

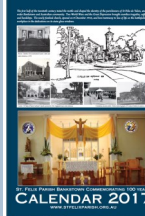
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2017 Parish Calendar

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.



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

Mass and Blessing of the Sick

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 12 February (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Richard Umbers. Disabled Parking will be limited to the main drive entrance to the Grotto. Parking is also avail in the surrounding streets and Council car park.

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.

ACU Theology short course.

15 February - 15 March, 2017. The course will be on "the Passion of Jesus" exploring the following important questions in the lead-up to Lent and Easter: How do the New Testament authors understand the Passion of Jesus? Why was Jesus tried and convicted? Why did Jesus die? How to understand the liturgical traditions commemorating Jesus' Passion? Dates: Wednesday evenings: 15 & 22 Feb, 8 & 15 Mar 2017. No lecture on 1 Mar 2017 (Ash Wednesday). Time: 6-8pm (Refreshments from 6pm, lecture starts at 6:30pm). Venue: ACU, Strathfield Campus, 25A Barker Road, Strathfield. Registration is essential at: <http://www.acu.edu.au/1119461>. For info: shortcourses.ftp@acu.edu.au.

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.



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - A - 29 January 2017



Happy are the poor in spirit.

Sydney Olympics 2000 experienced thousands of visitors from overseas. As a volunteer for this event I was trained to be friendly and be helpful as much as I could. I met many visitors who were first time visitors to Australia. They asked many questions and I gave them as much information as I could. My goal was so that they can enjoy Australia as much as they possibly can and avoid getting into any kind of trouble and unsafe behaviour.

In the same way the Gospel today, the 'Sermon on the Mount' is a pattern for peace, a guide to living joyfully in the kingdom of God. It was up to our visitors to take in information which was given to them and use it. Likewise Jesus left this teaching for his listeners to put into practice. The Sermon on the Mount is not simply a collection of nice ideas, impossible to reach, otherwise there is not much point in any of us trying to live as Jesus taught. We will only know the truth as we begin to live it. It sounds impossible because we tend to cling on to our old ways, our ego-habit.

The blessedness of the 'Sermon on the Mount' does not come automatically or magically but we must want it with our mind and heart. It is available to us right where we are in life, right now. Through his teaching, Jesus tells us how to adjust ourselves so as to enjoy the kingdom in safety and satisfaction. The goal is peace, security and joy, no matter what happens. How wonderful it would be know that whatever awful thing comes into our lives, we will be O.K!

This week's Readings - Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1Corinthians 1:26-31; Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12

Parish Annual General Meeting

I would like to welcome you all to another year 2017. Last year was a very enjoyable Centenary celebration for us all. I believed this significant event has a good impact on this parish, it will be forever part of our long and rich history. So now we continue to explore ways to enrich the life of our parish and how to be a missionary church in years to come. On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to welcome all parishioners to the Parish Annual General Meeting on **Sunday 19/2/2017 at 11am in St Felix Hall**. Any agenda or suggestion please send in before Sunday 19/2. Light lunch will be provided after the meeting.

Parish Pastoral Council

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

Readers & Minsters Roster

The new roster for Readers and Ministers is now available in the Sacristy. A copy may also be viewed on our website

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 after this weekend.

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; Baby JT Michael.



Anniversary: Bernard Danh; Eugenie Thien Tai Tran; Jean Marie An; John Baptist Tuong; Pierre Huon; Maria Vi; Dominico Vu Van Tuynh; Atonio Mino; Maria Antonia Pelli.

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.

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 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10; 1Corinthians 2:1-5; Gospel - Matthew 5:13-16.

Feasts of the Week

31 January - St John Bosco, priest. Memorial.

Born in Piedmont (Italy) in 1815. Died at Turin on this day in 1888. Grew up in extreme poverty and, after ordination, devoted his whole life to educating young people, especially the poor. Founded the Salesians, men and women who continue this work with youth throughout the world. Remembered – like the order's patron, Saint Francis de Sales (24 January) – for his cheerfulness and total trust in the providence of God.

2 February - The Presentation of the Lord. Feast.

Feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century and was adopted in Rome during the seventh century. Celebrated forty days after Christmas, commemorating the prescribed Mosaic ritual following the birth of a child, and recalling the encounter of Jesus with Simeon and Anna in the temple. Christ is "the light to enlighten all nations", and so candles are blessed during the introductory rites and carried in the entrance procession.

Catechist Sunday

We will be celebrating our Catechists next 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.

Altar Society: 5/2/17 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: 5/2/17 John Ashe 12/2/17 J Obeid

Church Cleaners: 3/2/17: Polish Group **Children's Liturgy:** 5th Feb - Maree ElChaar

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

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	29 JANUARY 8am	10am	6pm
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

5 FEBRUARY

C	Stephen Hoang	Janice Rodrigues	Jennifer Nguyen	Lucia Mezentsef
R	Patrick Abourizk	Jeanette Rodrigues	Emanuela Viner	Kathleen Mezentsef
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Gloria Booby	Maria Huong	Rosa House	Amelia Mezentsef
M	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Bev Lamaro	Loreto Eduardo