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Information Session: Time: Wednesday November 29th, 5:45 - 7:00 pm
 Place: Save the Children office,
 Suite 302 (Level 3), 418a Elizabeth St, Surry Hills
 (Entrance to the building is on Devonshire St.)

Youth Bible Studies and Adoration

Join in for Bible Study in the presbytery every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm followed by Adoration at 8.30pm. All welcome. Keep in touch through facebook - facebook.com/StFelix100

Australian Catholic Youth Festival – Invitation to Mass in the Domain

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has invited all to attend Mass in the Domain on Saturday 9 December for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. To allow all to attend, the Archbishop has cancelled vigil Masses in the Archdiocese on that day. The Mass at 6.30pm will follow an afternoon of concerts and festivities beginning at 4pm and featuring Australian and international musicians and performers, including Matt Maher. The Archbishop also invites the people of Sydney to pray for the success this important event. Prayer cards have been distributed to parishes (see attached). A special App is available with information about the Festival. Please download it for FREE here: www.xt3.com/acyf2017/apps/

Baptism: This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Ethan Nguyen



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

Wedding Congratulations

Yuxing Wu & Maria Anh Huyen Vu

are married at St Felix this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.



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.:

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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, Saturday - 8.00am.

Wednesday - 10am Uniting Centre. Friday - 9.00am Mass; 10.15am at Yagoona Nursing Home.

Wednesday - 7.30pm Bible Study followed by Adoration at 8.30pm.

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.

St Felix Feast

This Sunday we will celebrate the Feast day of St Felix de Valois. Born in 1127; died at Cerfroi, 4 Nov, 1212. He is commemorated 20 November. A special morning tea hosted by the Youth will follow the 10am Mass.



Charitable Works Fund (CWF) 2017 Thank you:

Thank you for supporting last weekend's Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal. Through you, our six benefiting agencies (CatholicCare, Ephpheta Centre, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Catholic Chaplaincies and Seminaries) can continue their passion for making a positive contribution in people's Lives. Please ensure all donations are returned by the end of the week.



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - A - 19 November 2017



Marriage

Our society is going backwards. Sin is a slippery slide, and recently we've been slipping faster. Older Catholic thinkers are not surprised. They saw this coming a long way away, with the widespread introduction of divorce and remarriage, and the destructive influence of contraception and abortion. It has quickly become popular to disregard Christian teaching that marriage is *for life*.

Now, there is a popular disregard for the unique way that man and woman are made. They have each been made special in their own way to be united and complement one another. With Christ, this natural union can be a way that men and women can be like an image or a reflection of God in the world, and cooperate with God.

However, many behave as if there is no special gift or purpose given by God. When we deny God's gift and purpose, we tend to let our thinking follow our passions. We say that what is good and right is what gives us the most pleasure, and we are easily swept along with the passion of the crowds. God and those who believe in Him come to be seen as thieves who want to take *our* gifts away.

It is no accident that the Sydney Morning Herald directly attacked "religious freedom" in the hours before the same-sex marriage survey results were released. Our society is becoming very comfortable with serious sin, and in the words of an old Australian bishop, if God is not in the building of it, it will not stand. The introduction of legal adultery has done great harm to us. Our society will suffer further loss, because of the way it is normalising other serious sins. However, perhaps, Christians will begin to realise how very different the kingdom of God is from the kingdom of the world, and that one can only really have one true master.

Marriage is a God-given gift that promotes life both biologically and spiritually. To a faithful Christian, marriage is and always will be,

- between one man and one woman
- for life ("until death do us part")
- exclusive (not with other spouses or partners), and
- open to life.

This weeks readings - Prov 31:10-13,19-20, 30-31; 1Thess 5:1-6; Gospel-Matthew 25:14-30.

New Parish Priest

It is with great pleasure we announce that the Archbishop has appointed Fr Van Nguyen as our new Parish Priest. Fr Van is known by many of you and comes from Campsie Parish. He will commence here at St Felix on Tuesday 12th December. We thank Fr Michael Lanzon for administering at the Parish for the month of November.

