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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



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.



St Brendan's Friendship Club Outing

BOWRAL TULIP FESTIVAL - Monday, SEPTEMBER 19

Morning tea will be at Picton Botanic Gardens. We will then drive past Railway Museum at Thirlmere. Lunch will be at Scottish Arms Bistro, East Bowral. After lunch we will visit the spectacular tulip displays at Bowral. **Cost is \$50.00** - Bus will depart from St Brendan's at 8.30am. To book, please place your name on the booking sheet on the Noticeboard in the foyer or ring Venero or Catina on 9707 1403. PS: *please save the date for the Harbour Cruise: Monday, December 12*

James Parker Speaking Tour.

A gay rights activist turned husband and father returns to Sydney to speak on "Why I Changed My Mind about Same-Sex Marriage". Venues: 18 August CAEC Lidcombe 7.30pm, Parishes: 23 August Kensington 7.30pm, 26 Aug Liverpool 7.30pm, 27 Aug North Ryde 6.15pm, 28 August Surry Hills 12.30pm, 08 September Caringbah 7.30pm, 10 September Summer Hill 7.30pm, 27 September Beverly Hills 7.30pm (Chris Gordon speaking). More Info: Chris Gordon, Life Marriage and Family Centre CAS, Ph: 9307 8402. (See flyers in Church foyer)

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

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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.
 Monday - 9am & 6pm Feast of the Assumption.
 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.



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C - 14th August 2016

The fire of Love

In the Gospel today, Jesus expresses a longing to bring fire to the earth and wishes that it were burning already. He touches an elemental human experience that fire means more than simply light and heat. The fire the Jesus wants to see blazing in the world is the fire of God's love enlightening and warming the hearts of all people. Jesus is speaking to men and women who are used to hearing of fire as a sign of the presence of God. They think of Moses at the burning bush, when he was told to take off his shoes for he was on holy ground. They think of the pillar of fire that was the sign of the Lord leading his people from slavery in Egypt into the promised land. They think of the fire that consumed the sacrifice of Elijah in his great battle with the prophets of Baal of Mount Carmel. And now, we think of the flames that came down on the apostles at Pentecost as a visible sign of the Holy Spirit touching and filling their lives. As fire gives light and heat, so Jesus looks to the time when God's love, God's Holy Spirit, will fill our hearts and minds, enabling us to know the truth and live it with courage.

However, in order to bring light and heat to our world, fire has to destroy whatever it burns. Wax, oil, wood are all converted into the energy that gives us light and warmth, and in the process they are destroyed. Fire, therefore, carries this double symbolism. If our hearts are to be filled with the light and love of God's Holy Spirit, something has to give: that is, our selfishness and sin. Jesus realises the struggle that this will cause us. He longs for unity and harmony among his disciples, but knows that this teaching will bring division. Because sin and selfishness are so deeply rooted in the human condition, even the closest relationships will be affected. When the fire of God's love is at work in us, we will feel the pain of letting go whatever is not compatible with a new relationship with God.

The Living Word.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church.

696 *Fire*. While water signifies birth and the fruitfulness of life given in the Holy Spirit, fire symbolizes the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit's actions. The prayer of the prophet Elijah, who "arose like fire" and whose "word burned like a torch," brought down fire from heaven on the sacrifice on Mount Carmel.³⁷ This event was a "figure" of the fire of the Holy Spirit, who transforms what he touches. John the Baptist, who goes "before [the Lord] in the spirit and power of Elijah," proclaims Christ as the one who "will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."³⁸ Jesus will say of the Spirit: "I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!"³⁹ In the form of tongues "as of fire," the Holy Spirit rests on the disciples on the morning of Pentecost and fills them with himself.⁴⁰ The spiritual tradition has retained this symbolism of fire as one of the most expressive images of the Holy Spirit's actions.⁴¹ "Do not quench the Spirit."⁴²

This week's Readings - Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Gospel - Luke 12:49-53

Mercy towards somebody who has hurt us

Whenever we say *Our Father*, we repeat the phrase "and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Jesus consciously asked us to repeat these words in the most basic Christian prayer. He wants to remind us every day that we need forgiveness. God is always generous with forgiveness and expects us to be equally merciful towards other people. Mercy manifests itself best in our ability to forgive. In doing so, we liberate ourselves from the burden of our pain, and we give a person who hurt us a chance to change since only the experience of mercy can thoroughly transform a person.

Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal Thank you

We wish to thank you for your generous support of the appeal last weekend. Your gifts will go towards helping the CWF continue its vital work in our communities through its benefiting agencies. We thank you on behalf of CatholicCare, Ephpheta Centre, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (catechists), the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, our Seminaries and Catholic Chaplaincies. Please ensure all donations are returned this week.



Natural Fertility Awareness Week 15th -21st August 2016
 For further information ring Billings LIFE on 1800 335 860 or
 visit www.billings.life



Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Wilma Davies; John Durbank; Rocco Musumeci;



Yvonne Gilliver.

Anniversary: Sipietro Ha Van Thien; Marcelino Nguyen Huu Phuoc; Pierre & Yolande Crouche; Norman & Cicie Adolphe; Cornelius Roy Afrian; Carmela Sergi; Norman Gilbert
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; Mylene

Roallos; Gloria Eisenhuth; Maria Nguyen Thi Su; Giuseppe (Pompeo) Sergi; Wilfrid & Eugenia Edwards.

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 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Readings: Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Gospel - Luke 13:22-30.

Feasts of the Week

15 August - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Solemnity.

This feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century as the "Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God." It was adopted in Rome in the mid-seventh century and was renamed the "Assumption" in the next century. It celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son.

20 August - St Bernard, abbot, doctor. Memorial

Born near Dijon (France) in 1090. Died at Clairvaux on this day in 1153. Joined the impoverished, reformed abbey of Citeaux at the age of 21. Soon became the founder and abbot of Clairvaux and pioneered the reform and expansion of the Cistercian Order. A prolific writer on theology and spirituality, an eloquent preacher, and an adviser of popes and kings. Remembered as the most influential churchman of his age, for his inspirational leadership, and for his devotion to the humanity of Christ and to the Blessed Virgin.

Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Maria Tang
Samuel Pham

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



Altar Society: 21/8/16 Group 3: Youth Group, Samoan Divine Mercy Group, Tram Vu (Florist)

St Vincent de Paul: 21/8/16 John Ashe 28/8/16 J Obeid

Church Cleaners: 19/8/16: Vinh Nguyen **Children's Liturgy:** 21st August-

Weekend Choir: Saturday 20/8 - 6pm - St Anne's Choir
 Sunday 21/8 - 8am - Singing Servants of God. 10am - St Felix Choir

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	14 AUGUST	8am	10am	6pm
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	
21 AUGUST					
C	Patrick Abourizk	Joseph Dang	Anthony Rowe	Kathleen Mezentsef	
R	Rushna Peter	Imelda Dela Cruz	Mary O'Hea	Lucia Mezentsef	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Maria Huong	Thong Tran	Amelia Mezentsef	
M	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Joe Luongo	Loreto Eduardo	