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Rosebank College Class of '76 40 Year Reunion

A 40 year reunion is being organised for the Year 10 Class of 1976 who attended Rosebank College, Five Dock. The date is Saturday 5 November 2016. For further details and to express your interest in attending, please email: rosebank1976reunion@gmail.com



Holy Land Pilgrimage

Fr David Callaghan from Missionaries of God's Love is leading a 14 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 30th October - 12th November 2016. The pilgrimage is being organised by St Benedict's Mission centre in partnership with Magi Pilgrimages. This pilgrimage features Petra, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Jericho, Mt Carmel, Mt Tabor, Mt Nebo & Jerusalem. This all-inclusive pilgrimage is priced at an early bird offer of \$4,990. Reserve your seats with an initial deposit of \$1000 prior to 31st July 2016. Please contact Mr Rajesh George on 0422 215 855 for the detailed itinerary or to reserve your seats.

St Brendan's Friendship Club - KOKODA TRACK MEMORIAL WALKWAY TOUR

On Monday, AUGUST 8 being the Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop we will start the day with 9.00am Mass at St Brendan's. Morning tea will be at Bicentennial Park. We will then proceed to Concord for the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway Tour. After the tour we will have lunch at Oliveto Ristorante & Bar at Rhodes. Cost is \$50.00 - Bus will depart from St Brendan's at 9.30am (after Mass). To book, ring Venero or Catina on 9707 1403 or 0403 852 811.

BreastScreen NSW

The free mobile Breast Screening unit will be at Revesby from 1 - 26 August Monday to Friday. For a free breast screening for women aged between 50—74 years, book an appointment on 132050. 20 minutes every two years could save your life. (Pick up a brochure in Church foyer)

Watch World Youth Day live on Xt3!

From the 27 July to the 31 July the main events of World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland (including the Australian Gathering) will be streamed live on the Catholic youth website Xt3. There will be an online chat portal during the WYD main events and viewers can join the global conversation whilst watching the events live. Visit www.xt3.com/live for all the webcast times and details.

**GIVE BLOOD FOR THE RED CROSS AT CLUB CONDELL PARK - 178 ELDRIDGE RD.
 MONDAY 8TH AUGUST 9.30AM - 3PM OR TUESDAY 9TH AUGUST 9.30AM - 2PM**

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.:

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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 - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday - 8.00am. Tuesday - 9.00am
 Wednesday - 10.00am - Uniting Church Centre
 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.

Marriage and Family Sunday

Today in the Archdiocese of Sydney we are celebrating Marriage and Family Sunday, when we remember, honour and pray for all marriages and families. In this Year of Mercy, we reflect upon Pope Francis's teaching in *Amoris Laetitia* on forgiveness in marriage. A brochure on this theme, **The Joy of Forgiveness: Forgiveness & Mercy in Marriage**, has been prepared for this occasion. Please take a copy home to read and to pass on to others.



Prayer to the Holy Family by Pope Francis

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer!

Amen.



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C - 24th July 2016



The Lord's Prayer

There was a man driving around the block looking for a parking spot. He could not find one, so he parked his car in a 'No parking zone.' He put a note on the windscreen saying, "I have circled around the block for ten minutes and I am late for an appointment. My apology! PS. Forgive us our trespasses." Hopefully he will get away with a fine! Half an hour later, the man came back to his car and found a ticket on the windscreen and a note which reads: "I have been working around here for ten years, if I don't book you I might lose my job. PS. Do not lead us into temptation."

In the Gospel today, at the disciples' request, "Lord, teach us to pray." Jesus taught his disciples 'the Lord's prayer', which every Christian around the world knows by heart. We pray the prayer everyday whether privately or communally. The "Our Father" is a beautiful guide to relationship. It gives us the value of having God at the centre of our lives. We are called to accept this first basic truth that we have a loving heavenly father whose will is our goal of life. "Give us today our daily bread," It invites us to deal realistically with ourselves and our own needs. Furthermore, the prayer tells us that the attitude of forgiveness is essential if we are to relate well with others.

The prayer also asks God not to tempt us beyond our strength. When we spend time to reflect on our lives we see that many difficult things have happened to us, yet, it was these trials that really made us into the people that we are. These happenings could also have broken us. So this prayer is an appeal then that the struggles in life will strengthen us rather than break us.

Let us pray that we will savour the prayer, and by reflecting on its meaning we will find the richness and be drawn closer in union with God.

Catechism of the Catholic Church.

2765 The traditional expression 'the Lord's Prayer' – oratio Dominica – means that the prayer to our Father is taught and given to us by the Lord Jesus. The prayer that comes to us from Jesus is truly unique: it is 'of the Lord'. On the other hand, in the words of this prayer the only Son gives us the words the Father gave him: he is the master of our prayer. On the other, as Word incarnate, he knows in his human heart the needs of his human brothers and sisters and reveals them to us: he is the model of our prayer.

