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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 Thirmere. 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*

Were you married at St Mary's Cathedral?

An invitation is open to those married at St. Mary's Cathedral to return with their families for a special Mass of Thanksgiving, Blessing and Renewal of Vows on Sunday, 9 October 2016 at 10.30am, followed by morning tea & music in Chapter Hall. Certificates will also be presented for 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversaries. Those with ancestors married at St. Mary's Cathedral are also invited to join in this wonderful celebration. To register your interest, RSVP the Special Liturgies Officer on 9220 0453 or email jennifer.foo@stmaryscathedral.org.au.

Moving together towards a culture of non-violence:

The spirituality and practice of non-violence - Saturday 10th September, 10am -5pm. GRAIL CENTRE, 22 McHatton Street North Sydney. Ph: 02 9955 3053. grailsydney@ozemail.com.au
 RSVP 3rd September (limited numbers). Contribution: \$20 or what you can afford. Bring lunch. Tea/coffee provided.

Youth Bible Studies and Adoration

Join in for Bible Study in the presbytery every Wednesday evening at 7.00pm followed by Adoration at 8.00pm. All welcome. Keep in touch through facebook - [facebook.com/StFelix100](https://www.facebook.com/StFelix100)

Class of 1986 – 30 Year Reunion

It has been 30 years since the Class of 1986 graduated from MSJ! So a reunion has been organised to celebrate, reminisce and catch up! Details are as follows: Date: Saturday 17 September, 2016 at Revesby Workers Club from 6:30pm. Cost: \$50 per head (includes cocktail menu and dessert). Partners welcome! RSVP: 6 September, to: msjclassof86@gmail.com Hope you can join us! Nicole Roberts (nee Devereux) and Kathy Howard (nee Fulton)

Wedding Congratulations

Carl-Anthony Ortato & Jessica Mikhael

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



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 - 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.



Catholic Mission Weekend

In the poorest and most disadvantaged communities of Cambodia, children are always the most vulnerable. Many children cannot go to school because they need to contribute financially to the family, or to look after their younger siblings. However, by supporting the Catholic Mission Church Appeal today or by partnering with us through your monthly gift, you are helping missionaries, like Sister Eulie Desacula, provide education to these precious children so they can have the opportunity to break the cycle of poverty and have a future with hope.

Please use the envelopes provided to donate



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - C - 4th September 2016



Discipleship

St Francis of Assisi was born in Italy, around 1181. He was a son of a wealthy cloth merchant. He was popular and fun-loving, spending his time and money throwing parties for his friends. He joined the army to seek adventure and glory. He returned to Assisi after a year imprisoned. He began to pray more and decided to serve Jesus. Francis' father was angry when he found out his son was giving clothes to the poor. Francis returned to his father everything he had received from him and declared that he was no longer dependent on him. Later on many men came to join him. Francis insisted they should not own anything. He lived the Gospel as perfectly and as joyfully as he could. He tried to live his life as Jesus did. For Francis true joy comes from loving God and patterning our lives on Christ.

In today's Gospel we heard that there were large crowds following Jesus with excitement and enthusiasm, these were people who had heard of or witnessed Jesus' miracles and wished for more of the same. Here we find Jesus confronting his disciples with the cost of discipleship and it is not a walk in the park. He tells them that if they want to follow him then they have to leave all family attachments behind. "If anyone comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciples." (The word "hate" that Jesus uses is a Semitic way of saying "love less") He then added that those who follow him must take up their cross daily: "Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Cross means challenges, difficulties suffering which we have to face with daily; are we willing to face them? What is our attitude towards these? To be a disciple of Jesus requires commitment and clear understanding and a willingness to detach from possessions.

Let us pray that we can respond to Jesus' call with courage and wisdom and of course without counting the cost.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

2544: Jesus enjoins his disciples to prefer him to everything and everyone, and bids them 'renounce all that (they have)' for his sake and that of the gospel. Shortly before his Passion he gave them the example of the poor widow of Jerusalem who, out of her poverty, gave all she had to live on. The precept of detachment from the riches is obligatory for entrance into the kingdom of heaven.

