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Parish photos

If anyone has any photos that were taken in or around the Church last year, can you please e-mail them to the office or bring in your digital device. Thank you.

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.

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@ltnn.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.

Walk the Camino! 20 day Pilgrimage

Leòn to Santiago de Compostela (17 May-05 June 2017). Catholic Mission's pilgrimage balances walking, companionship, and simple hospitality, with silence & reflection-prayer. Small group led by an experienced guide, Sr Veronica Rosier OP (0451 387 906); Bianca (9919 7825) assistantadmin@catholicmission.org.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, Saturday - 8.00am. Friday - 9.00am

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.



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - A - 5 February 2017



Shine

A missionary bound for India sat one evening in his cabin, feeling miserably sea sick, when suddenly he heard the cry, "Man overboard." On the deck above he heard the trampling of feet as the crew rushed about to locate the man in the water. "What can I do?" the missionary asked himself, concluding that he would simply be in the way if he went on deck. As he kept asking himself that question, he noticed the lamp swinging from the ceiling. He unhooked it and held it near the small port-hole of his cabin so that it might shine on the water near the boat. In a moment, he heard a shout above, "There he is."

Not until the next day did he learn that the light of his lantern fell directly on the man struggling in the water. With the help of that light they threw a knotted rope to him and pulled him to safety.

In the Gospel today Jesus says, "You are the light of the world." He did not say when we are something better than we will be light but right now, within ourselves, shine the light for the world. We need to look for that light in us. Are we willing to look for that light? It is something that others see in us that is beautiful. It is God's gift for us. And it certainly will bring us joy. Our light is not only for us. Jesus cautions against hiding our light. "Do you turn on the lights in your house and then cover them with blackout fabric? No! You turn on that light so it can shine out and light up everything nearby. Our own light, put within us by our God, is already turned on, already shining. So we are called to shine out so the Father may be glorified.

Let us pray that we will be in touch with our inner brightness that deep within us so that no matter what is happening around us, we will continue to shine as 'the light for the world.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

1930 Respect for the human person entails respect for the rights that flow from his dignity as a creature. These rights are prior to society and must be recognised by it. They are the basis of the moral legitimacy of every authority: by flouting them, or refusing to recognise them in its positive legislation, a society undermines its own moral legitimacy. If it does not respect them, authority can rely only on force or violence to obtain obedience from its subjects.

This week's Readings - Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Gospel - Matthew 5:13-16

Parish Pastoral Council

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

Catechist Sunday

We are celebrating our Catechists this Sunday (5th) 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 or approach one of the Catechists after Mass.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will commence next Friday 10th at 7.30pm and continue every Friday until Easter in the presbytery. Anybody interested in becoming Catholic or strengthening their faith are welcome to join. Contact Fr Dominic for 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. *Next meeting is on Sunday 12th at 2.00pm in St Felix presbytery.* Anyone interested, please contact Robyn Molloy on 9707 1292.

Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Baby JT Michael; Eileen Val Connolly; Nick Frisina;



Maria Thi Luot Nguyen.

Anniversary: Louise Descombes; Madalena Chu Thi Bang; Maria Pham Thi Quynh Thu; Giuse Chu Van Nhuan; Maria Nguyen Thi Men; Ipapandi Omeros; Michael Omeros.

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; John Field; 16 Maria; 4 Giuse; 5 Phero; Teresa & Gioan.

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; Vaoliko Pesamino

Next Weekend - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Readings: Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Gospel - Matthew 5:17-37.

Feasts of the Week

6 February - St Paul Miki & companions, martyrs. Memorial.

Died on 5 February 1597, a group of twenty-six martyrs crucified at Nagasaki (Japan). Most were Japanese and most were laypeople, some still youths. The first of many martyrs in a young Church. Paul Miki, aged thirty-five years at his death, was a Jesuit scholastic from an aristocratic Japanese family. Remembered as a notable preacher who inspired the local Church in his own time and in the centuries that followed to be strong in faith during persecution and isolation.

10 February - St Scholastica, virgin. Memorial.

Born at Norcia (Italy) about 480. Died near Monte Cassino in the 540s. Like Saint Benedict (11 July), her brother and by tradition her twin, she dedicated herself to God through the monastic life. Remembered for her part in establishing Benedictine monasticism.

2017 Sacramental Dates

First Holy Communion - 17/18 June & 24/25 June. For students in year 4 & above.

Confirmation - 8 September. For students in year 6 or above.

Reconciliation - 29 November. For students in year 3 & above.

Registrations for each Sacrament will open two months prior. Check Bulletins for further information.

Altar Society: 12/2/17 Group 2: Robyn Molloy, Enid Sneddon, Teresa Neang, Jeannette Chong, Nora Campbell, Anna & Willy Gabut, Maria Huong Nguyen (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul: 12/2/17 J Obeid **19/2/17** A Nguyen

Church Cleaners: 10/2/17: Charbel Karam **Children's Liturgy:** 12th 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	5 FEBRUARY 8am	10am	6pm
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

12 FEBRUARY

C	Gabrielle Nguyen	Maxwell Asuzu	Helen Vujevic	Elias Eltarraf
R	Gloria Booby	Kiara Asuzu	Jessica Vujevic	Charbel Eltarraf
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Tuyen Tran	Mesake Mar	Jessie Kovacevic	Paul Ngoc
M	Emmanuel Icard	Madelyn Nicole	Tu Nguyen	Phu Nguyen