

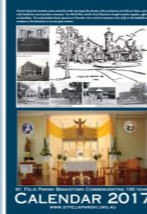
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Light to the Nations (LTTN)

An Easter Youth Pilgrimage event held biannually for Catholics ages 16+. Camp under the open skies with a thousand other young people and celebrate the Easter Triduum with us over 13-16 April 2017! Visit www.lttn.org.au for more information and register today. Contact: info@ltn.org.au.

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.

Tools for the year ahead.

Saturday 4 February 2017 at Benedictine Abbey 695 Jamberoo Mountain Rd., Jamberoo. Commencing 9.00am with Mass, and concluding with Vespers at 5.00 pm. Presenter: Sr.Hilda Scott OSB COST: \$30.00. Morning and Afternoon Tea provided. Please bring your own lunch – tea and coffee are available. BOOKINGS: Petrina 0242360533 cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au

Catechist Sunday

We will be celebrating our Catechists on Sunday 5th February during the 10am Mass where they will be commissioned and ready to start the new school year. **We would like some new people to join this very important ministry** in spreading the 'Good News' to the children in our State schools. No qualifications are needed just a love of God and children. Manuals are provided as a guide. Please contact Bev Lamaro on 0409 710 703 for more information.

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

Anna Ruby Huynh

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

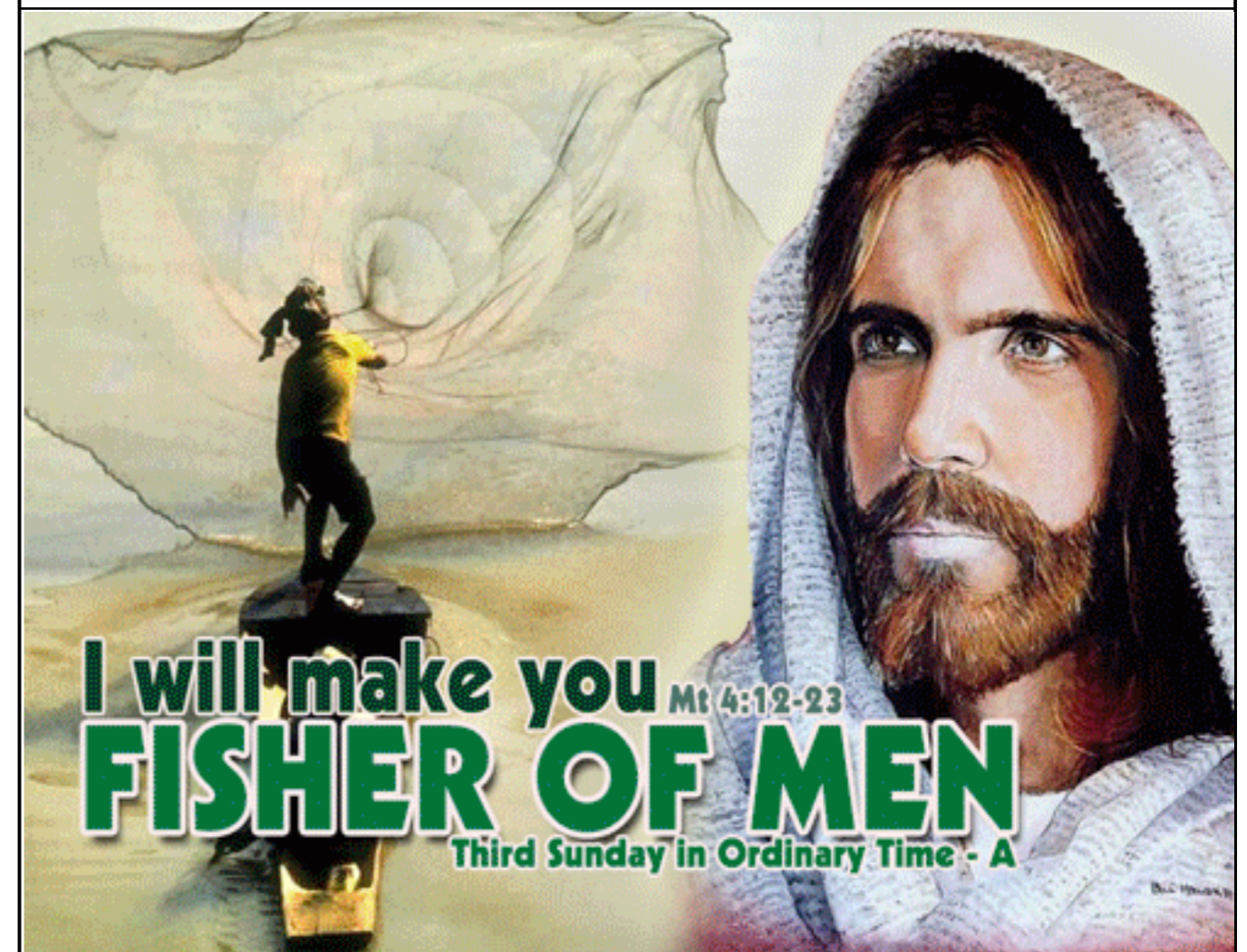
Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm. Or by appointment Rosary: Saturday 8.25am

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

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.



