - Year C

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Gospel - Luke 24:46-53 .

Feasts of the Week

2 May - St Athanasius, bishop, doctor. Memorial.

Born in 295. Buried on this day in 373 at Alexandria (Egypt). Attended the first ecumenical council of Nicaea as a deacon. Later, as bishop of Alexandria, he upheld that council's doctrine in the face of great opposition from Arians, including several emperors. Sent into exile a number of times. Venerated as the "Father of Orthodoxy" for championing the true and equal divinity of the incarnate Son of God.

3 May - Sts Philip & James, apostles. Feast.

Philip, from Bethsaida in Galilee, became a disciple of Jesus and one of the twelve. Recorded in the Fourth Gospel as recognising in Jesus the one foretold by Moses and the prophets (John 1:45) and as introducing Gentiles to the Lord (John 12:20-22). According to Acts 8:5, he was the first to preach the gospel to non-Jews. James, son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve called by Jesus (Mark 3:18ff). Known as James the Less. Venerated traditionally as the author of the letter of James and as leader of the Church in Jerusalem, where he died in the year 62. The joint feast of Philip and James has been celebrated in Rome since at least the sixth century.

Centenary Committee Meeting

The next Centenary Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 4th May at 7.00pm.

Centenary Mass Choir Practice

There will be three sessions for all Choirs to practice for the Centenary Mass - Tuesday evenings commencing at 7.30pm on 3rd, 10th & 17th May.

Altar Society: 8/5/16 Group 2: 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: 8/5/16 Joanne Ashe 15/5/16 A Nguyen

Church Cleaners: 6/5/16: Polish Group **Children's Liturgy:** 8th May- Belinda

Weekend Choir: Saturday 7/5 - 6pm - St Anne's Choir
Sunday 8/5- 8am - Singing Servants of God. 10am - St Felix Choir

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	1 MAY	8am	10am	6pm
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	

8 MAY

C	Kalisiana Mar	Maxwell Asuzu	Helen Vujevic	Elias Eltarraf
R	Rushna Peter	Kiara Asuzu	Jessica Vujevic	Charbel Eltarraf
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Gloria Booby	Mesake Mar	J Luongo	Paul Ngoc
M	Emmanuel Icard	Madelyn Nicole	Tu Nguyen	Phu Nguyen