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Australian Catholic Youth Festival

This three day festival will be held in Sydney 7-9 December 2017. The event will attract 15,000 young people and is for those aged Year 9 to 30 years. It's a Catholic Festival a bit like World Youth Day! We look forward to the whole Parish Community being involved. For more information, please go to www.acyf.org.au.

Nazareth Senior College, Bankstown

40 year Reunion for the Class of 1977. Saturday September 9 at 7pm at Revesby Workers Club. Please contact Lea De Angelis on 0418484198 or Lynda Griffiths (Bonanno) on 0408898830 for details. Please pass on to any ex-students!

Healing After Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard ministries offers support through a retreat for all who suffer grief and loss after an abortion. Next retreat is 25 – 27 August. Call: 0400 092 555 or email: info@rachelsvineyard.org.au or visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au.

Palms Australia

For 55 years the Catholic mission service, Palms Australia, has been preparing, sending and supporting those who answer the call to mission in overseas dioceses, schools, clinics and other vital community organisations. If you can't volunteer overseas, you can make a great contribution by volunteering locally. Good organisational and administrative skills, advanced written and oral English and professional phone etiquette will be most helpful. However, there are a variety of other interesting and dynamic roles with which you can assist in Palms **Petersham** office. If you want to find out more, please contact Roger on 02 9560 5333 or email Joey at joey@palms.org.au



Cerdon College Merrylands 40th Year Reunion

Saturday 14th October 2017 Pyrmont Bridge Hotel. See Facebook Page: Cerdon College Class of 72-77. Facebook Event: Event 40th Reunion Class of 72/77 Email: cerdonclass72.77@gmail.com Or Call Carmen on 0411 706 226

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

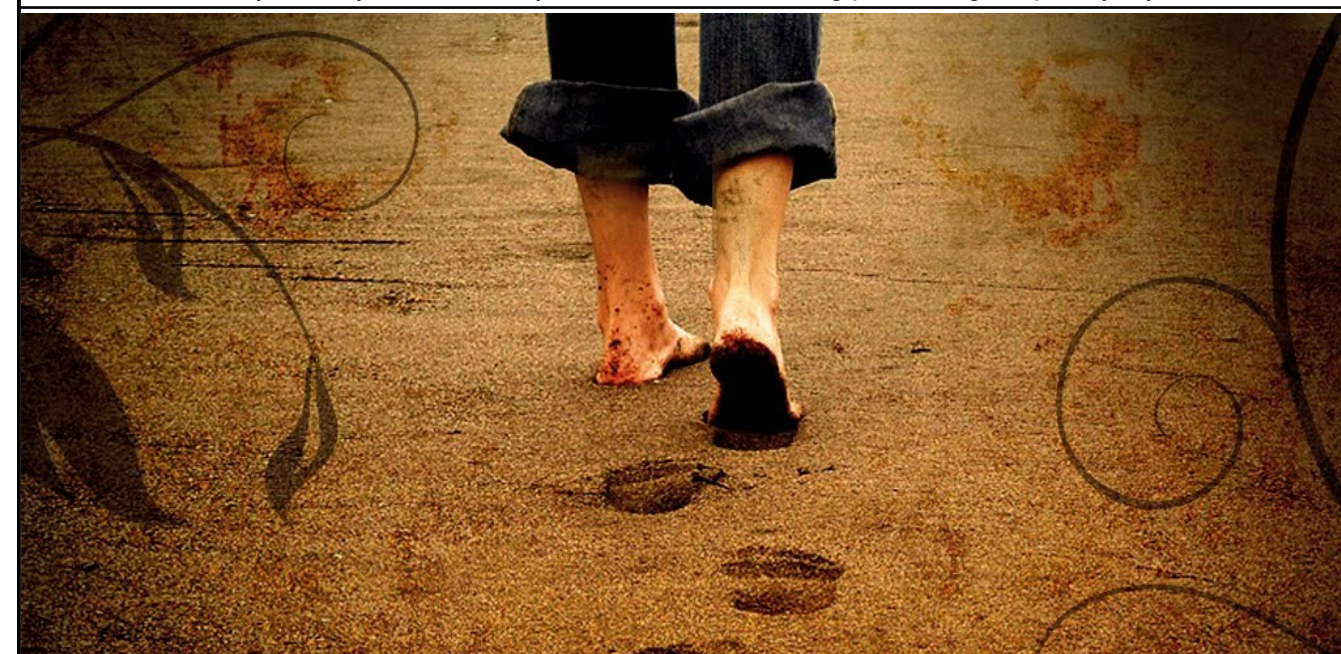
This week -Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday - 8.00am.

Wednesday - 7.30pm Young Adults Bible Study in Meeting Room, 8.30pm 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.



Matthew 28:16-20

Disciples Making Disciples

The Ascension of the Lord - A - 28 May 2017



God is within us

When I was a child of about 4 or 5 year old, my dad was asked to be a guest speaker at a Church one Sunday evening. By way of bribery my dad had told me before arriving at the Church that if I was a good and well-behaved boy he would take me to McDonalds after Mass. During my dad’s fiery reflection on the destination of the good vs. the evil he asked, in a loud voice, “*And where do you think those that live a pure, just and good life before the Lord are going to go?*” with all my excitement I stood in my seat and called out “*to McDonalds!*”

Today we celebrate the Feast of our Lord’s Ascension, Jesus telling his disciples about his departure. Matthew did not give much detail but “*All authority,*” he said, “*in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave you, and know I am with you always to the end of time.*” Jesus did not give a constitution or even a stack of memos to guide his disciples, except a promise “*I am with you always.*” And I believe that he will keep his promise. Ascension marks the event of Jesus’ leaving. But his leaving does not mean that he ceases to be present. Thus, it is joy, not pain that fills our hearts. Above all, Jesus challenges us to go and continue his work and mission. We are called to live his commandments and teach them to all people and make them his disciples. We are the witnesses of what Jesus did and said.

