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Catholic Bushwalking Club

Looking for new members. Bushwalking, Camping, Canyon and Skiing trips. Please apply via website www.cbcnsw.org.au or contact Linda 0478 919 427.

Break Open Word - 2018

Any readers needing a new book for 2018 please place your name on the list in the Sacristy so we may order the books by the end of the month.

Holy Spirit Pilgrimage

"Holy Land & Holy Places in Italy (17 Days)" for \$5,555 from 3rd-19th Sept, 2018 and 7 Days "Optional Extension to Egypt & Jordan". Spiritual Directors: Fr Emmanuel-tv & Fr Jude CSSp. Contact for itinerary/info: fremmanueltv@hotmail.com, 0417999553, (08)93413079, (08) 93413131; or jude.agorchukwu@cam.org.au, 0400759391, (03) 97899672.

The Bishop's Blend

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Monday, 6 November at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://bishopsblendsecondedition.eventbrite.com> or contact bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

CatholicCare..... Supporting the people of Sydney to live and thrive

CatholicCare Foster Care Information evening, 18th October at 6pm
 Would you like to know more about fostering a child? To register for our Information evening in Bankstown, call our team on 13 18 19 or email us at connect@catholiccare.org

St Felix Fete - 11 November 2017

RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW - ONLY \$2 EACH

Plants

We would like to start collecting plants that we can sell at our Fete. If you have any plants you would like to donate please bring them to the presbytery.



Prizes

We are looking for donations of gifts, vouchers or money to buy gifts suitable for the Chocolate wheel. Please contact Parish Office if you can donate.

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

Tuesday - 8.45am. Friday - 11.00am Bupa Greenacre.

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.

Month of Prayer & Fasting for Marriage & Families



Today and throughout this week we pray for the well-being of those experiencing same-sex attraction or gender uncertainty. Heavenly Father, grant true peace and comfort to our family members and friends who experience same sex attraction or gender uncertainty. May we be sensitive and loving especially in times of trial. Lead us to deeper faith as we all strive for Christian perfection.



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - A - 15 October 2017



Respond to God's call

In one city, a tightrope walker was performing his art from a great height. As his final attraction he shoved a wheelbarrow across the wire cable. When he got safely to the other side, he asked the spectators whether they thought he could shove the wheelbarrow back. They all clapped to show their belief that he could. So he asked them once more and they clapped approval again. "So you all agree that I can shove the wheelbarrow back over the wire?" "Of course!" they all screamed and clapped approval. "Okay," said the acrobat, "to prove your faith, which one of you is willing to come up and sit in the wheelbarrow while I shove it?" No one wanted to get THAT involved; they were contented to remain spectators.

The Gospel today tells us that a king gives a feast for his son's wedding. When the invited guests chose not to come the king is furious and he orders his servants to go to the crossroads of the town and invite everyone to the wedding. So they brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike, and the wedding feast was full. It was a custom to give a free wedding garment to all attending guests to wear at the feast. But when the king came in he saw one man who was not wearing a wedding garment and he had the man thrown out.

The story reflects the problems of the early Church at the time Matthew was writing. They were having problems with some non-Jews who had joined the early Christian Church but who were not even complying with the most minimal requirements. So, in the Gospel story the original guests invited were the Jews. Those brought in later to take their places were the Gentiles or non Jews. But even from these a minimum was required.

Let us pray that as followers of Christ may we choose to get involved and respond well to God's call in our every day life.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

1024 This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity - this community of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed - is called 'Heaven'. Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfilment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme definitive happiness.

Who can educate us in prayer? The Christian family is the first place of education in prayer. Daily family prayer is particularly recommended because it is the first witness to the life of prayer in the Church. Catechesis, prayer groups, and "spiritual direction" constitute a school of and a help to prayer.

