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 LaSalle Catholic College: 9793 5600 Mr Michael Egan - Principal;  
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### An Evening with Fr Rob Galea

COURAGE - That spreads Joy. Be led with great music by Fr Rob Galea followed by talks, adoration, dinner and Q&A with Fr Rob. Thursday 15 June 2017 at 6.30pm at St Patrick's Church Hill. Cost is \$30. For more info & bookings [www.trybooking.com/266664](http://www.trybooking.com/266664). (pick up a flyer in foyer)

## Caritas AUSTRALIA EAST AFRICA FOOD CRISIS APPEAL 2017

20 million people are currently on the brink of famine in South Sudan and other areas of East Africa. Caritas Australia and their partners are delivering life-saving food and water to countries most in need including South Sudan, Kenya and Malawi.

The global Caritas network is providing emergency assistance to the people who are the most affected. As followers of Christ we are compelled to respond and act when our sisters and brothers are suffering, recognising Christ in those without food.

Your support will help us to reach out to thousands of people.

**Please donate to the East Africa Emergency Appeal 2017 and help Caritas Australia continue to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Africa.**

You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/africa](http://www.caritas.org.au/africa) or phoning 1800 024 413



### Planned Giving

Planned Giving Contributions go towards the continual maintenance of our Church, Parish buildings and grounds. Within the next 6 months construction of our new Parish Centre will commence and more Planned Giving Funds will be needed to help pay back the loan.

The new Financial Year is almost upon us and it would be an appropriate time to consider increasing the current contributions by all our current Planned Givers. We sincerely thank those parishioners for their financial support of the Parish. We also ask that any wage earners in the Parish please consider joining our Planned Giving Program. As a rule of thumb, the Finance Committee recommends that we contribute the equivalent of one hour pay per week or whatever you can comfortably afford. Donations can be made by using the weekly envelopes or **via your credit card** with automatic monthly payments.

There have been recent changes in Government legislation regarding tax deductions but we are happy to announce that from 1<sup>st</sup> July this year we will be able to provide a 25% tax deduction on all Planned Giving donations. Please consider increasing or commencing Planned Giving and help to contribute towards much needed funds for the running our Parish. Contact the Parish Office or complete the form below and take action today. We sincerely thank you in anticipation.

