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'PARISH 2020' Launch next weekend.

Next weekend Parishes, Chaplaincies and communities across the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will be presented with a Pastoral Letter and DVD from Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, announcing the launch of a new pastoral project for the Archdiocese called 'Parish 2020'. The launch of this project marks the commencement of an exciting new chapter as we plan for the future of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Restoration of St Ben's.

The restoration of the historic St Benedict's Church, Broadway, is complete, and will be celebrated with a Mass and Blessing at 10.30am on Sunday, 4 December 2016, led by the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers. St Benedict's, the country's oldest consecrated Catholic church, is located on The University of Notre Dame Australia's Sydney Campus at 104 Broadway. Parishioners and those who have had a connection with St Benedict's Parish and the schools that were once on its grounds are particularly welcome, as well as current and past staff and students from Notre Dame.

For Love Alone

A NIGHT FOR SINGLE YOUNG WOMEN (18-35) to discover more about Consecrated Life. Tuesday, 6 December at 5pm. Come to meet and chat with consecrated women from various communities, time for prayer and dinner. Run by the University Catholic Chaplaincies and the Vocation Centre. For details and registration (essential) visit www.vocationcentre.org.au.

St Mark's Parish Drummoyne - Position Vacant.

The parish is looking to fill the position of Parish Secretary. This part time position (Tues, Wed, Thurs and Fri from 9am to 3pm – with a view to possibly extending hours), requires sound skills with the use of Microsoft software, with a knowledge of PACS desirable. Able to cover holiday periods. For further information please visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au or Fr Michael McLean on pp@stmarksdrummoyne.org.au. Applications close at 5pm on 9 December 2016.

Bereavement Support Reflection Mornings

Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please refer to the flyer attached or contact Bereavement Support Ph 9646 6908 / bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

The Order of Malta Lourdes Day Mass

The Order of Malta invites all parishioners to Lourdes Day Mass 2016 to be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, 3 December at 10.00am. A Blessing of the sick will take place during the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. Those receiving the Blessing will, also be provided with a bottle of Lourdes Water for their personal use.

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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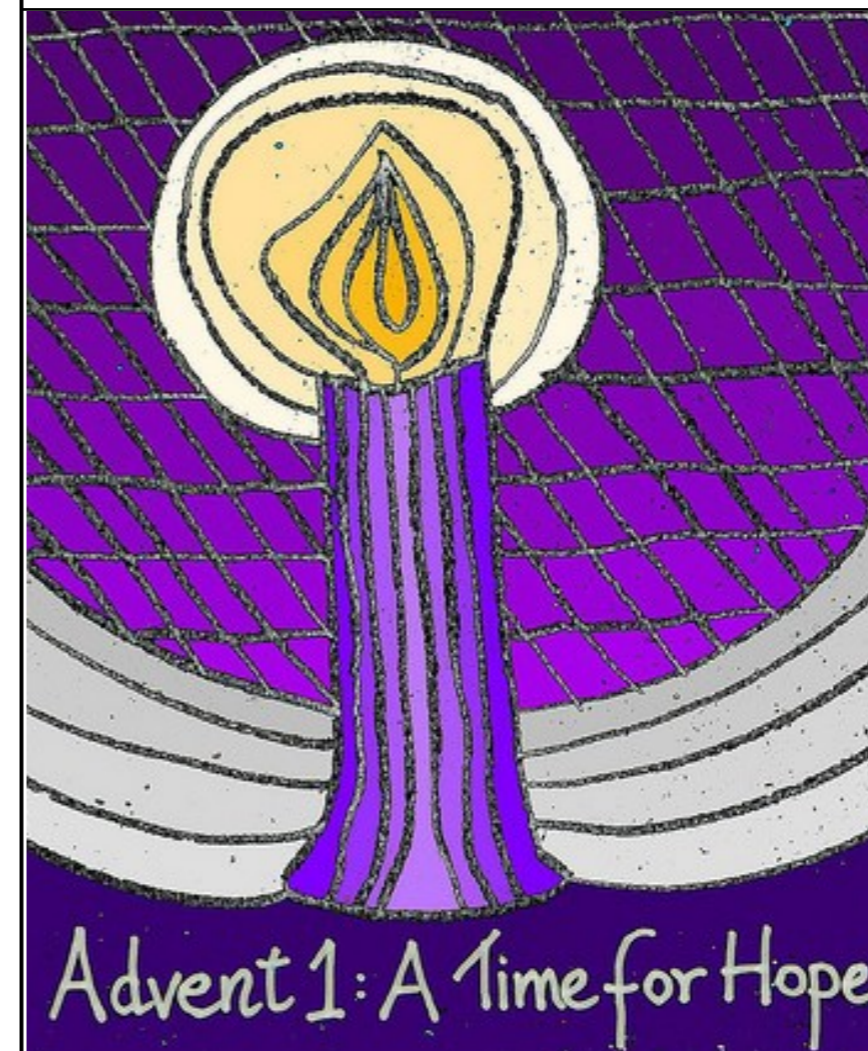
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Mass times: Saturday 6pm (Vigil), Sunday 8am, 10am (Children's Liturgy), 6pm, 12noon (Polish).
 Vietnamese Mass: 7 pm 1st Thurs of each month. **Saturday Morning Benediction - 7.00am.**
 Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm. Or by appointment Rosary: 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.



Advent Preparation with Fr Joseph Lam - second talk on Saturday 3rd December 9am-10.30am.

