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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.

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 info contact Sr Therese Leydon 89124845 or Sr Annie Bond 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

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.levey@sosj.org.au

Yagoona Accommodation available

YAGOONA Accommodation self contained, 2 reference essential & full time worker. Fully furnished with electricity & water, internet included. Contact Gloria on 0411 532 201

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

Tuesday - 8.00am, 9.00am & 7.00pm

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

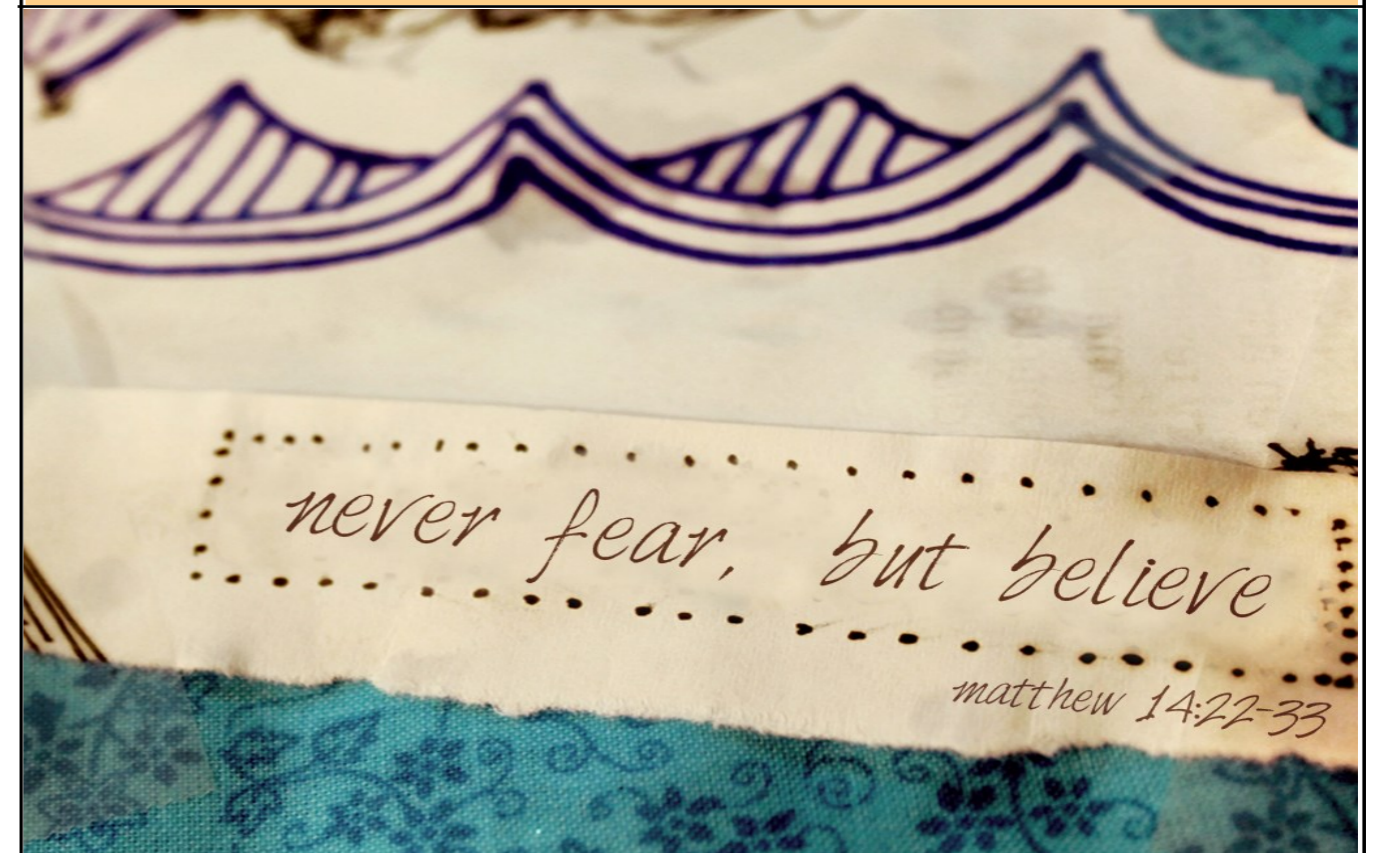
BAPTISMS: Baptism preparations are held on the 1st Sunday of each month after 10am mass in the presbytery. Baptisms by appointment.

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.

Mass Times for the Feast of the Assumption

Tuesday, 15th August will be the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As this is a holy day of obligation Masses on this day will be celebrated at 8.00am, 9.00am and 7.00pm.



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - A - 13 August 2017



Have faith in Jesus

A couple brought their son, a six years old boy to a baptismal preparation. The young boy couldn't quite grasp the concept of godparents. When his mother explained to him that her friend's husband will be his godfather, he became quite puzzled. Stomping his foot he exclaimed, "No, I do not want another good father, I already have a good father - Daddy!"