Fete Thank you

The Fete last Saturday was a great success and thank you to everyone who participated and worked hard on the day and during the preparations to make this years Fete such a great event. Bev Lamaro would like to say a big thank you to all the ladies from the Thursday group for their donations, their hard work and everything in preparation and working hard on the craft stall the day of the fete. The crochet rug which was raffled on the day was won by Jamelie Lahood - Congratulations

Fete Raffle Winners

Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle. The raffle winners are as follows;
1st prize: Bill N. 2nd prize: Eric Nguyen. 3rd prize: Mathew Houry. 4th prize: Eden Langlands.

SVDP Piety Stall

Now selling - 2017 Columban Calendars at \$9 each and Christmas Cards, packet of 10 for \$7.

Funeral for Shirley Salter

Long time Parishioner Shirley Salter passed away peacefully in the early hours of Thursday morning at Bupa Nursing Home in Greenacre. Her Funeral will be held at St Felix this Tuesday (21/11) at 10am. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Dominic Dinh.

Mass Intentions:



Recently Deceased: Maria Nguyen Thi Tuu; Shirley Salter.

Anniversary: Phaolo Phan Van Loc; Richard Lamaro; Marie Therese & Emile Oscar Hope Maria Do Thi Tuan; Maria Chu Quynh Vi; Irene Page; Joseph Nam Mac; Giuse Chu Van Doanh Giuse Chu Van Nhuan; Maria Cao Thi Nu; Maria Bui; Maria Bui Thi Tuyet Nga.

Deceased: ALL NAMES OF DECEASED FOR THIS MONTH ARE IN THE BOOK INFRONT OF THE ALTAR.

Sick: Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; 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; Jovie Casuso; Reyes & Adelle Lim

Next Weekend - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A

Readings: Ezekial 34:11-12,15-17; 1Corinthians 15:20-26,28; Gospel - Matthew 25:31-46.

Feasts of the week

21 November – The presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary. Memorial.

This memorial originally marked the dedication of a sixth century church of the Virgin Mary near the Temple of Jerusalem. The East took it up as a celebration of Mary's presentation to God in the Temple at the age of three, a non-biblical story from the apocryphal gospel of James. Established in the West late in the Middle Ages, the feast was universally observed by the sixteenth century. It celebrates Mary in her grace-filled life, wholly given over to the Holy Spirit from the time of her conception.

22 November – St Cecilia, virgin, martyr. Memorial.

Though a late fourth century church in Rome was named after her, nothing is known of her life or death. Popular legends were written about her in the late fifth century, and in the sixteenth century she was named the patron of music. Remembered in tradition as a virgin, martyred for the faith. Her name is included in Eucharis-tic Prayer I (The Roman Canon).

24 November – Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and companions, martyrs. Memorial.

Andrew (1795-1839), baptised at the age of fifteen, worked first as a lay missionary and then as a diocesan presbyter before being beheaded at Hanoi (Vietnam). Listed among 117 canonised martyrs who died in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862: ninety-six Vietnamese, eleven Spanish Dominicans, and ten presbyters from the Paris Foreign Mission Society. Remembered as representatives of the thousands of Christians tortured and martyred in Vietnam between the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries: bishops, presbyters, religious, and lay people, both children and adults.

Altar Society: 26/11/17 Group 4: Phyllis Vujkovic, Laura Malss, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Chris Kreltszheim, Eric Valencia, Bach Lam (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul: 26/11/17 Thom Pham **3/12/17** A Nguyen

Church Cleaners: 24/11/17: Mai Hai **Children's Liturgy:** 26th Nov - Maree

Weekend Choir: 26/11 Saturday 6pm - Samoan Divine Mercy Group.

Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God **Sun 10am** - Children's Choir.

Readers & Ministers

| | Sat 6pm | 19 NOVEMBER 8am | 10am | 6pm |
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| 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 | Madelyn Nicole | Ala Pesamino | Amelia Mezentsef |
| M | Joseph Bui | Robyn Molloy | Joe Luongo | Loreto Eduardo |

26 NOVEMBER

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| 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 | Cindy Hoang | Chris Kreltszheim | Helen Vujevic | Jacinta Eltarraf |