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Australian Catholic Youth Festival – ACYF

With the Australian Catholic Youth Festival just a little over 120 days away and early bird registrations closing on 18 August, we are mounting a big campaign over the next few weeks to maximize Parish and Deanery registrations. Each Deanery now has an ACYF Co-ordinator available as the contact for any enquiries from young people within the parish. Enquiries about the Festival and interest to attend the Festival as part of a deanery group are welcome. Our Central Deanery contacts are Teresa 0424 880 074 & John 0401 236 669 or email: centraldeanerysydney@gmail.com



Complimentary Registrations

We are pleased to announce that the Festival organisers have offered the Archdiocese 30 Complimentary registrations for our State Schools students. Further information is available from the ACYF Deanery Co-ordinators.

Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, 8 August 2017

An invitation to join the Sisters of St Joseph at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney to honour their Australian Saint, Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Masses will be celebrated at 8am, 10am and 1pm. The Chapel will be open for private prayer and visits to Mary MacKillop's Tomb from 9 am – 4 pm. The MMP Museum will be open (free admission) from 9 am – 4 pm. All are welcome. For more information see www.marymackillopplace.org.au.

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop - 2017 National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. Commence Melbourne 8 November, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18 November 2017. COST EX SYDNEY: \$3,050.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$610.00. For further information or a Pilgrimage brochure, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 02 89124845 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or at MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au.

Silent Retreat for Women (25 – 27 August 2017)

A silent retreat weekend to assist single women to explore their vocations to marriage, single or religious life. Spend some time away in prayerful silence with Daily Mass, Rosary, Prayers of the Church, Adoration and Spiritual Direction. *The cost of the retreat is \$99. RSVP: Wed 16 August 2017*
 Note: Participants of this retreat must be 18 or over. For enquiries: Call 02 9307 8424 or E-mail vocations@sydneycatholic.org

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

Name..... Telephone No.:

Address:.....

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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 Mass

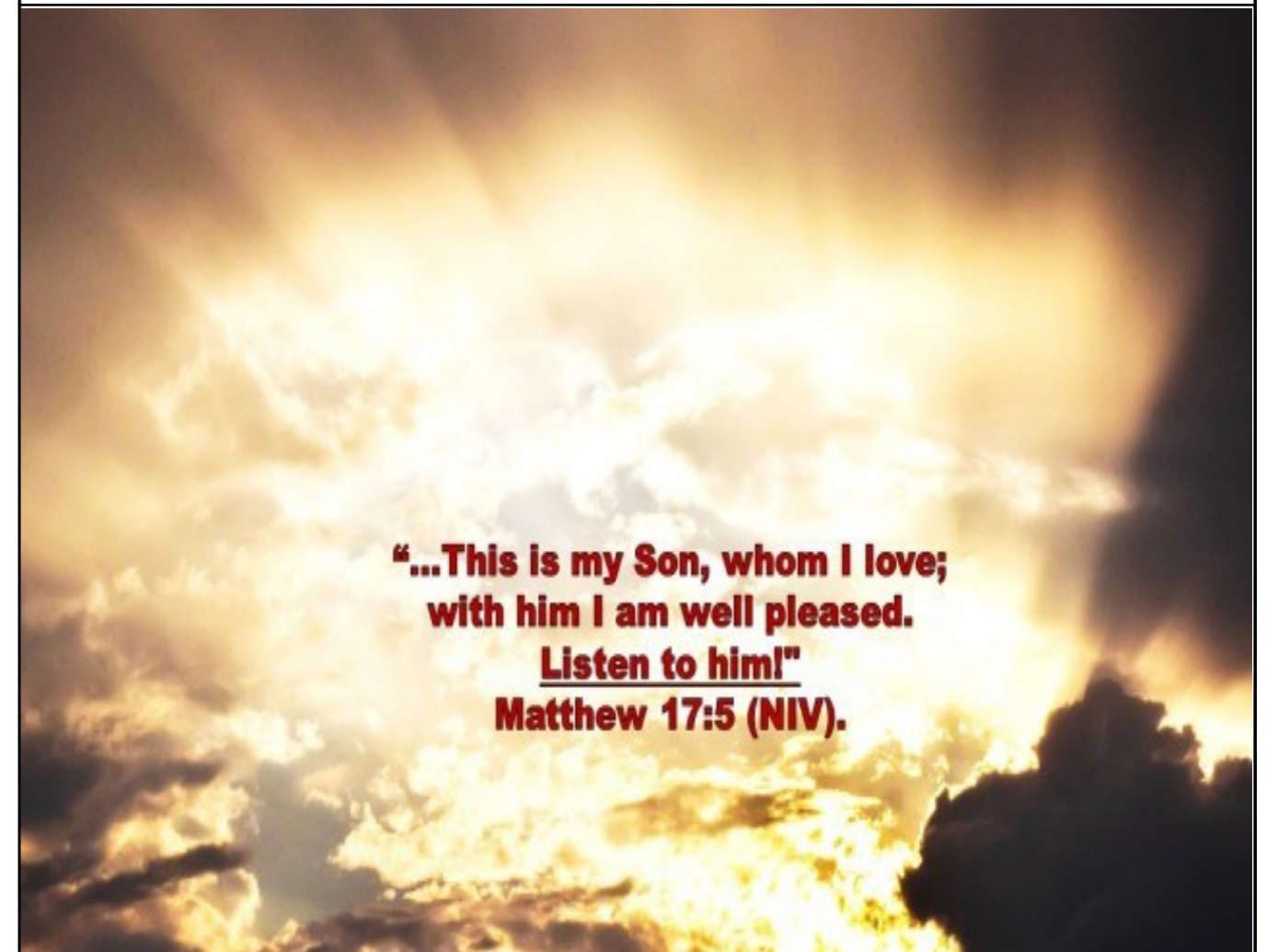
Tuesday - 8.00am Communion Service. 10.30am - Bupa Yagoona.

