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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](https://www.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 for this event can be found in the Church foyer.

A special App is available with information about the Festival. Please download it for FREE here: www.xt3.com/acyf2017/apps/

The Epiphany Pilgrimage

Are you looking for a different way to start the new year? Maybe to meet some new people, get fit and conclude the Christmas season on a spiritual high? The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a 7 day, 110 km Catholic pilgrimage through the Blue Mountains which coincides with the Feast of the Epiphany in early January. The pilgrimage begins at Our Lady of the Way Parish in Emu Plains on January 2 2018 and finishes at the Chapel of the Magi at the top of the mountains in Bell on January 8 2018. Throughout the journey pilgrims walk through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland and engage in daily Mass and Adoration at each of the six parishes along the route. For further info & registration go to www.epiphanypilgrimage.org or see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>

A Christmas Celebration 2017 at St Mary's Cathedral

Friday 15 December 2017. Celebrate the beauty and wonder of Christmas with the St Mary's Cathedral Choir and the Orchestra of the Antipodes including congregational carols and music to lift your spirits in the joy of the season! For tickets and more information please visit www.achristmascelebration.com.au

Christmas Remembrance Service – 17 December 2017 at 7:30pm

All are welcome to join in St Mary's Cathedral as we remember and pray for all those who have died and whose memory we cherish over the Christmas season.

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, Friday, Saturday - 8.00am.

Tuesday - 9.30am 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.



1st Sunday of Advent - B - 3 December 2017



Advent

As we begin our Advent season, the readings are in encouragement to us, even if they may seem quite stark. We're called to remember that God respects the choices we make and so, if we choose to distance ourselves from God, it becomes harder to hear God's voice. If we choose a path that obviously deviates from the one that God has set out for us, it can be difficult to see the signs pointing back to the right route. Advent is a wakeup call to bring us from potential slumber to a new alertness of the immediacy of God's presence. God is never distant from us. It's just that sometimes we don't allow God's closeness to be apparent to us. Advent can bring us back on track. Advent gives us the opportunity to be further shaped on the potter's wheel. God the potter will never discard us into the waste bucket, even though we do at times find ourselves out of shape, or with fractures opening up. Life and our choices do that to us.

In the production of pottery, the potter will sometimes use what is called slip. Slip is a liquid mixture of clay suspended in water. It is often used to decorate pots, or to help to join parts of a pot, or to cover up cracks. At the beginning of this special season, perhaps we can imagine God's grace being poured over us like potter's slip. The Lord wants to pour his love out upon us gently filling in the imperfections and smoothing out the inconsistencies. God wants to join us where there is brokenness. Having an image such as that of the divine potter forming us in the palm of his hand may help us. What is certain, though, as we consider our readiness for Christ's second coming and prepare to celebrate his incarnation, is that God will never abandon us. Fired in a kiln of pure love, we are a delight in God's eyes.

The Living Word.

This weeks readings - Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8; 1Corinthians 1:3-9; Gospel - Mark 13:33-37.

Carols by candlelight - Wednesday 13th December

The St Felix Youth and Young Adults group invite you, your family and friends, to a night of prayerful carols and meditation as we prepare the way for Jesus' coming at Christmas on Wednesday 13th December 2017.

Carols and meditation will commence in the church at 7pm and conclude at 8pm with a community BBQ near the grotto.



Choir for the Carols by Candlelight REHEARSALS

All Parish choirs are invited to join in the last combined choir rehearsal on Tuesday 5th December at 7.30pm in the church as we finalise preparations for the carols night.

NO Vigil Mass next Saturday

Please note there will be no Vigil Mass next Saturday 9th December. The Most Rev Archbishop Anthony Fisher has asked us all to join in the Youth Festival Celebration Mass at the Domain commencing at 6.30pm. More information on this event is on the back page of the Bulletin. Sunday Masses remain the same.

CatholicCare..... Do you have a son or daughter leaving school with NDIS 'School Leaver Employment Support' or 'Finding and Keeping a Job?'

CatholicCare Sydney provides a two-year program of one-on-one and group support with activities to help young people gain the skills to identify a career path, gain the skills required and prepare and complete interviews. For more information contact our CCareline Team on 13 18 19 or email us connect@catholiccare.org

Mass Intentions:

Recently Deceased: Shirley Salter; John Paul Bautista (*Rosa House's grandson*)

Anniversary: Bernard Danh; Eugenie Thien Tai Tran; Francesco Folinazzo; Maria Chu Quynh Vi.

Deceased: Deceased members of the Khoury, Michael, El Beani, Gamra & Rizk families; Joseph & Anna, Phero, Micae Ng Van Noi

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 - 2nd Sunday of Advent - Year B

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2Peter 3:8-14; Gospel - Mark 1:1-8.

SVDP Piety Stall

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

Feasts of the week

7 December – St Ambrose, bishop, doctor. Memorial.

Born in Trier (Germany) about 340. Ordained bishop on this day in 374 and died at Milan (Italy) on Holy Saturday 397. A lawyer who became governor in Milan and who was still a catechumen when elected bishop by popular acclaim. Upheld orthodoxy against the Arians and won many Christian converts. Encouraged monasticism and defended the independence of the Church against secular authority. Remembered as an outstanding pastor through his writings on the sacraments and Christian ethics and through his homilies, instructions, and hymns.

8 December – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Solemnity.

This feast had its origin in the East as the "Conception of Mary by Saint Anne". It spread through the West during the Middle Ages as the "Immaculate Conception" and was extended to the entire Western Church in the eighteenth century. The feast celebrates Mary, preserved from sin from the moment of conception: she is the first fruits of her Son's redemption and a prophetic model of what the Church is called to be.

Altar Society: 10/12/17 Group 2: Robyn Molloy, Enid Sneddon, Teresa Neang, Jeannette Chong, Anna & Willy Gabut, Letoe Hansell, Maria Huong Nguyen (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul: 10/12/17 J Obeid 17/12/17 A Nguyen

Church Cleaners: 8/12/17: Charbel Karam **Children's Liturgy:** 10th Dec - Belinda

Weekend Choir: 10/12 Saturday 6pm - St Anne's Choir.
Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God **Sun 10am** - St Felix Choir.

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	3 DECEMBER 8am	10am	6pm
C	Patrick Abourizk	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Anthony Rowe	Lucia Mezentsef
R	Gabrielle Nguyen	Imelda Dela Cruz	Mary O'Hea	Kathleen Mezentsef
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Joseph Bui	Madelyn Nicole	Rosa House	Paul Ngoc
M	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Jessie Kovacevic	Phu Nguyen

10 DECEMBER

C	Kalisiana Mar	Philip Castillo	Jennifer Nguyen	Elias Eltarraf
R	Emmanuel Icard	Ligaya Castillo	Thu Ha Kim	Anthony Eltarraf
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Cindy Hoang	Mesake Mar	Jeannette Chong	Amelia Mezentsef
M	Tuyen Tran	Madelyn Nicole	Ala Pesamino	Jacinta Eltarraf