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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.

2017 Parish Calendar

Buy your 2017 calendar of the Parish for \$5.00 with all the Feasts and Saint days. Available from the Piety Stall or in the Sacristy.



Australia Day Celebrations at St Mary's Cathedral

St Mary's Cathedral will open its doors to celebrate Australia Day 2017 with: A special Mass to pray for God's blessings on all Australian people at 9.00am; Organ Recitals and Bell Ringing in the ambient surrounds of the Cathedral. Organ Recitals at 11.30am, 1.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm. Bell Ringing at 9.50am and 12.00pm; Guided History Tours of the Cathedral or Cathedral Crypt: Tour conducted at 10.00am, 10.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm and 2.30pm. Everyone Welcome. All Tours and Recitals Free.

Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Martin Nhan
Orlando James Fing
Connor Le Nguyen



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

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

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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.

Friday - 11.00am Bupa Greenacre.

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.



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - A - 15th January 2017



Be a witness for Jesus

Upon waking up, a woman told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's day. What do you think it means?" (she smiles with hope that he husband got the message) "You'll know tonight" he said. That evening, the man came home with a package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it up to find a book titled, 'The Meaning of Dreams'.

In today's Gospel we find John in touch with the Israelites' dream. He introduced Jesus openly to the people that "Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of world." Jesus is the expected Messiah, the one to be followed. "Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God." There is a great hope and joy in finding a saviour and a way to the saviour. Even though John had recognised Jesus as a Messiah but it did not mean that he was exempted from doubt and persecution. While in prison he had doubts as to whether Jesus was really the Messiah, "Or are we to look for another who is to come?" Still he lived to fulfil his role as one who was trying to find and point out the Messiah to others.

The story today reminds us of our vocation which is not a privilege of only priests, brothers and sisters but for everyone who has been baptised. Through baptism we are called by Jesus in a unique way. "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit... I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God."

Let us pray that we'll be witnesses for Jesus in our daily lives through the way we live out our faith which will lead others to Him.

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 bride-groom', whom he points out as 'the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world'. Going before Jesus 'in spirit and power of Elijah', John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.

This week's Readings - Isaiah 49:3. 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3; Gospel - John 1:29-34

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; Tom Abdallah; Rique Abdallah; Alexander Page; Phaolo Tran; Bill Sultana; Francis Field; Joseph Duc Van Tran

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; Irene Page; Robert Page; Benito Perantuono; Pamela Denangle; Mary Saunders; Daniel Perantuono; Mario Tucci; Assunta Perantuono; Joseph Perantuono; Madalena; Giuse & Maria

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 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Readings: Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3; 1Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Gospel - Matthew 4:12-23.

Feasts of the Week

17 January - St Anthony, abbot. Memorial.

Born in 251 in upper Egypt. Died in 356. At an early age he gave away his possessions and sought the austere life and solitude in the desert. Yet he remained involved in the theological controversies of his day, defending the divinity of Christ. He attracted disciples who formed communities of hermits. The account of his life by Saint Athanasius (2 May) was extremely influential in the development and spread of monasticism. Remembered as the father of monasticism.

21 January - St Agnes, virgin, martyr. Memorial.

Died at Rome, perhaps in the early fourth century. One of the most widely venerated of the Roman martyrs. According to early accounts, she gave her life to preserve her virginity consecrated to Christ. Remembered in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon).

Altar Society: 22/1/17 Group 4: Maureen Vincent, Laura Malss, Phyllis Vujkovic, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Chris Kreltszheim, Hien & Vu Bui (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul: 22/1/17 Andrew Nguyen **29/1/17** D Rodrigues

Church Cleaners: 20/1/17: Vinh Nguyen **No Children's Liturgy:** Holidays

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

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	15 JANUARY 8am	10am	6pm
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
22 JANUARY				
C	Stephen Hoang	Joseph Dang	Anthony Rowe	Charbel Eltarraf
R	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Emanuela Viner	Elias Eltarraf
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Gloria Booby	Mesake Mar	Bev Lamaro	Amelia Mezentsef
M	Tuyen Tran	Madelyn Nicole	Jeanette Chong	Loreto Eduardo