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**'PARISH 2020' Launch Weekend.**

This weekend marks the launch of 'Parish 2020', the new pastoral project, commissioned by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, which aims to renew and strengthen parishes and communities of the Archdiocese. To launch the project, the Archbishop has written a Pastoral Message, and in place of today's homily, a DVD containing the Archbishop's Pastoral Message will be screened for you, with printed resources available at the back of the church for you to take home. The Archbishop wishes to receive reflections and comments from everyone across the Archdiocese regarding mission priorities and ways of renewing and strengthening Parishes for our future. The first phase of this consultation will take place for three months between January – March 2017, and you will hear more about this shortly.  
**Information Contact: Parish 2020 Working Group – [parish2020@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:parish2020@sydneycatholic.org) or 9390 5233.**

**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](http://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](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au) or Fr Michael McLean on [pp@stmarksdrummoyne.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au).

**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.  
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**Surfers Paradise - 13 to 22 Feb. 2017**

**10 days - Cost is \$1400.00** and includes cost of bus, accommodation and 11 meals, plus entry fees to: Tropical Fruit World, Tambourine Rainforest Skywalk, Bluewater River Cruise, Sea World, Australian Outback Spectacular and Wildlife Currumbin Sanctuary. For full details, bookings or enquiries please telephone Venero or Catina from St Brendan's on 9707 1403

**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](mailto: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.



**Advent Preparation with Fr Joseph Lam - third talk on Saturday 10th December 9am-10.30am.**

**Rome or Bethlehem?**

Augustus Caesar or Jesus of Nazareth? Who is the Saviour? With his birth, Jesus entered solemnly the world stage - at the time when Augustus Caesar was remembered as the Pacifier of the world. Although Jesus' throne and palace were not made of gold, but rather the manger and stall, he claimed the world as his footstool. So, was Jesus of Nazareth not only the Saviour of the world, and of Caesar Augustus as well? How can it be that Jesus' birth was nobler than that one of Caesar?

**Second Sunday of Advent - A - 4th December 2016**



# Repent

A husband was coming out of an anaesthesia after a series of tests in hospital. His wife was sitting at his bedside, when his eyes fluttered opened and he murmured, "you're so beautiful" Flattered, the wife continued her vigil. Later her husband woke up again and said, "you're cute!" "What happened to so beautiful?" asked his wife. "The drugs are wearing off." The husband replied.

We often find it difficult to accept who we are. We seem to be always wearing masks trying to cover up who we are and do not want to be. We pretend that we are someone other than who we are, but whom we would like to be.

In the Gospel today John the Baptist knows exactly who he is, "I have come to prepare the way for the Christ... I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Furthermore, "Behold the Lamb of God." These were the words the Baptist first pronounced when he spotted the unknown Jesus standing at the fringe of a crowd who had come to hear John preach. His job was to prepare the way for Christ and then make way for him. John's clear self identity leads to a simplicity of lifestyle and a role which he contentedly fulfilled. John called for repentance, for a change of life and this is also what we should reflect upon during the Advent season.

Let us pray that we will prepare well for this coming Christmas season by repenting and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## Catechism of the Catholic Church

523 St John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. 'Prophet of the Most High'. John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being 'the friend of the bridegroom', whom he points out as 'the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world'. Going before Jesus 'in the spirit and power of Elijah', John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.

## Parish Pastoral Council

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

## 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.

## Choir Practice

A Choir Rehearsal will be held on **Tuesday 6th December** from **6:30-7:30pm** in the **Parish Centre** for all Choirs wanting to join in at the Christmas Carols on the 14th December. All singers and musicians are welcome to attend. Please contact Alison on 0421 660 187 or [alisonmarie.desousa@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmarie.desousa@gmail.com) for more information.

## Special Sunday Mass

At 10am next Sunday 11th December we welcome the children and families from our local public schools.

## Lights of Christmas 8 Dec-25 Dec.

Once again, St Mary's Cathedral will light up this Christmas with inspiring and reflective projections of the Christmas season. FREE EVENT! St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt 8-25 Dec each night from 7.30pm-12.00am [www.lightsofchristmas.com.au](http://www.lightsofchristmas.com.au).

## Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased:



**Anniversary:** Eugenie Thien Tai Tran; Bernard Danh

**Deceased:** Mario Tassini; Ma Luisa de Guzman Ayala; Phanxico Truong Buu Diep; deceased members of the Antoun & Mansour families; Yves Grenade; Jilliane Questel; Noellie & Hayley Deojee; Marie Louise & Paul Jean Baptiste; Josiane Allphon; Edwige Delia.

**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 - Third Sunday of Advent - Year A

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Gospel - Matthew 11:2-11.

## Feasts of the Week

### 7 December - St Ambrose, bishop, doctor. Memorial.

Born in Trier (Germany) about 340. Ordained bishop on this day in 374 and died at Milan (Italy) on Holy Saturday 397. A lawyer who became governor in Milan and who was still a catechumen when elected bishop by popular acclaim. Upheld orthodoxy against the Arians and won many Christian converts. Encouraged monasticism and defended the independence of the Church against secular authority. Remembered as an outstanding pastor through his writings on the sacraments and Christian ethics and through his homilies, instructions, and hymns.

### 8 December - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Solemnity.

This feast had its origin in the East as the "Conception of Mary by Saint Anne". It spread through the West during the Middle Ages as the "Immaculate Conception" and was extended to the entire Western Church in the eighteenth century. The feast celebrates Mary, preserved from sin from the moment of conception; she is the first fruits of her Son's redemption and a prophetic model of what the Church is called to be.

## John the Baptist

John came onto the scene during an unsettled time in Judea's history. Following the independent rule of non-Davidic kings, Judea came under the rule of Rome. The populace was influenced by new and divisive voices. Should the people cooperate or oppose the Romans? How can a faithful Jew maintain purity in the midst of Gentiles? How could the faithful truly follow God's Law? John's voice cut through these issues with clarity. Repent, for no one is good enough for the Kingdom. Only a repentant heart can be received into the Kingdom.

**Altar Society: 11/12/16 Group 2:** Robyn Molloy, Enid Sneddon, Teresa Neang, Jeannette Chong, Nora Campbell, Anna & Willy Gabut, Maria Huong Nguyen (*Florist*)

**St Vincent de Paul:** 11/12/16 Andrew Nguyen 18/12/16 John Ashe

**Church Cleaners:** 9/12/16: Charbel Karam **Children's Liturgy:** 11th Dec- Belinda

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

## Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	4 DECEMBER 8am	10am	6pm
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

## 11 DECEMBER

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