*(An excerpt from Joe Michael's appeal speech on behalf of the Parish Council)*

### 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](mailto: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

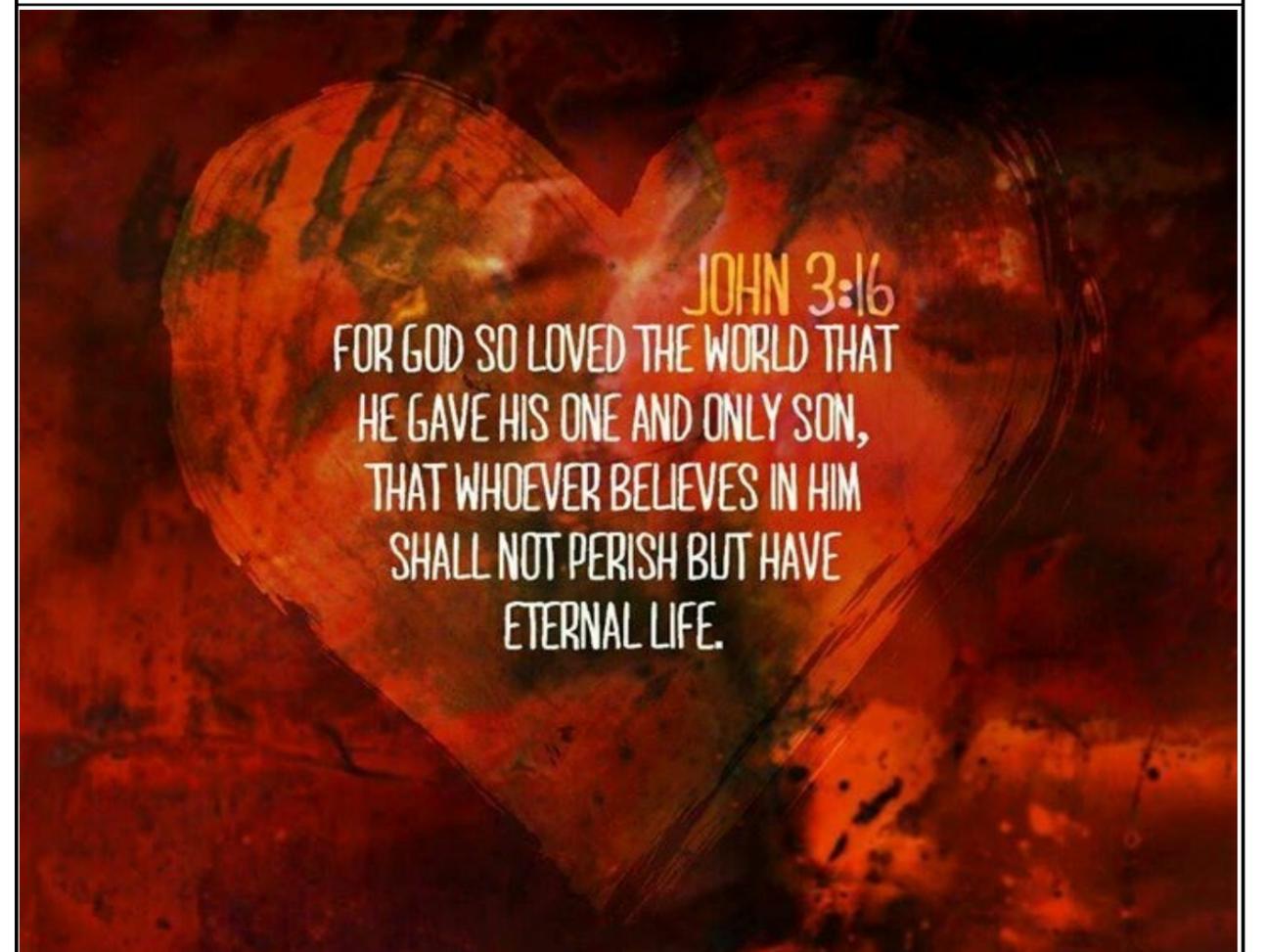
**This week -Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday - 8.00am**

**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.



# The Most Holy Trinity - A - 11 June 2017



## God dwells within us

There was a man who just got a job painting the white lines in the middle of the road. On his first day he painted one hundred metres length, seventy on the second day and only thirty on the third. The supervisor was rather surprised. He called this man in and said, "How come you painted one hundred metres on the first day but less on the second and today only thirty metres?" "Sir" he answered "Can't you see the can of paint was getting further and further away!" The man's progress was limited by his thinking that the can of paint could only be at one place to which he had to continue to go back to. It would improve immensely when he found that he could move the can of paint along or even bring it with him all the time.

Our spiritual progress is also inhibited if we have a limited perception of where and who God is. For many people God is in heaven, so far away from our reach, and religion is a way to capture the distant God and make God present to us. Maybe this is why many people keep running around to search for God in spectacular sights or weeping statues.

The doctrine of the Trinity which we celebrate today, reveals to us different modes of God's presence. In his book Apostolic Exhortation, *Pastores Dabo Vobis* Pope John Paul II says, "Every Christian identity has its source in the Blessed Trinity. Intimate Communion with the Blessed Trinity, that is, the new life of Grace which makes us children of God, constitutes the 'novelty' of the believer. A novelty which involves his being and his acting. It constitutes the 'mystery' of Christian existence which is under the influence of the Spirit."(46) According to this teaching our God is not only a transcendent one in heaven but also a God who became incarnate, who was born of a virgin and became one of us in all but sin. This God not only came into the world but continues to journey with us today in the world through his Holy Spirit. He is a God who dwells in every human heart. So our sense of the divine presence is more complete and rich. We know very, very little about God but it is more important if we can respond to the loving God whom we know and believe. Since the second Vatican Council, the church has redefined itself as the people of God.

Let us pray that as the people of God, may we be the main signs and witnesses of God's presence in the world.

### Something to think about

The Trinity - the term expresses the greatest mystery at the heart of the Christian tradition: the belief that there is one God who is three Persons sharing one nature. Catholics believe in a personal God, one who is interested in us and whom we can get to know better through prayer, reflection, following Church teaching and receiving the sacraments. The Apostles' Creed spells out our belief in God the Father Almighty, in his only Son our Lord and in the Holy Spirit.