"Son of A Human Mother and A Divine Father"

A Virgin Birth? Many scientists would disagree with the New Testament. For them, it is a fairy tale. Yet, their criticism against the Virgin Birth just misses the point. If God is almighty, then He can make things happen that appear to be impossible for humans.

The second talk will focus on the biblical-spiritual background of the Virgin Birth.

You will be surprised to discover that this sort of birth is very logical - from the perspective of faith.

First Sunday of Advent - A - 27th November 2016



Waiting

Advent is a season of patient waiting, of quiet and joyful expectancy. The word Advent derives from a Latin root, meaning 'coming' or 'arrival'. Advent has a two-fold character: recalling the first coming of God's Son to the world and a period of reflection pointing us to Christ's second coming at the end of time. This is a season for prophecy, calling us to conversion, preparation and a constant sense of watchfulness. "So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming."

For many people waiting is hard, and they easily become restless and agitated. They want to get out of it by doing something (even silly things). Drivers get upset when waiting in their car during a traffic jam; customers become rude when they have to wait in a long queue at the cashier, many people grumble when they are waiting for transportations. We see this happen everyday! So a contented waiting person is a patient person. The word 'patience' means the willingness to stay where we are and live the situation out to the full in belief that if there is something hidden then it will manifest itself to us. Impatient people are always expecting something to happen the way they want so for them the waiting moment is simply empty. For patient people, waiting means to live actively in the present. It requires an understanding of, what is happening in me in relation to people and what is happening around me.

Today, the First Sunday of Advent, we prepare to celebrate Christmas-the coming of Christ. But beyond that we look forward to the Second Coming which Christ speaks about in the gospel. "Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Let us pray that the Advent season will offer us the opportunity to deepen our understanding of God's love "Emmanuel" (God is with us) and look to the future with joy while we wait for the fulfilment of time to come.

This week's Readings - Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Gospel - Matthew 24:37-44

Parish Pastoral Council

The Next PPC meeting is next Tuesday 6th December commencing at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

RCIA

If you know someone who wants to become Catholic or if you would like to learn more about Catholicism please see Fr Dominic as new RCIA classes will be commencing Friday 2nd December at 7.00pm.

Home Mass

Fr Dominic will say Mass at the home of Robyn Molloy at 7.00 PM on Wednesday 7th December. Everybody Welcome. Light refreshments afterwards. If you would like to attend, please call Robyn on 9707 1292 so that I know to expect you.

SVDP Piety Stall

Now selling - 2017 Columban Calendars at \$9 each and Christmas Cards, packet of 10 for \$7.

Trip to Orange for Cherry Picking

Cost \$55 - Sunday, 11 Dec. 2016. The bus will depart from St Brendan's at 6.30am and includes Morning Tea and a Picnic Lunch. For full details, bookings or enquiries please telephone Venero or Catina from St Brendan's on 9707 1403.

Baptism: This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Everly Rose Go

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.



Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Steven Alt

Anniversary: Dusan John Vujkovic; Francesco Folinazzo; Samir Sarkis; Nguyen Huu Tu Maria Do Thi Tuan; Maria Chu Quynh Vi; Eugenia Edwards; Maria Bui Thi Thuet Nga; Anderjana Sultana

Deceased: ALL NAMES OF DECEASED FOR THIS MONTH ARE IN THE BOOK INFRONT OF THE ALTAR.

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; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; Tim Logue; Jeanette Chong; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas

Next Weekend - Second Sunday of Advent - Year A

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Gospel - Matthew 3:1-12.

Feasts of the Week

30 November - St Andrew, apostle. Feast.

Born at Bethsaida (Galilee). A fisherman and perhaps a disciple of John the Baptist (24 June). Introduced his brother, Simon Peter (29 June), to Jesus and became one of the first to follow Christ. Mentioned a number of times in the gospels, for example, in introducing some Gentiles to Jesus (John 12:20ff.). Widely venerated since ancient times and remembered as one of the twelve who bore witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

3 December - St Francis Xavier, priest. Memorial.

Died on this day in 1552 off the coast of China. Met Saint Ignatius of Loyola (31 July) while studying in Paris, became one of the first Jesuits, and went to Goa (India) as a missionary. Travelled extensively through southeast Asia to Japan, winning many converts and leaving behind organised Christian communities. Remembered for the witness of his poverty and for his tireless efforts as a missionary.

Longing for Christ's coming

The Church waits for the coming of Jesus at the end of the world. And it waits for his coming at Christmas. This time of waiting is called Advent. On the four Sundays before Christmas the Church prepares us for the coming of Jesus. The first two Sundays concentrate on his coming in glory. The last two focus on his birth. The Advent Wreath has four candles. On each Sunday a different candle is lit. On the first, second, and fourth Sundays the candles are coloured purple, a colour of anticipation. On the third Sunday, the candle is rose-coloured, a colour half way between the purple of Advent (the colour of waiting) and the white of Christmas (the colour of joy). The readings, the songs, and the colour of Advent focus our attention on Jesus' arrival. Like Lent, the season of Advent reminds us of our need to turn to God.

Altar Society: 4/12/16 Group 1: Gloria Walker, Margaret Chan, Nice Collins, Lydia Leslie, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Hien & Vu Bui (Florist)

St Vincent de Paul: 4/12/16 M T Tran 11/12/16 A Nguyen

Church Cleaners: 2/12/16: Polish Group **Children's Liturgy:** 4th Dec- Ligaya

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

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	27 NOVEMBER	8am	10am	6pm
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	

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C	Patrick Abourizk	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Emanuela Viner	Lucia Mezentsef
R	Kalisiana Mar	Imelda Dela Cruz	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