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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

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.

Youth Bible Studies and Adoration

Join in for Bible Study in the presbytery every Wednesday evening at 7.00pm followed by Adoration at 8.00pm. All welcome. Keep in touch through facebook - [facebook.com/StFelix100](https://www.facebook.com/StFelix100)

40 Days for Life

Pray to end abortion, kick off Rally, 28 February – Shrove Tuesday St Peter's Catholic Church (235 Devonshire St, Surry Hills), 6.00pm Mass followed by candle lit procession the The Private Clinic abortuary, Surry Hills and Pancake Supper afterwards. More information: www.fli.org.au

Day of the Unborn Child

Sunday, 26 March. Annual Pro-Life march through Sydney CBD in support of the unborn. 10.30am Mass, St Mary's Cathedral, 12 Noon Angelus, followed by a prayerful procession through the streets of Sydney led by His Grace Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, 1.30pm Benediction inside the Cathedral. More information: www.fli.org.au

The Archdiocesan Rite Of Election

At St Mary's Cathedral Sydney on the First Sunday of Lent, 5 March 2017 from 2pm -3:30pm. All welcome! For further details please contact The Catechumenate Office on (02) 9307 8499 or email: rcia@sydneycatholic.org.

Considering a Rome Pilgrimage?

Free Information Seminars Available. Domus Australia in conjunction with the Sydney Archdiocese is running a number of tours to Rome all throughout the year. Find out more about these competitively priced tour packages (inclusions, itinerary, dates, etc) at our complimentary seminar (no obligation) to be held on Level 8 at Polding Centre: Friday, 24 February 2017 (11am-12:30pm). Complimentary pilgrimage kits are available for attendees (plus a chance to WIN a trip for 2 to Rome joining one of the Rome Pilgrimages or Encore Rome Pilgrimages of your choice!). All welcome to attend at no obligation. To book your place please RSVP by phoning 1800 753 959 or email pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org. Thank you and we hope to see you there.

Opportunities for reflection during Lent

At the Grail Centre, 22 McHatton St, Nth Sydney. Over three Saturdays, 25th February, 11th and 25th March, 10 am – 2 pm on ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION. Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* calls us to 'profound interior conversion'. How will we respond? Tricia Gemmell will lead three seminars to explore where these words of Pope Francis can lead us. Register and get more information: Tel. 99553053, pgemmell@tpg.com.au

St Brendan's Friendship Club – Trip to Cataract Dam

Date: Monday, 6th March Bus departs St Brendan's at 8.30am. Cost: \$50. Morning Tea at Cataract Dam where we will spend some time exploring the Dam. Lunch will be at Panorama House for an all-you-can eat buffet with spectacular views of the South Coast. Return trip will be via scenic Stanwell Tops. To book please contact Venero or Catina on 9707 1403



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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 - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday - 8.00am. Tuesday - 9.00am

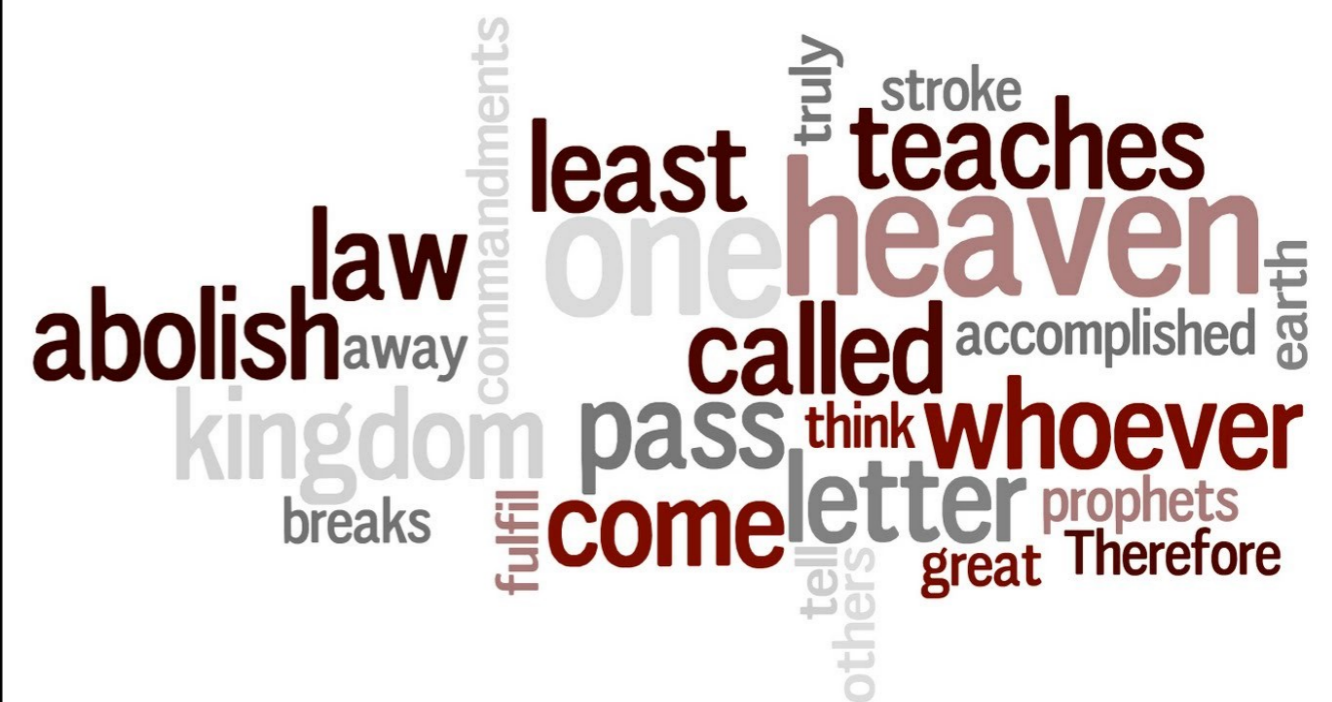
Tuesday - 10.30am Bupa Yagoona. Friday - 11.00am Bupa Greenacre