This week's Readings - Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Gospel - Luke 11:1-13

Planned Giving Receipts

Tax receipts for 2015/2016 Planned Giving are now available in the Church foyer.

Pianist Wanted

We are looking for someone who is able to play to piano/organ to help with the Church Music Ministry at weekend Mass, especially for 10am Sunday. If interested please contact Alison on 0421 660 187.

Friendly get-together

Come and join a group of people to spend the day together this Thursday 28th July, in the Presbytery from 10.30am everyone is welcome, children included. Bring along your own lunch and your sense of humour. If you need transport or for more info contact Bev Lamaro on 0409 710 703.

Confirmation Registrations

Registrations for the Sacrament of Confirmation are now open. If your child is in year 6 or above and would like to receive this sacrament kindly take a registration form to complete from the Church foyer and return it to the Parish Office before Monday 1st August. Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday 9th September at 6.30pm. The first compulsory Parents & Candidates meeting will be held in St Felix Hall on Tuesday 2nd August commencing 7.00pm.

Catechists or helpers wanted

We are looking for Catechists or helpers to spread the word of God amongst the children in our public school system. No qualifications are needed and lesson manuals are provided as a teaching guide. Times required are as follows; Wednesdays 2.30pm-3pm. Tuesdays 11.45am-12.15pm or 12.15pm-12.45pm or 12.45pm-1.45pm. Contact Bev on 0409 710 703 or 9797 1341.

Mass Intentions:



Recently Deceased: Tuyet Tran; Peter The Cuong Phan; Anna Nguyen Thi Men
Anniversary: Paul Attard; Rose Vella; Raymond Carta; Tony Carta; Gejtana Carta; Elias Maaz.

Deceased: Zwain & Salam Chadrawy; Gergis, Marie & Fannie Chadrawy; Pauline Chadrawy & husband; Daniel & Rashide Chadrawy; Hanna Chadrawy; Merchad & Emila Maklouf; Anthony, John & Joseph Maklouf; Antoinette & Eva Maklouf; Joseph Mowad & Charles Paul; Wilfrid, Eugenia, Clansy, Jose, Agnes & John Edwards; Anna Nguyen Thi Tam.

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

Next Weekend - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Readings: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Gospel - Luke 12:13-21.

Feasts of the Week

25 July - St James, apostle. Feast.

Born at Bethsaida in Galilee, a son of Zebedee. Died about 44, the first apostle to die, beheaded by Herod. A fisherman, summoned by Jesus together with his brother Saint John (27 December). They were called the "Sons of Thunder" (Mark 3:17). Remembered as a favoured apostle: with Saint Peter (29 June) and Saint John he was present at the transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in the garden.

26 July - Sts Joachim & Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary. Memorial.

Joachim and Anne are named as Mary's parents in a late second century tradition. Churches dedicated to Saint Anne are found in Jerusalem and Constantinople from the middle of the sixth century. The feast of Saint Anne was kept in Rome by the eighth century, that of Saint Joachim from the fifteenth century. The feast honours the parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord.

29 July - St Martha. Memorial.

The sister of Mary and Lazarus of Bethany. Honoured for her confession of faith in the Lord in which she beseeched him to restore life to her dead brother (John 11:27). Remembered too for her hospitality to Jesus and her concern for the details of service to guests.

Witnesses?

An incident occurred on Sunday evening June 26th, where a car parked in front of the school office was hit. If anyone saw or knows something can you please see Fr Dominic.

Altar Society: 31/7/16 Group 5: Samoan Divine Mercy Group.

St Vincent de Paul: 31/7/16 D Rodrigues 7/8/16 Joanne Ashe

Church Cleaners: 29/7/16: Samoan Divine Mercy Group **Children's Liturgy:** 31st July- Maree

Weekend Choir: Saturday 30/7 - 6pm - St Anne's Choir
Sunday 31/7 - 8am - Singing Servants of God. 10am - St Felix Choir

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	24 JULY	8am	10am	6pm
C	Stephen Hoang	Kiara Asuzu	Jennifer Nguyen	Kathleen Mezentsef	
R	Kalisiana Mar	Maxwell Asuzu	Thu 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	Tuyen Tran	Madelyn Nicole	J Chong	Loreto Eduardo	
31 JULY					
C	Emmanuel Icard	Joseph Dang	Jessica Vujevic	Elias Eltarraf	
R	Patrick Abourizk	Maureen Vincent	Helen Vujevic	Anthony Eltarraf	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Joseph Bui	Mesake Mar	Bev Lamaro & Gordon West	Paul Ngoc	
M	Gloria Booby	Madelyn Nicole	Jessie Kovacevic	Phu Nguyen	