This week's Readings - Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Gospel - Luke 14:25-33

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.

Daffodil Day

The Parish is hosting its annual Daffodil Day Appeal after all Masses this weekend. Various items from the Cancer Council will be available to purchase in order to raise much needed funds for Cancer Research. Please donate or purchase an item

Fete Meeting

The first Fete meeting will be on Tuesday 6th September at 7.00pm in the presbytery. Anyone interested in helping with the Fete are welcome to attend.

Confirmation

This Friday evening we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with Fr Kelvin Lovegrove. The candidates have been preparing over the last four weeks and will conclude their preparation with a **Spirituality day this Thursday in the Parish Centre**. We would like to thank all the group leaders and teachers who have been preparing the children and especially our Sacramental Co-ordinator Gloria Booby, for her tireless commitment and assistance behind the scenes. A huge thank you also to Fr Kelvin for coming to our Parish and supporting our candidates by celebrating this special occasion.



Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Angelo Famularo; Stanislaw Tomczyk; Fr Frank



Furfaro; Julian Zadro (brother of Fr Phil)

Anniversary: Eugenie Thien Tai Tran; Bernard Danh; Eleuterio Manriquez; Samson Martinez Sr.; Cliff Kreltszheim; Eddie Helmawan; Vincent Do; Joseph Babic; Giuse Nguyen Duc Trung; Bill Galvin .

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; Youssef Lahood; Georges Ghalebe; George Lahood; Fahme Abdul Ahad; Giovanni Frisina

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 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Readings: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Gospel - Luke 15:1:32.

Feasts of the Week

8 September - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Feast.

This feast originated in Jerusalem about the sixth century, a development of the feast of the dedication of the church of Saint Anne, built in Jerusalem "where Mary was born". Observed in Rome in the seventh century, it was later used to determine the date of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Because of her importance in salvation history, Mary's birthday is celebrated as well as those of her son Jesus the Lord, and of Saint John the Baptist (24 June).

Granting us life, nourishment and strength

The sacraments are divided into: (1) the sacraments of Christian initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist); (2) the sacraments of healing (Reconciliation and Anointing of the sick); and (3) the sacraments at the service of communion and mission (Holy Orders and Matrimony). In just a few days, some of our brothers and sisters shall receive the sacrament of Confirmation. It is called *Confirmation* because it confirms and strengthens baptismal grace. The rite of Confirmation entails the anointing with Sacred Chrism and the laying on of hands. The effect of Confirmation is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit like that of Pentecost – giving special strength to witness to the Christian faith.

Altar Society: 11/9/16 Group 2: Robyn Molloy, Enid Sneddon, Teresa Neang, Jeannette Chong, Nora Campbell, Anna & Willy Gabut, Maria Huong Nguyen (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul: 11/9/16 M T Tran 18/9/16 John Ashe

Church Cleaners: 9/9/16: Charbel Karam **Children's Liturgy:** 11th Sept- Belinda

Weekend Choir: Saturday 10/9 - 6pm - St Anne's Choir
Sunday 11/9 - 8am - Singing Servants of God. 10am - St Felix Choir

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	4 SEPTEMBER	8am	10am	6pm
C	Patrick Abourizk	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Emanuela Viner	Lucia Mezentsef	
R	Kalisiana Mar	Maureen Vincent	Mary O'Hea	Kathleen Mezentsef	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Gloria Booby	Maria Huong	Jeanette Chong	Loreto Eduardo	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Jessie Kovacevic	Phu Nguyen	

11 SEPTEMBER

C	Stephen Hoang	Philip Castillo	Jennifer Nguyen	Elias Eltarraf
R	Patrick Abourizk	Ligaya Castillo	Thu Ha Kim	Anthony Eltarraf
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Emmanuel Icard	Mesake Mar	Tu Nguyen	Amelia Mezentsef
M	Tuyen Tran	Madelyn Nicole	Bev Lamaro	Loreto Eduardo