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - A - 22 January 2017



Listen

American actor Jed Harris became convinced that he was losing his hearing. He went to a specialist who gave him a thorough check up. The doctor pulled out a gold timepiece and asked, "Can you hear this ticking?" "Of course," said Harris. The specialist walked to the door and held up the watch again. "Now can you hear it?" Harris concentrated and said, "Yes, I can hear it clearly." The doctor walked out of the door and into the next room and said, "Can you hear it now?" "Yes." "Mr. Harris," the doctor said, "there is nothing wrong with your hearing. You just don't listen."

This Sunday's Gospel tells us of how Jesus called the disciples to 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' "At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him." To follow Jesus is to enter into discipleship, to accept a challenge to transform our lifestyle. There are people who started out very dramatically following Jesus but they lose heart along the way unless they seriously believe in Jesus' message, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand."

Repent calls for a change of mind and heart. We tend to be fixated with our ideas, opinions and actions which determine the way we see ourselves and others. We often see others not as they are but as we are. Repentance is a call for conversion and willingness to be transformed. Conversion is certainly not something we can bring about ourselves. It is not simply a question of will-power. We have to listen well to the inner voice that shows the way. In the silence we will have to read our own hearts, our fears, our failures and our hopes, and this takes courage because we are challenged to respond to this like the disciples in the Gospel who listened to Jesus' call and responded. Their lives completely changed, because their goals have changed and their desire is to do God's will. Let us strive to listen well to Jesus' voice and be transformed to a new life of freedom, peace and joy.

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

Lunar New Year

A celebratory Mass to pray for God's blessings and for the New Lunar Year will be held during the 8.00am Mass on Saturday 28th January. Morning Tea will follow after the Mass. All are welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council

The first PPC meeting for the year will be on Tuesday 7th February commencing at 7.00pm in the presbytery.

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: John Zouki



Anniversary: Maria Chu Thi Nguyet; Maria Nguyen Thi Muoi; Magdalena Chu Thi Na; Vincent Nguyen Van Nhu; Joseph Hoang Van Lien

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; Maria Pham.

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 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Readings: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1Corinthians 1:26-31; Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12.

Feasts of the Week

24 January - St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor. Memorial.

Born in Savoy (France) in 1567. Died in Lyons in 1622. As a presbyter and as bishop of Geneva he played a major part in the renewal of 17th-century French Catholicism. Seen by many as an early proponent of ecumenical dialogue. Founded the Visitation order with Saint Jane Frances de Chantal (12 December). His writings promoted a spirituality for laypeople. Remembered as a most influential preacher, writer and spiritual director, who combined firmness with patience and gentleness.

25 January - The Conversion of St Paul, apostle. Feast.

This date, first linked with the conversion of Saint Paul in the so-called Martyrdom of Jerome (c. 431), became established in the liturgy of Gaul. Celebrates the work of God's grace at a major turning point in the life of Paul himself and in the history of the infant Church.

28 January - St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor. Memorial.

Born near Aquino (Italy) about 1225. Died on his way to the Council of Lyons in 1274. Educated at Monte Cassino, Naples, Paris, and Cologne, he became a Dominican in 1244. Regarded as one of the greatest theologians in the history of the Church. Despite ecclesiastical opposition at the time, the substance of his life's work has endured as an authentic exposition of Christian teaching and carries unique official approval. Remembered for his modesty, the prayerfulness of his personal life, and the abiding influence of his thought.

Altar Society: 29/1/17 Group 5: Samoan Divine Mercy Group plus Hien & Vu Bui (*Florist. This month only*)

St Vincent de Paul: 29/1/17 D Rodrigues 5/2/17 John Ashe

Church Cleaners: 27/1/17: Mai Hai **No Children's Liturgy:** Holidays

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

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	22 JANUARY 8am	10am	6pm
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

29 JANUARY

C	Emmanuel Icard	Mary Buckley	Tu Ha Kim	Lucia Mezentsef
R	Patrick Abourizk	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Mary O'Hea	Kathleen Mezentsef
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Joseph Bui	An Dang	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc
M	Gloria Booby	Chris Kreltszheim	Jessie Kovacevic	Phu Nguyen