It is not always easy for us to accept new ideas, concepts and anything out of the normal ordinary daily living. In today's Gospel, Peter was overwhelmed by the sight of Jesus walking on the water. He assumed that he too can do the same. "Lord if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water." Then letting go of his fear he stepped out of the boat onto the water and walked toward Jesus. But when his focus shifted from Jesus to himself and his ability to walk on water, he started to sink. It is the same for all of us if we try to walk on water we will certainly sink. We often wish that we should be doing great things, working miracles, curing the sick, walking on water, whereas what God wanted us to be is just to be ordinary but remain our focus on Him. It is up to God to do what he wished with our ordinary efforts. Matthew told this story to encourage us not to give up hope. If we have faith in Jesus we too can walk on water.

Letting go of our desire to be great is one of the first requirements in following Jesus. There are times I felt helpless when facing people with the incurable sickness, terminal illness or dying. I feel bad for I don't know what to say or ought to do. But I find if I can let go of my thoughts and desires in faith and trust in God's grace and will, then I feel much at peace, and a sense of hope in any situation.

The decision to walk on the water with faith in Jesus is the one which we have to make every day of our lives. It is about doing the best of our ability and leave the rest in God's hand. It is a submission to a belief that there is a bigger plan and a good God beyond our superficial observations. Let us pray that we can let go of our fear, doubt and completely put our trust in Jesus.

This week's Readings - 1Kings 19:9, 11-13; Romans 9:1-5; Gospel - Matthew 14:22-33

Fete Meeting

Our fete this year will be held on Saturday 11th November. The first Fete meeting is being held on Wednesday 23rd August commencing at 7.30pm in the presbytery. If you would like to be involved with the fete in any way please attend, otherwise you may contact Joe Michael on 0418 414 867 for information.

Thank you Volunteers

Thank you to Mr Eric Valencia for volunteering to join the Altar Society and Ms Bach Lam who will be arranging flowers for the Church. If anyone is interested in helping with any Church ministry please contact the Parish Office.

CWF Appeal

This weekend we are holding the CWF appeal. Parishes of the Sydney Archdiocese rely on the services provided by the CWF to deliver assistance to families in crisis, development programs for the disadvantaged, equal access for our deaf and hearing impaired, pastoral support from its chaplaincy service, training for our future priests and faith education for our Catholic parish primary school children. Your donation will ensure that the CWF can continue its charitable and pastoral works in your local community, so we ask you to please give generously. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible.



Our thanks go to W.T Newey & Co. Property Agents at 30 Bankstown City Plaza, for sponsoring our Planned Giving Envelopes again for this financial year. Contact our local Parishioner, Joe Michael for your real estate needs on 0418 414 867 or e-mail: sales@newey.com.au

Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Dung Ngoc Tran; Van Hieu Dao

Anniversary: Mylene Roallos; Mtanios Elaro.

Deceased: Maria Thuc Trinh Dang; Joseph Binh Chanh Lam; John Field; Joseph, Maria Joseph & John.

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; Chu Thi Hao; Anne McKinlay; Shirley Salter

Next Weekend - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Readings: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Gospel - Matthew 15:21-28.

Feasts of the Week

14 August - St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr. Memorial.

Born near Łódź (Poland) in 1894. Died at Auschwitz /Oswiecim on this day in 1941. A Conventual Franciscan priest. Used the printing press in Poland and in Japan to promote devotion to the Virgin Mary. Interned in Auschwitz in 1941, he endured hard labour and offered his life in place of a fellow prisoner who had a family. Condemned to death by starvation and finally killed by lethal injection. Remembered for his energy and poverty, his compassionate ministry, and his self-sacrifice.

15 August - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Solemnity.

This feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century as the "Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God." It was adopted in Rome in the mid-seventh century and was renamed the "Assumption" in the next century. It celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son.

The CFC Handmaids of the Lord

A family ministry of Couples for Christ invite women to a Christian Life Program, an integrated course intended to lead the program participants into a renewed understanding of God's call to them as Christian women. It is open to all mature women such as single mothers, widows, separated women, unmarried mature women & married women whose husbands are working in another state or country or are not willing nor able to participate in any religious affiliation. It runs for 8 consecutive Sundays starting on 17 September 2017 at St Felix Valois Parish Centre, 550 Chapel Rd Bankstown. For more information, please contact Joy Skerritt - 0401353826, Portia Mariano - 0421694078 or Josielyn Dunshea - 0431870733.

Altar Society: 20/8/17 Group 3: Youth Group, Samoan Divine Mercy Group, Tram Vu (Florist)

St Vincent de Paul: 20/8/17 John Ashe 27/8/17 Andrew Nguyen

Church Cleaners: 18/8/17: Vinh Nguyen **Children's Liturgy:** 20th August - Maricel

Weekend Choir: 20/8 Saturday 6pm - St Anne's Choir
Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God Sun 10am - St Felix Choir

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	13 AUGUST	8am	10am	6pm
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	

20 AUGUST

C	Patrick Abourizk	Joseph Dang	Emanuela Viner	Kathleen Mezentsef
R	Kalisiana Mar	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	Ala Pesamino	Amelia Mezentsef
M	Joseph Bui	Robyn Molloy	Joe Luongo	Loreto Eduardo