What places are conducive to prayer? One can pray anywhere but the choice of an appropriate place is not a matter of indifference when it comes to prayer. The church is the proper place for liturgical prayer and Eucharist adoration. Other places also help one to pray, such as a 'prayer corner' at home, a monastery or a shrine.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference/St Paul's Publications 2005: p167

This weeks readings - Isaiah 25:6-10; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Gospel - Matthew 22:1-14

First Reconciliation 2017

Registrations for Sacrament of First Reconciliation are now open to all baptised children in Year 3 or above. The Sacrament will be celebrated this year on 29th November and **completed registration forms must be returned by Sunday 22nd October**. The first parents meeting is on Tuesday 24th October at 7pm in St Felix Hall. Blank registration forms may be found in the Church foyer.

Farewell Mass for Fr Dominic

Parishioners are invited to attend a farewell Mass for Fr Dominic in thanksgiving for his dedication, hard work and support as our Parish Priest for the past 12 years. Mass will be celebrated at 10am on Sunday 29th October followed afterwards by a light lunch in the grotto area. We wish Fr Dominic an abundance of God's blessings in his ministry at his new Parish of Bonnyrigg Heights.

Our good God sees the heart.

Mary MacKillop

Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Van Phat Dinh; Thi Tuu Nguyen; John Bobo; Juliet

Festejo; Elpidio De Pedro Snr; Keith Edmondson

Anniversary: Margarita Kavaliauskas; Joseph & Tonka Babic; Anna Duong; Andre Le Van Son

Deceased: Ipapandi & Michael Omeros; Giuse Pham Duy Huong.

Sick: Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); 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; Anne McKinlay; Shirley Salter; Howard & Betty Pryde

Next Weekend - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Readings: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1Thessalonians 1:1-5; Gospel - Matthew 22:15-21.

Feasts of the Week

17 October - St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr. Memorial.

Born probably in Syria. Died a martyr in Rome about 107. At Antioch, where he was bishop, his death has been commemorated on this day since the fourth century. Remembered for seven letters written on his way to execution. They show him to be devoted to Christ and his resurrection; they urge Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist and around their local bishop. Called himself the "God-bearer."

18 October - St Luke, evangelist. Feast.

By early Christian tradition, Luke is named as author of the Third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Almost certainly a Gentile and perhaps a companion of Saint Paul (29 June), he wrote to reassure those who had grown uncertain toward the end of the first century. In his gospel, the compassion of Christ is inclusive of all: Gentile and Jew, the poor and the rich, women and men, the outcast and the privileged.

Year 1 Family Mass

This Sunday during the 10am Mass we welcome the year 1 children from St Felix primary together with their families who are taking part in the Liturgy.

Cruise with your friends

Parishioners from Christ the King Bass Hill are organising a group booking for a cruise to the Pacific Islands. 10 Night Cruise 5th - 15th March, 2018 on P&O Pacific Explorer Ocean View Cabin: \$1349 Twin Share. Balcony View Cabin: \$1724 Twin Share. If you are interested or require further details, please contact Dee on 0414 581 978 or email deishaastill@gmail.com

Altar Society: 22/10/17 Group 4: Phyllis Vujkovic, Laura Malss, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Chris Kreltszheim, Eric Valencia, Bach Lam (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul: 22/10/17 John Ashe 29/10/17 A Nguyen

Church Cleaners: 20/10/17: Vinh Nguyen **Children's Liturgy:** 22nd Oct - Maree

Weekend Choir: 22/10 Saturday 6pm - Samoan Divine Mercy Group.
Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God Sun 10am - Children's Choir.

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	15 OCTOBER 8am	10am	6pm
C	Gabrielle Nguyen	Janice Rodrigues	Helen Vujevic	Kathleen Mezentsef
R	Patrick Abourizk	Jeanette Rodrigues	Jessica Vujevic	Lucia Mezentsef
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Emmanuel Icard	An Dang	Gordon West	Phu Nguyen
M	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Thong Tran	Judy Jones

22 OCTOBER

C	Stephen Hoang	Joseph Dang	Anthony Rowe	Charbel Eltarraf
R	Kalisiana Mar	Robyn Molloy	Emanuela Viner	Elias Eltarraf
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Gloria Booby	Mesake Mar	Bev Lamaro	Jacinta Eltarraf
M	Tuyen Tran	Madelyn Nicole	Helen Vujevic	Loreto Eduardo