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 Pastoral Council: John Sarkis 0400 606 297; St Vincent de Paul: John Ashe 9796 1055;  
 Childrens Liturgy: Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; Cemetery Committee: Maureen Vincent 9790 4217;  
 Sacramental co-ordinator: Gloria Booby 9708 2871; Polish Priests: 8783 0533;  
 De La Salle Brothers: 9708 2692; St. Felix Primary School: 9796 7875 Lisa Wahab- Principal;  
 LaSalle Catholic College: 9793 5600 Mr Michael Egan - Principal;  
 Archdiocesan Website: www.sydney.catholic.org.au

### Youth Summer Schools of Evangelisation 2017

A Great Summer Retreat! What are you doing this summer? Come on a week-long retreat for young people wanting to encounter Jesus in a new way and share the Christian challenge with others. Theme: "River of Grace" *Ezekiel 47:9*. Includes lectures and seminars, prayer, music, loads of fun and new friends. Held at Bathurst NSW (8-15 January 2017). Run by the Disciples of Jesus Community for over 25 years. For ages 16-35. For more information see [www.summerschool.org.au](http://www.summerschool.org.au).

### Catholic Healthcare Tours

Catholic Healthcare's Holy Spirit Aged Care, 13 Neptune St Revesby, is running private tours in the coming weeks. Holy Spirit offers private rooms with ensuites, short term respite care, permanent care, ageing-in-place, dementia care, 24 hours nursing care, in a thoughtful, compassionate and home-like environment. Call 1800 551 834 to arrange your private tour.

### Parish 2020

'Parish 2020' is a response to the call for a New Evangelisation; a call to mission. 'Parish 2020' aims to renew and strengthen parishes for our future, and provide the best possible support to clergy and parish communities in living out our missionary call in ever more vibrant and creative ways. Refer to the Parish 2020 Q&A document (**at the back of the Church**) to view more information and a timeline for taking Parish 2020 forward in the Archdiocese of Sydney. Please ensure that you take a copy home and have a good read of it. There is also a Parish 2020 prayer card for you.

### St Brendan's Friendship Club trip to trainworks, Thirlmere

#### - Sunday, 15 January

- Morning Tea at Picton Botanic Gardens
- 11am - 30-40min. Heritage Train Ride to Buxton & back
- Picnic Lunch
- After lunch, time to explore Trainworks (hopefully with a tour guide)
- In the Exhibition Building there is a 15min. Multi-media presentation, using 3D visual effects, in the Theatre.
- Plenty of play area for young children with a miniature steam train & a towering climbing frame.

COST: \$60 PP (\$30 for children 5yrs & under)

Bus departs St Brendan's Church at 9.00am

For more details or to book please telephone Venero or Catina: 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.: .....

Address:.....

Email : .....



# St Felix deValois Parish

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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

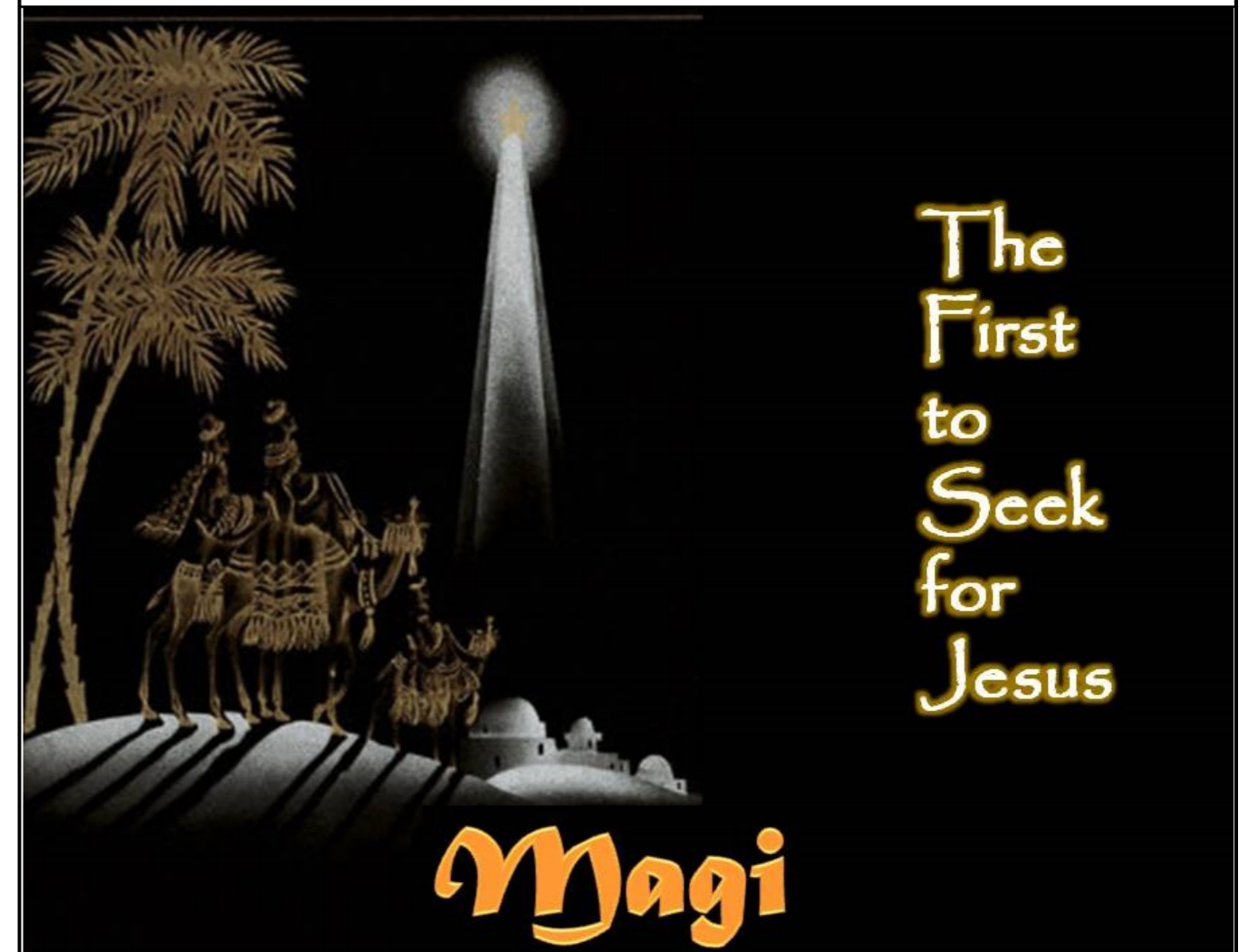
**This week - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday - 8.00am.**