Wednesday - 7.00pm Young Adults Bible Study in Meeting Room, 8.00pm Benediction.

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.



“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.” Matthew 5:17

Church toilets are unavailable this weekend due to the work next door. Please use toilets in the Parish Centre if necessary. We apologise for any inconvenience caused

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - A - 12 February 2017



Know God's love

A returning summer tourist spoke of "visiting" with a group of native Vermonters who sat for an hour without speaking a word. Finally, the tourist asked, "Is it against the law to talk around here?" One of the natives replied: "No, but there's an understanding. No one's to speak unless he is sure he can improve on the silence."

In today's gospel we are told, "Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law of the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them." Furthermore, Jesus adds, "If your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven." The Pharisees and leaders had reduced religion to over 600 laws. There were laws to cover every aspect of one's life. The criterion for good and bad was strictly following the law. If it was legal then it was good; if it was against the law then it was bad. Therefore, Jesus wanted to remind us that we have to start our religion, faith and life with the fact that God loves us, no matter who we are and what we do. In the face of this love we are called to respond with love. So the source of our behaviour must not be fear of the law and the sanctions that go with it but an internal conviction of love.

Some of us have been brought up, especially in the Roman Catholic tradition, with a morality based on fear. We were told that the breach of certain laws was a mortal sin and that it was punishable by hell. I can recall once as a young boy after I had missed a Sunday Mass, I could not sleep that night for fear if I die during the night I might go to hell. Later I understood better that my motive should be the joy of coming to the church to worship our loving Father.

Let us pray that we shall always respond well to God's love and may our loving hearts help us to see life and people the way Jesus would see.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

2302 By recalling the commandment, 'You shall not kill', our Lord asked for peace of heart, and denounced murderous anger and hatred as immoral.

Anger is a desire for revenge. 'To desire vengeance in order to do evil to someone who should be punished is illicit', but it is praiseworthy to impose restitution 'to correct vices and maintain justice'. If anger reaches the point of a deliberate desire to kill or seriously wound a neighbour it is gravely against charity; it is a mortal sin. The Lord says, 'Everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgement.'

This week's Readings - Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Gospel - Matthew 5:17-37

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 next **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.

Liturgy Committee Meeting

The Liturgy Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 14th February commencing at 7.00pm in the presbytery. All head of Choirs are requested to attend this meeting.

Catechists needed

We are looking for some new people to join the 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 or the Parish Office for more information.

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.

Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Dora Galletta; Maria Thi Luot Nguyen

Anniversary: Sipietro Ha Van Thien; Lucien Descombes; Phanxico Xavier Le Hong Thuy; Cyril Crouche; Clansy Edwards; Lucy DeSilva; Sextus DeSilva; Janet DeSilva; Marina Tonel; Bernard Danh; Eugenie Thien Tai Tran; Phaolo Manh D Tran; Doi Van Nguyen.

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; Giuse; Benjamin, Ramon & Gil Tonel

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 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 1Corinthians 3:16-23; Gospel - Matthew 5:38-48.

Feasts of the Week

14 February - Sts Cyril, monk & Methodius, bishop. Memorial.

Cyril: Born about 826 in Thessalonica (Greece). Died at Rome in 869. His brother, Methodius: Born about 815. Died in Velehrad (Czech Republic) in 885. With papal approval they preached the gospel in Moravia using their own translations of the Scriptures and the liturgy in the local language. These translations into Slavonic were based on an alphabet they invented, now called Cyrillic. The success of their preaching aroused jealous Frankish opposition. Honoured as apostles of the Slavic peoples. Remembered together for their contribution to Slavic culture, for their missionary inculturation of the faith, and for establishing links between East and West

Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

*Andrew Christopher
Anna Amanda Tran
Maria Isla Le*

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



Altar Society: 19/2/17 Group 3: Youth Group, Samoan Divine Mercy Group, Tram Vu (Florist)

St Vincent de Paul: 19/2/17 A Nguyen **26/2/17** M T Tran

Church Cleaners: 17/2/17: Vinh Nguyen **Children's Liturgy:** 19th Feb - Maree ElChar

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

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	12 FEBRUARY 8am	10am	6pm
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

19 FEBRUARY

C	Patrick Abourizk	Joseph Dang	Emanuela Viner	Kathleen Mezentsef
R	Stephen Hoang	Imelda Dela Cruz	Mary O'Hea	Lucia Mezentsef
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Emmanuel Icard	Maria Huong	Thong Tran	Amelia Mezentsef
M	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Joe Luongo	Loreto Eduardo