Catechist: Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; Choir: Line Collet 0410 568 103;
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Pastoral Council: John Sarkis 0400 606 297; St Vincent de Paul: John Ashe 9796 1055;
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;
Archdiocesan Website: www.sydney.catholic.org.au

## 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

## 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)*

## Mercy Night

Please join us on **Friday the 26th of August** from 7.30pm – 9.30pm, for a night dedicated to the Divine Mercy, with guest speaker Robert Assaf. Robert entered the Spiritual Year at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd in 2014, upon finishing school at the age of 18. Having completed the Discernment Year he discerned out of the seminary and is currently studying a Bachelor of Education with a primary major in Religion and a minor in Business at the University of Notre Dame Australia. Robert has been a speaker for over two years and has spoken around Australia.

## Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

**8 AUGUST 2016.** An invitation to join the Sisters of St Joseph at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney to honour their Australian Saint, Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Masses will be celebrated at 8am, 10am and 1pm. The Chapel will be open for private prayer and visits to Mary MacKillop's Tomb from 9 am – 4 pm. The MMP Museum will be open (free admission) from 9 am – 4 pm. All are welcome.

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

## Wedding Congratulations

*Alexander Joseph Colin Fenlon & Jocelyn Habib*

are married at St Felix this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our thanks go to W.T Newey & Co. Property Agents at 30 Bankstown City Plaza, for sponsoring our Planned Giving Envelopes again for this financial year. Contact our local Parishioner, Joe Michael for your real estate needs on 0418 414 867 or e-mail: sales@newey.com.au

## 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 : ……..……

# St Felix deValois Parish


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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. Monday & Tuesday - 9.00am**

**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.

## NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Today we celebrate the beginning of *National Vocations Awareness Week*. On this day in particular, we are reminded to pray for all general Christian Vocations. The Laity have an important role in the life of the Church as Christ's Body. This week we pray that we will fearlessly use the unique gifts God has given us to bring Christ to the world. Resources on exploring/discerning a vocation are available at: www.vocationcentre.org.au.

## CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL

This weekend we are holding the CWF appeal. Parishes of the Sydney Archdiocese rely on the services provided by the CWF to deliver assistance to families in crisis, development programs for the disadvantaged, equal access for our deaf and hearing impaired, pastoral support from its chaplaincy service, training for our future priests and faith education for our Catholic parish primary school children. Your donation will ensure that the CWF can continue its charitable and pastoral works in your local community, so we ask you to please give generously. Donations of $2 and over are tax deductible. Thank you. Contact the Sydney Archdiocese Fundraising Office about the following: Obligation-free monthly giving program (pledge); Leaving a gift in your Will to the CWF or your Parish; Complimentary Gifts In Memory envelopes to honour your loved ones. Phone 1800 753 959 or email fundraising@sydneycatholic.org.

# 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C - 7th August 2016

From the Priest

# Be ready for the Lord

There was a group of girls travelling on a bus to a company for a job interview. When the bus stopped, they all rushed out and tried to out run each other to get to the company first. One of the girls accidentally pushed an elderly woman who fell and dropped her handbag. They kept running except Michelle who felt sorry for this elderly woman, stopped and helped her to get up and gathered her handbag. The woman still shaking asked why they are in such a hurry. Michelle mentioned the name of the company and explained that they are trying to get there first for an interview. Michelle was anxious to get away but the older woman held onto her arm and requested Michelle walk with her. Michelle patiently and caringly walked with this elderly woman, as they passed the company's door, Michelle asked if the woman was alright to walk alone because she has to go in for the job interview. "*It's OK I won't trouble you anymore*" said the woman. Michelle went inside, all her friends had already handed in their resume and were ready for an interview. Michelle handed in her resume, sat down and waited without much hope because there were too many people before her. To everyone's surprise Michelle's name was called first. She went in the interview room. There was the manager sitting at the desk and the elderly lady whom Michelle helped along the road. The lady said to Michelle: "*This is my son*." She turned to the man and said "*This is the girl I told you about*." Of course you can guess Michelle got the job!

Jesus sometimes plays the same trick on us. He comes into our lives in the form of the sickness that we would avoid, the project that falls through, the exam that we fail, the relationship that pains us, the neighbour that is hard to put up with, the poor that comes when we are already emotionally exhausted.

In the Gospel today Jesus recommends us first to not be afraid, *'for it has pleased the Father to give you the kingdom*.' We are assured of the kingdom but we must be alert and responsive because it is found in unconventional wisdom. Then Jesus goes on by using imagery to make his point about being alert and ready for the coming of Christ into our lives. He does not come at the right time or in the expected way. Jesus comes like a thief in the night; he does not enter through the door or window but through the wall of the house. Let us pray that we will always be ready when he comes.

