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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, Sept 19 & Tuesday Sept 20th

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*

Notre Dame Open Day

SATURDAY, 27 AUGUST. Experience why Notre Dame is one of Australia's highest ranking universities at its Open Day on Saturday, 27 August from 9am to 3pm at 140 Broadway Chippendale. Leading academics will help you find courses that match your interests and aspirations, and you will hear about the University's unique admissions process. Only a 10 minute walk from Central Station or take a free shuttle bus to our Broadway or Darlinghurst Campuses from Railway Square. Please visit notredame.edu.au/openday to design your unique Open Day program.

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

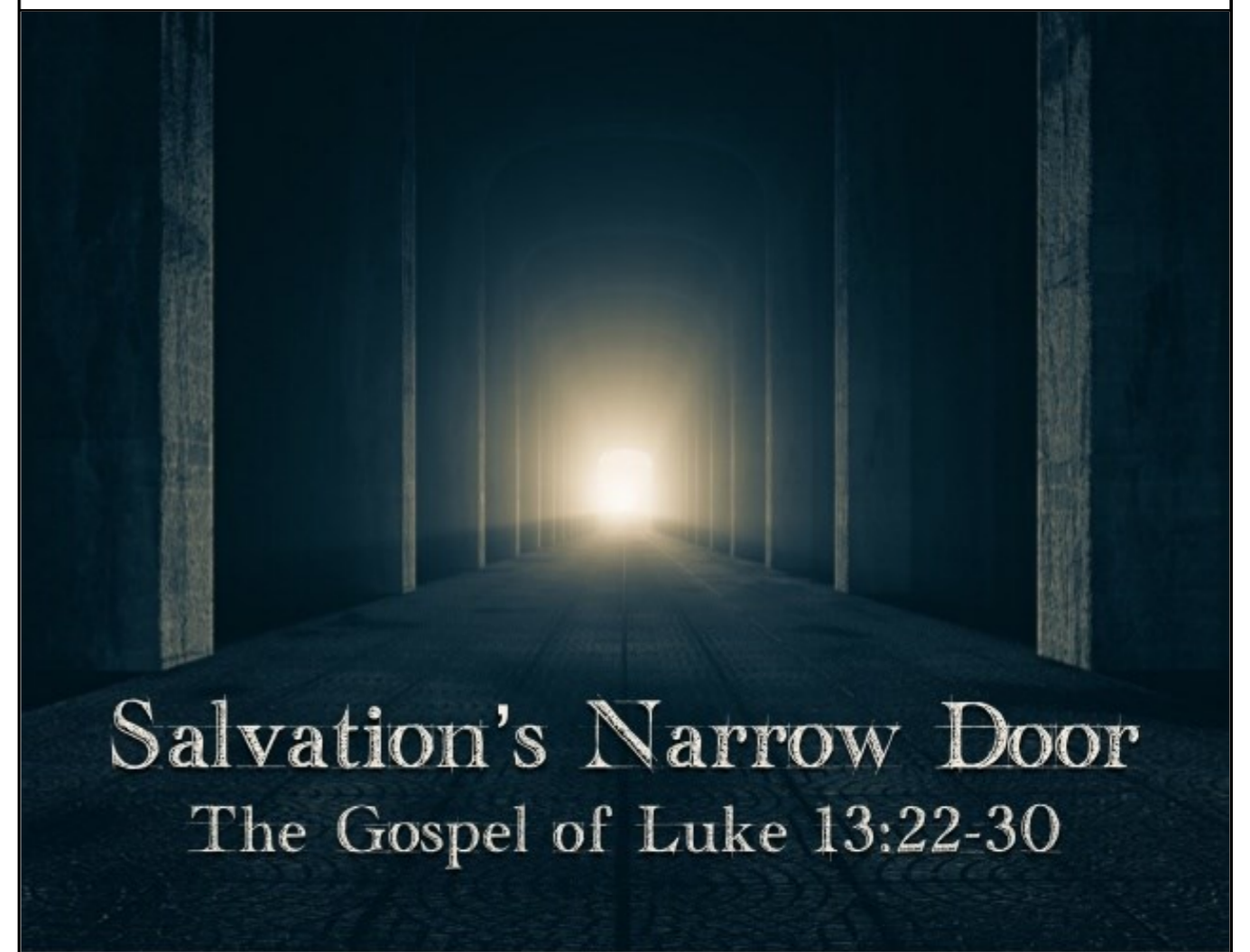
This week - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday - 8.00am.

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.



Salvation's Narrow Door
 The Gospel of Luke 13:22-30

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - C - 21st August 2016



The narrow door

Many Australians make a decision when voting for a political Party from which a Prime Minister will lead the nation for a term of three years. The result is unpredictable. Then the Prime Minister will give his speech addressing and promising the whole nation, at the same time he will receive many congratulations for his winning. We are living in a world where value and success is often based upon winning, possessions, prestige and power. Even religion sometimes tends to follow this worldly trend. It measures its success by its possessions, the size of its buildings or the number of its followers. The purpose of religion is often seen as getting God on our side so that we can have what we want. It is often concerned with what we can get from God with how we can get God to be on our side and do our wills.

