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PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

St Felix Fete

Saturday 12th November



Plants
 We would like to start collecting plants that we can sell at our Fete. If you have any plants you would like to donate please bring them to the presbytery .



Couples Family Day
 BUILD YOUR HOME ON THE ROCK given by the Verbum Dei Missionaries: Saturday 8th October 9.30am to 4.30pm. Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Church, Varroville. 193 St Andrews Rd Varroville. Contact Ana on 0402 830 990 or verbumdeisydney@gmail.com

A Place at the table
 Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering. The Justice and Peace Office invites you to join us as we celebrate this year's Bishops' Social Justice Statement, 'A Place at the Table – Social Justice in an Ageing Society'. We will explore what it's like to grow old in Australia and in our Church and be challenged to recognise and act in ways that demonstrate the value, dignity and contribution older people make to ensure they do not become part of a throwaway culture. There will be guest speakers, workshops and time to connect with people from parishes across Sydney working for social justice. We will also offer a very special lunch prepared by our friends from Parliament on King – a social enterprise run with recently arrived refugees and asylum seekers. 15 October 2016 11:00am-3:30pm. St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North. Free event. RSVP: Essential by Oct 13. Register: Eventbrite.com or visit justiceandpeace.org.au; or ring 9307 8465.

Walk with Christ. Completing the Year of Mercy
 The annual CBD Walk With Christ Eucharistic procession will take place this year at 2.30pm on **Sunday, 20 November**; the Feast of Christ the King. As the procession coincides with the closing of the Jubilee doors at St Peter's Basilica, Rome, it will be the completing event for the Year of Mercy in Sydney. Participants will gather for the start in a closed section of Pitt St, between Hunter St and Martin Place. The Blessed Sacrament will be brought to meet us there from St Patrick's, Church Hill. For more details visit www.sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist.

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.

MONTH OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILIES:
The Australian Catholic Bishops have called for a month of prayer and fasting for marriage and families during October. All parishes in Australia will be praying for this intention during October. Each of the Sundays in October has a different theme and prayer and there is a prayer card for the whole month to use. Each parish and family can incorporate these themes into their schedule of Masses, adoration, rosaries and groups. Download the resource kit at www.acmfc.org.au.

Sunday 2nd October Prayer

Heavenly Father, grant that our families may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.
 Make us ever more mindful of the sacredness and beauty of the family in God's plan.



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C - 2nd October 2016



Have faith in God

I asked for strength and God gave me difficulties to make me strong.
 I asked for wisdom and God gave me problems to solve.
 I asked for courage and God gave me dangers to overcome.
 I asked for patience and God placed me where I had to wait.
 I asked for love and God gave me people to help.
 I asked for favours and God gave me opportunities.
 I received nothing I wanted. I received everything I needed.
 My prayers have all been answered.

This prayer is said only to illustrate a point about faith, the theme of today's Gospel reading. The disciples ask Jesus. "Lord, increase our faith." Faith is not so much to be given something new, it is rather to be able to see what already is and see everything in a new way. In 1948, Mother Theresa of Calcutta started her mission with 45 Rupees: to care for the poorest of the poor. Many people laughed at her naïve and simplistic ways, but her faith and love enabled her to achieve the seemingly impossible mission. With a strong faith Mother Theresa saw the beauty in serving the poor while many other people did not. Every day she was encountering Christ in thousands of ways. Mother Theresa knows from her own personal experience what Jesus means when he says, "Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea' and it will obey you." She has witnessed the power of faith through her daily prayer and work. The extraordinary thing about faith is its ordinariness. There are people who try to use their faith to make God into their servant by asking and demanding God to do what they want.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells about the servant who comes home from ploughing the fields. 'Which of you would say to him, "Come and have your meal immediately?" Would you not be more likely to say, "get my supper....you can eat and drink afterwards"? Must we be grateful for the servant for doing what he is told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "we are merely servants, we have done no more than our duty."

Let us pray that our faith will enable us to see God who accompanies, supports and challenges us in many simple ways.