**Catechism of the Catholic church**

145: The Letter to the Hebrews, in its great eulogy of the faith of Israel's ancestors, lays special emphasis on Abraham's faith: 'By which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out not knowing where he was to go.' By faith he lived as a stranger and pilgrim in the promised land. By faith, Sarah was given to conceive the son of the promise. And by faith Abraham offered his only son in sacrifice.

This week's Readings - Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Gospel - Luke 12:32-48

## Confirmation Commitments

This weekend the Confirmation candidates commence their preparations for the Sacrament by making their commitments in Church. Please keep them in your prayers.

## 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.

## Year 3 Family Mass

This Sunday during the 10am Mass we welcome the Year 3 children of St Felix and their families and teachers who have helped prepare the liturgy.

## Readers & Ministers Roster

The new roster is now available in the Sacristy or on our website.

## Parish Pastoral Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th August commencing at 7pm in the presbytery.

## Mass Intentions:

***Recently Deceased:*** Wilma Davies; Maria Kowalski; Luming DeVega; Juvelyn Azarcon; Nicolas Tenorid; Maria Dinh Thi Bay.
***Anniversary:*** Joseph Binh Chanh Lam; Maria Thuc Trinh Dang; Sandro Trovarello; Ernesia & Remy Bru; Maria Nguyen Thi Nguyet; Eugenie Thien Tai Tran; Bernard Danh.
***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; John Field
***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 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Readings: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Gospel - Luke 12:49-53.

## Feasts of the Week

**8 August - St Mary of the Cross, virgin. Solemnity.**
Born in Melbourne (Australia) in 1842. Died in Sydney on this day in 1909. Took the religious name Mary of the Cross. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children. Remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny, and for her abiding trust in God's providence. Named as the second patron of Australia on 15 January 2013.

**10 August - St Lawrence, deacon, martyr. Feast.**
Died at Rome on this day in 258, four days after Saint Sixtus II (7 August), with whom he was closely associated. Honoured for his almsgiving. Became, after the apostles, the most celebrated martyr of the Church of Rome. His cult spread throughout the Church from the fourth century. Remembered in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon), and in five ancient Roman churches dedicated to him.

**11 August - St Clare, virgin. Memorial.**
Born at Assisi (Italy) in 1193 or 1194. Died there on this day in 1253. From a well-to-do family, Clare embraced an evangelical way of life after hearing the preaching of Saint Francis of Assisi (4 October). Founded the order of the Poor Ladies, now the Poor Clares. Remembered for her life of extreme poverty, austerity, contemplation, and charity.

**Altar Society: 14/8/16 Group 2:** Robyn Molloy, Enid Sneddon, Teresa Neang, Jeannette Chong, Nora Campbell, Azhar Raza, Anna & Willy Gabut, Maria Huong Nguyen (Florist)

**St Vincent de Paul:** ***14/8/16*** A Nguyen ***21/8/16*** John Ashe

**Church Cleaners:** ***12/8/16:*** Charbel Karam **Children's Liturgy:** 14th August- Belinda

**Weekend Choir: Saturday 13/8 - 6pm -** St Anne's Choir
**Sunday 14/8- 8am** - Singing Servants of God. **10am -** St Felix Choir

**Readers & Ministers**

| | Sat 6pm | 8am | 10am | 6pm |
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| **7 AUGUST** | | | | |
| C | Stephen Hoang | Janice Rodrigues | Jennifer Nguyen | Lucia Mezentsef |
| R | Patrick Abourizk | Jeanette Rodrigues | Emanuela Viner | Kathleen Mezentsef |
| A | Tuyen Tran (A) | Joseph Cao (A) | Anthony Joseph (A) | Thanh Vu (A) |
| M | Gloria Booby | Maria Huong | Jeanette Chong | Amelia Mezentsef |
| M | Emmanuel Icard | Robyn Molloy | Bev Lamaro | Loreto Eduardo |
| **14 AUGUST** | | | | |
| C | Kalisiana Mar | Maxwell Asuzu | Helen Vujevic | Elias Eltarraf |
| R | Gloria Booby | Kiara Asuzu | Jessica Vujevic | Charbel Eltarraf |
| A | Joseph Bui (A) | Joseph Cao (A) | Thong Tran (A) | Thanh Vu (A) |
| M | Tuyen Tran | Mesake Mar | Jessie Kovacevic | Paul Ngoc |
| M | Emmanuel Icard | Madelyn Nicole | Tu Nguyen | Phu Nguyen |