Today in the Gospel, Jesus encouraged his followers "Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed." Jesus' spiritual wisdom is different to the world. "the seed must die, if it is to bear fruit." "Forgive your enemies and do good to those who hate you." Jesus' message is not popular but for those who have faith and have been enlightened, it is where the true joy exists. It is surely harder to enter the narrow door if we have so much baggage on our back. Spirituality is a letting go of all trappings, all that is unnecessary and to move closer to God's will. In order to grow in spirituality we must detach and we must let go from many barriers that stop us moving towards the one who IS.

In his book 'New seed on Contemplation' (p.31-32) Thomas Merton writes: "Trees and animals have no problem. God makes them what they are without consulting them and they are perfectly satisfied. With us it is different. God leaves us free to be whoever we like. we can be ourselves or not, as we please. We are at liberty to be real, or to be unreal. We may be true or false, the choice is ours. We may wear one mask now and then another, and never, if we so desire, appear with our own true face. But we cannot make these choices with impunity. Causes have effects, and if we lie to ourselves and to others, then we cannot expect to find truth and reality whenever we happen to want them. If we have chosen the way of falsity we must not be surprised that truth eludes us when we finally come to need it." Freedom and truth are the keys. The choices are ours.

Let us reflect on 'the narrow door' of our lives and enter it with joy, hope and love.

This week's Readings - Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Gospel - Luke 13:22-30

Welcome Youth

Next Sunday (28th) during the 10am Mass, we welcome the young people who have returned from World Youth Day and follow through with morning tea after Mass.

Looking for a Florist

We are looking for someone to join our Altar Society and can arrange flowers for the Church on the fourth week of every month. If anyone would like to be involved with this very important ministry please see Fr Dominic or contact the Parish Office.



Children's Choir

We are looking at commencing a Children's Choir to sing every fourth Sunday of the month during the 10am Mass. If any child would be interested to join this choir please come to the Church at 9.30am next Sunday (28th) to commence practice.

Are there people who do sin?

"I haven't killed anybody, I haven't stolen anything, I go to church on Sunday ..." It is common for people who are away from God and lead a bad life to claim that they do not have any sin. They are really unable to see them. And it would suffice to "switch on the light" ... Nobody is without sin. In fact, the closer we are to God, the better we can see the truth about ourselves. "Mercy is like light which, falling on our life, makes us see the darkness in it, too" (Bp. Grzegorz Rys).

Mass Intentions:



Recently Deceased: Minh Quyet Tran; Mario Tassini; France Esther
Anniversary: JB Quang Mac; Gabrielle McDonald; Joseph Hieu; Anna Can
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; Guise-Oanh Nguyen

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 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Readings: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24; Gospel - Luke 14:1, 7-14.

Feasts of the Week

22 August - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Memorial.

This feast was established by Pius XII in 1955 and was celebrated on 31 May. Since 1969 it has been observed on 22 August to stress its relationship to the Assumption (15 August): taken up into glory, Mary became queen of heaven and earth.

24 August - St Bartholomew, apostle. Feast.

Named in the list of apostles and generally identified with Nathaniel of Cana, the "Israelite without guile" (John 1:47) who was led to Jesus by the apostle Philip (3 May). Said to have preached the gospel in India and in Armenia, where tradition indicates he was martyred.

27 August - St Monica. Memorial.

Probably born at Tagaste (Algeria) about 331. Died at Ostia (Italy) in 387. Before her marriage her faith bore fruit in her recovery from a drinking problem and later helped bring her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Undertook many years of penance and prayer for her brilliant but wayward son Saint Augustine (28 August). Following his conversion and baptism in Milan, she died at the beginning of her journey home to Africa. Remembered for her parental devotion, her patience, and her persistence in prayer.

**"Bless us, Lord, and these dishes, as You blest the loaves and fishes.
As with sugar in the tea, stir us, Lord, to live in Thee - Amen"**

Altar Society: 28/8/16 Group 4: Maureen Vincent, Laura Malss, Phyllis Vujkovic, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Chris Kreltszheim.

St Vincent de Paul: 28/8/16 J Obeid 4/9/16 D Rodrigues

Church Cleaners: 26/8/16: Mai Hai **Children's Liturgy:** 28th August- Maree

**Weekend Choir: Saturday 27/8 - 6pm - Samoan Divine Mercy Group Choir
Sunday 28/8 - 8am - Singing Servants of God. 10am - Children's Choir**

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	21 AUGUST	8am	10am	6pm
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	
28 AUGUST					
C	Stephen Hoang	Mary Buckley	Jessica Vujevic	Charbel Eltarraf	
R	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Jennifer Nguyen	Elias Eltarraf	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Tuyen Tran	An Dang	Gordon West	Judy Jones	
M	Gloria Booby	Chris Kreltszheim	Helen Vujevic	Paul Ngoc	