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.



**"...This is my Son, whom I love;
 with him I am well pleased.
 Listen to him!"
 Matthew 17:5 (NIV).**

The Transfiguration of the Lord - A - 6 August 2017



Rekindle your fire

At the time when Jesus took Peter, James and John up the mountain, he had reached a moment of crisis. Official opposition to Jesus was growing. When asked, "Who do you say I am?" Simon had answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," and this profession of faith had earned him the nickname Peter, "Rock" - "on this rock I will build my Church". However, within a very short time, when faced with the prospect of Jesus' betrayal, arrest and crucifixion, Peter was quick to dissuade Jesus from this course of action - "Lord, this must not happen to you" - which earned him the name "Satan". "Get behind me, Satan...the way you think is not God's way but man's."

So now, six days later, Jesus took Peter, James and John up a high mountain where he was transfigured in their sight. He was teaching them to think in God's way. They saw Jesus with Moses and Elijah, representing the teaching of the law and the prophets. They heard the voice of the Father: "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him." It was such an overwhelming experience that they wanted it to last. They wanted to stay there. Their minds had been opened to the reality of what it means to say, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." But very quickly the vision was over and they were left alone with Jesus to back down the mountain and continue on their way to Jerusalem and the cross.

For the disciples, the wonder of the transfiguration soon wore off. When the crisis of Jesus' passion and death came, they were overcome with fear. They ran away and hid. And this, surely, is the reaction of many of us after an intense experience of faith? Whether it is an event like World Youth Day, or big occasions in our life like baptisms, First Communions, confirmation or marriage, we are encouraged and enthusiastic as we prepare for and celebrate them. We promise ourselves that we will keep faithfully all that we have promised. Yet, so often, the enthusiasm soon wears thin and we become disillusioned. We forget what it is like to think in God's way. The attractions of daily life seem more appealing than fidelity to our faith. In the dark times, we are called to allow the memory of our "mountain top" experience to rekindle the fire, to enable us to renew our decision to love and to follow Jesus, no matter how hard it might be for us.

The Living Word.

This week's Readings - Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2Peter 1:16-19; Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9.

