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Women in Leadership: a gift for the world

We are offering a two and a half day workshop for women at the Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo. April 13-15, 2018.

Who is this workshop for?

For women of any age and any experience. For women in formal leadership positions, and for those who exercise leadership without a formal title ... in business, schools, homes, offices, parishes, anywhere.

What is it about?

The aim is to support women to explore their unique gifts – as people, as women and as leaders. Framed within the Benedictine tradition, participants will develop the confidence and the skills to understand their value for the world by leading in a range of contexts. They will leave encouraged to do so.

The venue itself is significant. Set within the rainforest of Jamberoo Mountain, the quiet contemplative space of the Abbey offers the opportunity to be reflective and to experience the peace, the life and the hospitality of the Benedictine community.

How will it run?

The workshop program will include presentations, workshop activities, dialogue and discussion, time to reflect, and the opportunity to take part in the liturgical life of The Abbey, if desired. While it is strongly research-based, the experience and insights of participants will be paramount. In short, there will be time to think, to listen, to talk together, to laugh and to be still.

This is a residential program. Participants will be accommodated in The Abbey cottages, arriving in the afternoon of Thursday 12 April, and leaving after lunch on Sunday 15 April. Because of the nature of this workshop, numbers are limited

DATE: April 13-15, 2018
VENUE: Benedictine Abbey, 695 Mountain Road, Jamberoo
TIME: Arrive afternoon of Thursday 12 April, leaving after lunch on the Sunday
COST: Cost of program is \$200. Accommodation fees depend upon type of room selected.
BOOKINGS: (02) 42360533 or cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au



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

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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 - Monday (New Year), Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday - 8.00am.

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.



For my eyes have seen your salvation,
 which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
Luke 2:30-32

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - B - 31 December 2017

Reflection

The Holy Family

In the paintings of the great masters, Mary, Christ and, when included Joseph rarely look directly at each other. This is not because there is a lack of intimacy but because the painters wish to convey the mystery of the family. They are bound together by something more than mutual concern for each other. They are caught up in a great purpose, which is why they exist as a family. Sometimes they may be looking at a cross, sometimes at a symbol of grace such as a small flower representing suffering, but often enough they are gazing at something outside of the painting. What you do not see in these paintings is a family enclosed in itself.

There is a mystery in all families. Why does God join certain people together, and bless them, or not, with children? What are their struggles for? All of this is unknown. Yet for Christian families, the Holy Family reveals that all of our lives are enfolded in the great mystery of Christ. The Gospels only give us glimpses into the life of the Holy Family, yet it is clear that before he began his public life, Christ lived for most of his short life in the circles of that family in the small village of Nazareth. God is telling us something here. This life with his family is called the hidden life, yet it was from this secret time that the human thoughts of Jesus emerged. The parables of the kingdom come from his experience as a human being among human beings. What is the kingdom of God like? It is like the life of Jesus, and what he saw of human yearnings for happiness in Nazareth.

The Living Word.

This weeks readings - Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Readers and Ministers Roster

The current Readers & Ministers Roster runs until the end of January. If you would like to join this roster or make any changes kindly email the parish office or let Fr Van know before 11th January

Altar Society Roster

The 2018 roster for Altar Society is now available to pick up from the Church Sacristy.

New Look Bulletin

We are currently reformatting the look of the Bulletin as this one has been in place for many years. The new look will commence in the New Year. If anyone has any suggestions of what they would like to read in our Bulletin please send an email to the Parish Office. All ideas will be taken into consideration.

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: Joseph Chien Nguyen (*Maria Huong Nguyen's father*); Melissa Zrno; Lydia Vandermeij, Joanne Hazoury, Helen Noble.

Anniversary: .George Sultana, Stella Briffa, Halina Wilczynska, Mieczyslaw Wilczynski.

Deceased: John Field, Louise & Lucien Descombes, Maria To Ai Thuy Trang, Beatrice De La Paz, Pablo De La Paz, Marina Tonel, Ramon Tonel, Benjamin Tonel, Gil Tonel.

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; Madelyn Nicole, Carmel & Peter Mascaro, George Malouf, Chit Jakob, Portia Mariano, Connie Naumachen.



Next Weekend - The Epiphany of the Lord - Year B

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12

Feasts of the week

1 January – Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Solemnity.

Venerated as Mother of God from ancient times, the Virgin Mary was acclaimed *Theotokos* (God-bearer) in 431 by the Council of Ephesus, and commemorated on this day in Rome in the seventh century. Soon eclipsed by other feasts of Mary. Restored to the liturgical calendar in 1931, and to this day in 1969. Celebrates Mary's role in the mystery of the incarnation, enriches the octave of Christmas with a Marian perspective, and provides a solemn beginning to the New Year.

2 January – Sts Basil the Great and Gregory. Memorial.

Basil: Born about 330 at Caesarea (Turkey). Died there on 1 January 379. First a hermit, then bishop of his native city. Remembered for his pioneering monastic rule, and for writings which developed the doctrines of the incarnation and of the divinity of the Holy Spirit.

Gregory: Born at Nazianzus (Turkey) in 329. Died there in 389. Also a hermit before becoming bishop of Constantinople. Remembered as the "Theologian" because of his wisdom and acumen in maintaining orthodox doctrine against the Arians.

Basil and Gregory are commemorated together because of their friendship in life and their enduring influence on the Church, especially in the East.

Altar Society: 7/1/18 Group 1: Gloria Walker, Margaret Chan, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Dorie Encarnacion, Michael & Jacinta Viner, Hien & Vu Bui (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul: 7/1/18 Andrew Nguyen **14/1/18** A Nguyen

Church Cleaners: 5/1/18: Polish Group

Children's Liturgy: School Holidays

Weekend Choir: 7/1 Saturday 6pm - St Anne's Choir.

Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God **Sun 10am** - St Felix Choir.

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	31 DECEMBER 8am	10am	6pm
C	Emmanuel Icard	Mary Buckley	Emanuela Viner	Lucia Mezentsef
R	Kalisiana Mar	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Thu Ha Kim	Kathleen Mezentsef
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Joseph Bui	Mesake Mar	Rosa House	Amelia Mezentsef
M	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Joe Luongo	Judy Jones

7 JANUARY

C	Stephen Hoang	Philip Castillo	Jennifer Nguyen	Elias Eltarraf
R	Gloria Booby	Ligaya Castillo	Anthony Rowe	Anthony Eltarraf
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Emmanuel Icard	Mesake Mar	Ala Pesamino	Paul Ngoc
M	Tuyen Tran	Ivana Derek	Jeannette Chong	Loreto Eduardo