This week's Readings - Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Gospel - John 3:16-18.

### The practical impact of the Trinity on our lives

The revelation that God is a Trinity underlines the fundamental importance of interpersonal relationships comprising of two elements: Firstly, a perfect unity of love, yet without one person absorbing the others or annihilating their personal identity. Secondly, the notion of Christian friendship and a vision of society in which distinct institutions work in mutual harmony.

Another practical impact of the Trinity on our lives is that this revelation can give us hope for our future happiness in heaven. The Trinity answers the two deep and conflicting human fears: loneliness and loss of identity. Just as the persons of the Trinity are united but distinct in their communion, in heaven we shall be neither isolated nor absorbed - we shall truly be ourselves and know ourselves.

### First Holy Communions

Over the next two weekends during the Saturday vigil and 10am Sunday Masses we will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. The Candidates are nearing the end of their preparations. Please continue to pray for them and their families.

### Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

**Jeremiah Michael Daher**

May he always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout his life.



### Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Con Harvey

**Anniversary:** Phero Phan The Cuong; Maria Thuc Trinh Dang; Joseph Binh Chanh Lam; Mathew Chu Van Minh; Joseph Chu Van Hop; Paul Do Van Cao; Joseph Chu Minh Tam.

**Deceased:** Dorothy Jenskin; Micae Nguyen Van Noi; Carmelo Carta; Maria Carta; Carmen Mifsud; John Field; Christine Formosa; Phero Hanh; Ine Phan.

**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 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Year A

Readings: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16; 1Corinthians 10:16-17; Gospel - John 6:51-58.

### Feasts of the Week

#### 13 June - St Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor. Memorial.

Born in Lisbon (Portugal) in 1195. Died at Padua (Italy) on this day in 1231. At first an Augustinian priest and scholar, then became a Franciscan to do missionary work in north Africa but this was thwarted by illness. Instead, he became a teacher of theology and a brilliant popular preacher in southern France and Italy. Remembered and loved as an inspired preacher, a servant of the poor, and a worker of miracles.

### St Patrick's Institute of Education Information Session

Enrolments are now open for our 2018 Diplomas in Leadership, Marketing, Communication and Business Administration. New for 2018 is the Certificate III in Events followed by the Diploma of Business majoring in Event Management. These 40-week courses are ideal for Year 10, 11 or 12 school leavers and provide a real pathway to a career and university. We also assist well over 90% of our graduates to find well-paid and enjoyable jobs. Our next Information Session focusing on giving students and their parents an insight into the 'St Patrick's Pathway to Success' will be held on Sunday, 18 June at our Sydney CBD premises on Level 1, 65 York Street, Sydney at 11 am. (See flyer on backboard)

### 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](mailto:info@rachelsvineyard.org.au) or visit: [www.rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au).

**Altar Society: 18/6/17 Group 3:** Youth Group, Samoan Divine Mercy Group, Tram Vu (Florist)

**St Vincent de Paul:** 18/6/17 John Ashe 25/6/17 D Rodrigues

**Church Cleaners: 16/6/17:** Vinh Nguyen

**Children's Liturgy:** 18th June - Maricel

**Weekend Choir: 18/6 Saturday 6pm - St Anne's Choir**

**Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God Sun 10am - Samoan Divine Mercy Group**

### Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	11 JUNE	8am	10am	6pm
C	Stephen Hoang	Philip Castillo	Jennifer Nguyen	Elias Eltarraf	
R	Patrick Abourizk	Ligaya Castillo	Thu Ha Kim	Anthony Eltarraf	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Mesake Mar	Ala Pesamino	Amelia Mezentsef	
M	Tuyen Tran	Madelyn Nicole	Bev Lamaro	Jacinta Eltarraf	
<b>18 JUNE</b>					
C	Gloria Booby	Kiara Asuzu	Jessica Vujevic	Kathleen Mezentsef	
R	Stephen Hoang	Maxwell Asuzu	Emmanuela Viner	Lucia Mezentsef	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Gloria Booby	An Dang	Jessie Kovacevic	Paul Ngoc	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Helen Vujevic	Phu Nguyen	