Confirmation Commitments

This weekend during Masses the Confirmation Candidates will pledge their commitment towards the Sacrament as they commence their preparations. Please keep them in your prayers.



Fr Graham would like to thank everyone who bought raffle tickets to support the people of Timor Leste. More tickets are available this weekend.

Volunteers needed urgently

We are in urgent need of volunteers to help with light cleaning duties in the Church. Only one hour of your time is required once a month on a Friday or Saturday morning. Also we need people who are capable of arranging flowers for the Church also only once a month. Please consider this very important ministry and contact the Parish Office if you can help.

Christianity across the Ages.

A Journey of Faith and a Journey through the Evolution of Western Music. A Powerpoint presentation combined with story-telling by Marie Therese Levey rsj Music teacher, author, collector of digital copies of ancient manuscripts. Regional Centre 5 Alexandra Ave, Croydon 2132 Sunday August 20 1.30pm-4pm Bookings essential. RSVP Aug 14 marie.levy@sosj.org.au Entry by voluntary donation.

Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Dung Ngoc Tran; Van Hieu Dao
Anniversary: Bernard Danh; Eugenie Thien Tai Tran; Jean Marie An; Marie Therese Tu; Sandro Trovarello; Ernesia & Remy Bru; France Esther; Linda Clark; Edwin Marie; Maria Thuc Trinh Dang; Joseph Binh Chanh Lam.
Deceased: Angelo Famularo; Fabiano Nguyen Thai Sao; Matta Le Thi Thinh; Matta Le Thi Tien.

Sick: Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Henriette Tam Tinh Lam; Gerard Go; Maria Tuu Nguyen; Fatima; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; Tim Logue; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Vaoliko Pesamino, Ethan Chau, Douglas Needham.

Next Weekend - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Readings: 1King 19:9, 11-13; Romans 9:1-5; Gospel - Matthew 14:22-33.

Feasts of the Week

8 August - St Mary of the Cross, virgin. Solemnity.

Born in Melbourne (Australia) in 1842. Died in Sydney on this day in 1909. Took the religious name Mary of the Cross. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children.

Remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny, and for her abiding trust in God's providence.

Named as the second patron of Australia on 15 January 2013

10 August - St Lawrence, deacon, martyr. Feast.

Died at Rome on this day in 258, four days after Saint Sixtus II (7 August), with whom he was closely associated. Honoured for his almsgiving. Became, after the apostles, the most celebrated martyr of the Church of Rome. His cult spread throughout the Church from the fourth century. Remembered in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon), and in five ancient Roman churches dedicated to him.

11 August - St Clare, virgin. Memorial.

Born at Assisi (Italy) in 1193 or 1194. Died there on this day in 1253. From a well-to-do family, Clare embraced an evangelical way of life after hearing the preaching of Saint Francis of Assisi (4 October). Founded the order of the Poor Ladies, now the Poor Clares. Remembered for her life of extreme poverty, austerity, contemplation, and charity.

Altar Society: 13/8/17 Group 2: Robyn Molloy, Enid Sneddon, Teresa Neang, Jeannette Chong, Nora Campbell, Anna & Willy Gabut, Maria Huong Nguyen (Florist)

St Vincent de Paul: 13/8/17 Thom Pham 20/8/17 John Ashe

Church Cleaners: 11/8/17: Charbel Karam **Children's Liturgy:** 13th August - Belinda

Weekend Choir: 13/8 Saturday 6pm - St Anne's Choir
Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God Sun 10am - St Felix Choir

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	6 AUGUST	8am	10am	6pm
C	Stephen Hoang	Janice Rodrigues	Jennifer Nguyen	Lucia Mezentsef	
R	Kalisiana Mar	Jeanette Rodrigues	Emanuela Viner	Kathleen Mezentsef	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Joseph Bui	Maria Huong	Jeannette Chong	Amelia Mezentsef	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Bev Lamaro	Loreto Eduardo	
13 AUGUST					
C	Gabrielle Nguyen	Maxwell Asuzu	Helen Vujevic	Elias Eltarraf	
R	Patrick Abourizk	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	