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548 The signs worked by Jesus attest that the Father has sent him. They invite belief in him. To those who turn to him in faith, he grants what they ask. So miracles strengthen faith in the One who does his Father's works; they bear witness that he is the Son of God. But his miracles can also be occasions for 'offence'; they are not intended to satisfy people's curiosity or desire for magic.

This week's Readings - Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Gospel - Luke 17:5-10

1st Reconciliation Registrations

Registrations are now open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will be celebrated on Wednesday 23rd November. If you have a child in year 3 or above and you would like him/her to receive this Sacrament, please complete the registration form which is in the Church foyer and return it to the Parish Office by Friday 14th October. (Before the first meeting)

How well do we love God and others?

In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ gives us Two Commandments: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ... The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ..." (Mt 22:37-40). Do we love as Christ calls us to? Not sure what love is? St. Paul describes it for us in his Letter to the Corinthians. Is this how you love God and others? "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails" (1 Cor 13:4-8). By loving, we put our faith into action.

Wedding Congratulations

Nathan Ralevski & Brianna Thi Thao Nguyen Vu

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



Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Margaret Bacon; Giuse.

Anniversary: Anne Marie Juste; Yvan & Renee Verrier; Serge & Lise Thomas; Ishak Tanujaya; John Baptist Tuong; 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; Joseph Hieu; Anna Can; Fran Galvin

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

Next Weekend - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Readings: 2Kings 5:14-17; 2Timothy 2:8-13; Gospel - Luke 17:11:19.

Feasts of the Week

4 October - St Francis of Assisi. Memorial.

Born in Assisi (Italy) in 1181 or 1182. Died nearby on 3 October 1226. The carefree son of a wealthy merchant who gave up his inheritance to embrace utter poverty. Under a simple gospel rule, he and his Friars Minor were authorised to be mendicant preachers. His "Canticle of the Sun" captures his lyrical spirit and sense of oneness with all creatures. An outstanding example of the beatitude "Blessed are the poor in spirit". At the end of his life he bore in his flesh the marks of Christ's suffering. Remembered for preaching the poor and crucified Christ in both word and humble action.

7 October - Our Lady of the Rosary. Memorial.

This commemoration was established in 1573 in thanksgiving for a Christian victory over the Ottoman forces at Lepanto. It entered the general calendar in the eighteenth century. It is a memorial of the Virgin Mary as honoured in the rosary, a form of prayer combining the salutation of the angel (Luke 1:28) with meditation on the saving mysteries of Christ. Originally the rosary was the laity's "psalter," the Hail Marys replacing the 150 psalms.

Christian Meditation Groups

We will be holding Christian Meditation Groups, method of Fr John Main, OSB in Vietnamese commencing on Thursday 13th October at 7.30pm and every Thursday during school term at LaSalle College, 530 Chapel Rd Bankstown. For more information e-mail Ms Huong on huongvanasa@yahoo.com.au or Br Ly melfsc@yahoo.fr

Altar Society: 9/10/16 Group 2: Robyn Molloy, Enid Sneddon, Teresa Neang, Jeannette Chong, Nora Campbell, Anna & Willy Gabut, Maria Huong Nguyen (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul: 9/10/16 John Ashe **16/10/16** A Nguyen

Church Cleaners: 7/10/16: Polish group

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

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	2 OCTOBER	8am	10am	6pm
C	Emmanuel Icard	Mary Buckley	Emanuela Viner	Lucia Mezentsef	
R	Patrick Abourizk	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Rita Dang	Kathleen Mezentsef	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Maria Huong	Jeanette Chong	Amelia Mezentsef	
M	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Joe Luongo	Judy Jones	
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C	Stephen Hoang	Philip Castillo	Jennifer Nguyen	Elias Eltarraf	
R	Gloria Booby	Ligaya Castillo	Anthony Rowe	Anthony Eltarraf	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Mesake Mar	Jessie Kovacevic	Paul Ngoc	
M	Tuyen Tran	Madelyn Nicole	Tu Nguyen	Loreto Eduardo	