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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)

### 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](http://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.

**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](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org)

### Offertory Volunteers

We would like to have more families involved with our liturgy by taking up the offertory during the 10 am Mass on Sundays. If you would like to be involved please write your name on the list at the back of the Church.

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

*Iliana Maria Dellosa*  
*Noah Gomes*



May they always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout their life.

### Wedding Congratulations

*Tho Duc Tran & Thi Linh Phuong Nguyen*

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](mailto:admin@stfelixparish.org.au)

Name..... Telephone No.: .....

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# St Felix deValois Parish

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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, Friday, Saturday - 8.00am. Thursday - 9.00am**

**Tuesday - 10.30am Bupa Yagoona. Friday - 11.00am Bupa Greenacre.**

**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.



**2nd Sunday of Advent - B - 10 December 2017**



# Advent

Advent is a time for preparation for Christ's coming, and so John the Baptist reminds us of our need to repent of our sins and turn towards God. Usually, a measure of our need for the Sacrament, is how much we don't want to go! All sorts of illogical and faithless arguments present themselves, but if it's been more than a few months, we should start arranging to see a priest. The Church says, we should repent at least once a year, but that's like saying that we should breathe occasionally; it's the bare necessities for spiritual life.

Since we know Christ, we know that to be holy means to follow Him. In the time of Jesus, the disciples could speak to Jesus directly, lament their sins, and be encouraged by him on the right path. What an immense blessing! Thanks be to God, Christ arranged that we should share in that privilege, when He left the authority to forgive sins to His Apostles and those who would succeed them. Priests were empowered to forgive sins in the person of Christ. This means that, despite the ignorance, stupidity or sinfulness of a particular priest, when he does what the Church does, and absolve sins in the way the Church requires, Christ is present in that priest to absolve our sins, heal us, and fill us with grace.

Certainly, one priest might better cooperate with God than another, and so provide a better conduit of further graces of God to us. Nonetheless, a valid confession ensures that we have reliable access to the forgiveness and grace of Christ. And when a priest serves God wholeheartedly and wisely, he can be an extraordinary help for us by his spiritual advice, like the Cure of Ars, Padre Pio, and St Francis de Sales.

While we wait for the coming of Christ, reconciliation is the way that Jesus has given us to have the wounds of our sins healed, so that we can stay close to Christ and keep up with the procession of the saints towards life in the kingdom of God. All you really need for reconciliation is the priest, who can guide you to make a good reconciliation. However, if it's been a while and you'd like a reminder of the basics, confession follows this outline:

**Priest.** The Sign of the Cross, Scripture, or prayer for a good confession.

**Penitent.** Says how long it's been since their last confession.

**Penitent.** Says the sins they can remember, and the number of times they have committed any serious sins.

**Priest.** Gives some advice and a "penance" to say later, e.g. a certain number of prayers or a good work to complete.

**Penitent.** Prays an act of contrition, eg.

Oh my God, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you,  
because you are so good, and with your help,  
I will not sin again.

**Priest.** Says the prayer of absolution, gives a blessing, and says, "Go in peace".

**This weeks readings** - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2Peter 3:8-14; Gospel - Mark 1:1-8.

## 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.



## Christmas Mass Times

Sunday 24 December - Christmas Vigil Mass - 6.00pm

All children are invited to dress as Shepherds and Angels for the Vigil Mass

Polish Mass - 10.00pm, Christmas Carols & Mass - 11.30pm.

Monday 25 December - Christmas Day

Masses 8.00am, 10.00am & 6.00pm, Polish Mass - 12.00pm.

Tuesday 26 December - St Stephen

Mass - 8.00am. Polish Mass - 12.00pm



## Mass Intentions:

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

**Anniversary:** Francesco Folinazzo

**Deceased:** Louise Rhea Descombe; Maria Costarella, Arcangelo Costarella; Giovanni Frisina; Anna Doran; Nick Frisina; Fabiano Nguyen Thai Sao; Matta Le Thu Thinh; Matta Le Thi Tien; Maria.

**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 - 3rd Sunday of Advent - Year B

Readings: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; 1Thessalonians 5:16-24; Gospel - John 1:6-8, 19-28.

## SVDP Piety Stall

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

## Feasts of the week

**13 December – St Lucy, virgin, martyr. 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.

**14 December – St John of the Cross, priest, doctor. Memorial.**

Born in 1542 at Fontiveros (Spain). Died on this day in Ubeda. A Carmelite priest who joined Saint Teresa of Jesus (15 October) in the work of Carmelite reform and, despite opposition and imprisonment, organised the disalced Carmelites. Remembered for his mystical writings, which combine theology and poetry to describe the spiritual journey through darkness to union with God.

**Altar Society: 17/12/17 Group 3:** Youth Group, Samoan Divine Mercy Group, Tram Vu (*Florist*)

**St Vincent de Paul: 17/12/17** A Nguyen **24/12/17** John Ashe

**Church Cleaners: 15/12/17:** Vinh Nguyen **Children's Liturgy:** 17th Dec - HOLIDAYS

**Weekend Choir: 17/12 Saturday 6pm** - St Anne's Choir.

**Sunday 8am** - Singing Servants of God **Sun 10am** - Samoan Divine Mercy Group.

## Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	10 DECEMBER	8am	10am	6pm
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	
17 DECEMBER					
C	Patrick Abourizk	Kiara Asuzu	Jessica Vujevic	Kathleen Mezentsef	
R	Stephen Hoang	Maxwell Asuzu	Emmanuela Viner	Lucia Mezentsef	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Gloria Booby	An Dang	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Helen Vujevic	Phu Nguyen	