**Tuesday - 10.00am Bupa Yagoona.**

**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.



**The Epiphany of the Lord - A - 8th January 2017**



# Search for truth

John, an avid golfer, came in from the course one Saturday. His wife, Mary asked him with whom he had played that day. He said, "Oh, no one in particular." She asked, "Why don't you play with Bill anymore?" John replied, "Would you like to play golf with someone who throws his clubs, swears all the time, lies about his scores and won't stop talking while your trying to play a shot?" "Of course not!" Mary protested. "Neither does Bill." John replied.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word Epiphany comes from the Greek 'Epiphancia', meaning 'Manifestation'. After Christmas, we continue to ponder at the revelation of God to the world in Jesus Christ. The Feast of the Epiphany symbolises 'the baby born to be King' will rule not by force but by love, reigning not from a throne but from a cross.

The Gospel gives us a wonderful picture of the wise men who were searchers for the truth. They left their homeland and their families to follow the star to pay homage to the baby Jesus with special gifts. The significance of this from the scriptural point of view is that Christ came for all people including non Jews. From our point of view the story shows the wise men as people who could let go. They were free and flexible. How different they were to Herod who resorted to lies and murder when his plan failed. Like the wise men we are called to search for the truth which sets us free, i.e. constantly seeking for God in prayers, in the way we live our life.

Let us pray that like the wise men who were able to see and recognise that infant as the Christ, the promised Messiah and brought him gifts, we will be able to recognise Jesus in others and share our gifts with them.

### Catechism of the Catholic Church

525 Jesus was born in a humble stable, into a poor family. Simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event. In this poverty heaven's glory was made manifest. The Church never tires of singing the glory of this night:

528 The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world ...In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the incarnation. The Magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations...

This week's Readings - Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6; Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12

### Important Notice regarding Planned Giving

Due to recent NSW State Government legislative changes that take effect from 1 January 2017 it will not be possible to provide tax deductibility on planned giving donations made after 31 December 2016. However, in the case of our parish we have documented loans made from parish funds to the parish School Building Fund (SBF) and therefore will still be able to maintain our SBF to repay those loans. Therefore, we are able to continue to offer a **tax deductible receipt only until the end of January.**

Fr Dominic will be writing to each parishioner who is currently contributing to the Parish Planned Giving (with tax deductions) to provide them with further information.

### Would you like to join the Bankstown Josephite Associates group?

As Josephite Associates, we aim to live the charism of St Mary MacKillop in our daily lives. We try to support one another by friendship, prayer and service.

We meet each month for prayer, reflection and discussion.

Anyone interested, please contact Robyn Molloy on 9707 1292.

*From the pen of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop:*



"We must often feel weary and tired yet God brings us through all these things" 5.6.1874

### Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Phero Cao Anh Tuan



**Anniversary:** Phero Ha Van Thien; Maurice Asuzu; Florence Asuzu; Anna Nguyen Thi Tac

**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; Mary Chadrawy; Marina Tonel; Ramon Tonel; Benjamin Tonel; Gil Tonel; Mary Ann Catanghal; Francesco Daniele; Maria Antonia Pelli; Domenico Ferraro; Antonietta Martino; Rosa Riu; Phero Dac; Maria Gai; Teresa Duc

**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 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Readings: Isaiah 49:3; 5-6; 1Corinthians 1:1-3; Gospel - John 1:29-34.

### Feasts of the Week

#### 9 January - Baptism of the Lord. Feast.

Drawing from the Eastern tradition of Epiphany, the West has remembered the baptism of the Lord on the octave of the Epiphany since the eighth century. Formally introduced into the Roman calendar in 1960 on the Sunday after the Epiphany, it now concludes the Christmas season. Commemorates the revelation of Jesus as God's beloved Son, the Christ, anointed by the Spirit.

### Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

*Martin Nhan  
Anthony Valente  
Liam John Chantery*

May they always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout their life.



**Altar Society: 15/1/17 Group 3:** Youth Group, Samoan Divine Mercy Group, Tram Vu (*Florist*)

**St Vincent de Paul:** 15/1/17 John Ashe 22/1/17 Andrew Nguyen

**Church Cleaners: 13/1/17:** Charbel Karam **No Children's Liturgy:** Holidays

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

### Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	8 JANUARY 8am	10am	6pm
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

### 15 JANUARY

C	Kalisiana Mar	Janice Rodrigues	Helen Vujevic	Kathleen Mezentsef
R	Patrick Abourizk	Jeanette Rodrigues	Jessica Vujevic	Lucia Mezentsef
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Emmanuel Icard	Maria Huong	Gordon West	Phu Nguyen
M	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Thong Tran	Judy Jones