Let us pray that we are not simply looking at a God who has ascended into heaven but we believe in a God who lives in our hearts through his spirit and as believers we are called to respond to a God who is here, not longing for a God who is out there.

How is conscience described? The word conscience is derived from the Latin word to know. Conscience is a type of knowledge. It is not a feeling or an emotion or a “gut feeling” or a personal opinion. Conscience is our knowledge of right and wrong. It is also our ability to apply this knowledge in our lives.

Why stand? The posture for prayer whether it be standing or kneeling reflects something of our relationship with God and helps define that relationship. To stand in response to the priest’s invitation is a sign of our readiness to enter into the great prayer which will follow. To stand is to make a formal recognition of the importance of that invitation.

This week’s Readings - Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Gospel - Matthew 28:16-20

Welcome Fr Graham

Next weekend we welcome Fr Graham McIntyre who will be Administrator at the Parish while Fr Dominic is on leave. Some of you may know Fr Graham as the Parish Priest from Bass Hill 15 years ago. Please introduce yourselves and make Fr Graham feel welcome.

The significance of the Ascension

“*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you*” (Matthew 28:19). At Baptism we were incorporated into Jesus Christ, made members of His Body, sharing divine life. Christ is the Head and we are members of His Body. We cannot be separated. St. Augustine reminds us that as our Lord Jesus Christ ascends into heaven today; let our hearts ascend with him. On this Feast of the Ascension we should ask ourselves the question, “How are we doing?” The Feast presents us with an invitation to assess the relationship between our profession of faith and its manifestation in our daily lives.

Father Fact 1.

DID YOU KNOW *that men who had a good relationship with their father have a higher life satisfaction level later in life.* This June Robert Falzon, acclaimed co-author of The Father Factor, will address the critical importance of fathering for success & happiness, provide practical info on intentional fathering & recovering from poor or absent fathering. 7.30pm Tues 13 June, School/ Parish Hall, 21 Twentieth Ave, Hoxton Park. 7.30pm Wed 14 June, Parish Hall, 3 Mary St, Hunters Hill. 7.30pm Thus 15 June, Parish Hall, Crn Belmont and Flora St, Sutherland. Free Entry, all are welcome! *(see flyer on backboard)*

Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Christine Formosa *(Maureen Grosset’s sister)*

Anniversary: Carmela Pulitano; Mathew Chu Van Minh; Emmanuel Leo Icard; Paul Do Van Cao; Paul Phan Hop Trong; George Pulo; Cettina Pulo; Ruffa Maria Teresa; Gasparro Filippo; Suriano Pasquale; Gasparro Concetta; Mistri Mario.

Deceased: Marina Tonel; Benjamin, Ramon & Gil Tonel; Phero, Anna & Maria.

Sick: Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Kim Do; Henriette Tam Tinh Lam; Gerard Go; Theresa Tinh Thi Doan; 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, Ethan Chau, Douglas Needham.

Next Weekend - Pentecost Sunday - Year A

Readings: Genesis 11:1-9; Romans 8:22-27; Gospel - John 7:37-39.

Feasts of the Week

31 May - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Feast.

This feast celebrates the Virgin Mary’s visit to her cousin Elizabeth, as told in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 1:39-56), and her example of faith in God’s word and sensitivity to the Spirit. It was introduced into the Franciscan calendar by Saint Bonaventure (15 July) in the thirteenth century and was extended in 1389 to the entire Latin Church to heal the divisions in the Western Church of the time.

1 June - St Justin, martyr. Memorial.

Born about 100 at Nablus (Palestine). Died about 165 in Rome. After lengthy study of Greek philosophies, he acknowledged Christ as the source of all truth. A lay intellectual, Christian philosopher, and apologist. Remembered for his reasoned defence of Christian belief and practice and for the ultimate witness given by his martyrdom.

3 June - St Charles Lwanga & Companions, martyrs. Memorial.

Died on this day in 1886. Between 1885 and 1887, these twenty-two martyrs were among many newly baptised Catholics and Anglicans who were killed for their faith and virtue in Uganda by a debauched and brutal ruler. They included judges, catechists, soldiers, and teenage pages under the leadership of Charles Lwanga, who was burned alive. Remembered for the heroic calm of their fidelity to Christ.

Happy Birthday Deacon Richard

Last week Deacon Richard celebrated his 30th Birthday. The Friendship Group surprised him with a cake to celebrate this joyous occasion.



Altar Society: 4/6/17 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: 4/6/17 A Nguyen 11/6/17 J Obeid

Church Cleaners: 2/6/17: Polish Group **Children’s Liturgy:** 4th June - Ligaya

Weekend Choir: 4/6 Saturday 6pm - St Anne’s Choir
Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God **Sun 10am** - St Felix Choir

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	28 MAY	8am	10am	6pm
C	Stephen Hoang	Mary Buckley	Jessica Vujevic	Charbel Eltarraf	
R	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Jennifer Nguyen	Elias Eltarraf	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Tuyen Tran	An Dang	Gordon West	Judy Jones	
M	Gloria Booby	Chris Kreltszheim	Helen Vujevic	Paul Ngoc	

4 JUNE

C	Patrick Abourizk	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Anthony Rowe	Lucia Mezentsef
R	Gabrielle Nguyen	Imelda Dela Cruz	Mary O’Hea	Kathleen Mezentsef
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Gloria Booby	Madelyn Nicole	Rosa House	Loreto Eduardo
M	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Jessie Kovacevic	Phu Nguyen