

## GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you sin, cut it off.*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## St Brendan's Friendship Club

Harbour Cruise - Monday, 12th November, 2018. The cruise will commence from the Star Casino Wharf at 10:45am. Morning tea will be provided upon arrival and for lunch there will be a hot roast followed by dessert. There will be entertainment also on board. *Cost is \$50.00, (please pay as soon as possible as we need to book early).* For all bookings, please telephone Venero or Catina on 9707 1403.

## World Rosary at St Felix

We will be saying the Rosary after the 8.00am Mass on Sunday 7th October, for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Together we are calling upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary. All Welcome.

## Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

***Elliana Joy Cacatian***

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.



***Don't forget to move your clocks forward next weekend***

***or you'll be late for Mass!***

Daylight Saving begins 7th October.



**If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on phone 9390 5812.**

**Catechist & Friendship Group:** Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; **Choir:** Line Collet 0410 568 103;

**Youth :** Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187; **Pastoral Council:** John Sarkis 0400 606 297;

**St Vincent de Paul:** John Ashe 9796 1055; **Bankstown Josephite Associates:** Robyn Molloy 9707 1292;

**Children's Liturgy:** Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; **Cemetery Committee:** Maureen Vincent 9790 4217;

**Sacramental co-ordinator:** Gloria Booby 0413 294 224; **Safeguarding Officer:** Anthony Chadrawy 9790 1933;

**Polish Priests:** 8783 0533; **De La Salle Brothers:** 9708 2692;

**St. Felix Primary School:** 9796 7875 Frances Bonanno - Principal;

**LaSalle Catholic College:** 9793 5600 Mr Michael Egan - Principal;

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## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** 6pm (Vigil),

**Sunday:** 8am,  
10am (Children's Liturgy),  
6pm, 12noon (Polish).

## THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
Friday & Saturday - 8.00am.

## Nursing Home Masses

NIL

## Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

## DEVOTIONS

**Benediction:** Saturday 7.00am.

**Rosary:** Saturday 8.25am.

**Divine Mercy Prayer:**  
6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Or by appointment.

**Marriages:** By arrangement with  
at least 6 months notice.

**Care for the Sick:** Any time.  
Please call the Presbytery.

**Baptisms:** Preparation classes are  
held in the Presbytery on the  
1st Sunday of each month  
after 10AM Mass .



***Congratulations to the graduating class of 2018.***

***Let us pray for these young men as they prepare for their final exams and bless them on their future endeavours.***

## Responsorial Psalm

**R.** The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Your word, O Lord, is truth:  
make us holy in the truth.  
**Alleluia!**

**Comm Antiphon:** By this we came to know the love of  
God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay  
down our lives for one another.

**This weeks readings** - Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6;  
Gospel - Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**Next Weekend:** 27th Sun Ord Time - Year B. **Readings:**  
Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrew 2:9-11; Gospel - Mark 10:2-16.

# 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 30 September 2018

**Welcome**  
We welcome Fr Tan Hoang who is from the Order of St Augustine. He will be looking after the Parish for the next couple of weeks while Fr Van is on leave.

**First Reconciliation 2018**  
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 28th November and *completed registration forms must be returned by Sunday 21st October*. The first parents meeting is on Tuesday 23rd October at 7pm in St Felix Hall. Blank registration forms may be found in the Church foyer.

**Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 14 October 2018 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Anthony Randazzo.  
Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.

**Mass Intentions: *Recently Deceased:*** Joao Loreto  
***Anniversary:*** Anne Marie & Alex Juste; Connie Rebelo; Nguyen Van Giao; Maria Nguyen Thi Vui; Yvan & Renee Verrier; Ishak Tanujaya; Magid Hobeiche; Ruffa Maria Teresa; Gasparro Concetta; Gasparro Francesco; Gasparro Filippo; Mistri Mario  
***Deceased:*** Enrique Valdes; Sonny Liwanag; Luz Solis Espiritu; Roger Angara; Christia Yunon; Youssef Hawa; Giuse & Maria.  
***Sick:*** Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Dinh Thi An; Teresita Martinez; Georgina Omeros; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Debbie Randall (nee Goodwin); Teresita Tenorio; Zenaida Elizondo; Maria Portia Mariano; Madelyn Nicole; Andrew Nguyen; Paul Truc Le; Jun Ibarra.  
*(Please advise the office when the names of the sick can be removed)*

<b>Weekly Rosters</b>				
<b>Altar Society: 7/10/18 Group 1:</b> Gloria Walker, Margaret Chan, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Dorie Encarnacion, Michael & Jacinta Viner, Hien & Vu Bui ( <i>Florist</i> ).				
<b>St Vincent de Paul:</b> <i>7/10/18</i> Thom Pham <i>14/10/18</i> John Ashe				
<b>Church Cleaners: 5/10/18:</b> Polish Group <b>Children's Liturgy:</b> 7th Oct - HOLIDAYS				
<b>Weekend Choirs: 7/10 Saturday 6pm</b> - St Anne's Choir <b>Sunday 8am</b> - Singing Servants of God. <b>10am</b> - St Felix Choir. <b>6pm</b> - Youth Choir				
<b>Readers &amp; Ministers</b>				
Sat 6pm <b>30 SEPTEMBER</b> 8am                      10am                      6pm				
C	Emmanuel Icard	Mary Buckley	Anthony Rowe	Charbel Eltarraf
R	Patrick Abourizk	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Mary O'Hea	Elias Eltarraf
A	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Judy Jones	Robyn Molloy	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc
M	Gloria Booby	Chris Kreltszheim	Ala Pesamino	Phu Nguyen
<b>7 OCTOBER</b>				
C	Emmanuel Icard	Maxwell Asuzu	Helen Vujevic	Lucia Mezentsef
R	Kalisiana Mar	Imelda Dela Cruz	Jessica Vujevic	Kathleen Mezentsef
A	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Cindy Hoang	Mesake Mar	Rosa House	Amelia Mezentsef
M	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Jeannette Chong	Jacinta Eltarraf

Reflection

## Nurture Faith

The second part of today's Gospel contains a strong message for those who share the responsibility of fostering faith. It is indeed an awesome responsibility. Today's Gospel reminds us that faith is a lifelong journey toward God. We don't always get it all or even get it right. But we pray for the grace to acknowledge and build upon even the smallest signs of faith, in ourselves and in others. There are plenty of obstacles that might prevent the growth of faith. Let us pray that we are not contributing to the obstacles that might hinder another person's faith in Jesus.

As you gather as a family, observe that there are things in our lives that nurture our faith and things that can hinder it. Talk about some of the things that nurture our faith—healthy family relationships, healthy friendships, good literature, and so on. Name some of the things that might be an obstacle to faith—unhealthy relationships, scandals, and so on. Observe that Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that we are to do everything we can to help one another have faith in Jesus and do all that we can to avoid creating obstacles that might hinder another person's faith. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48. Conclude by praying together that we will be a family that helps each other grow in faith. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 19, or the Lord's Prayer.

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**Feasts of the Week**  
**1 October – St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin,doctor. Memorial.**  
Born at Alençon (France) in 1873. Died of tuberculosis at Lisieux on 30 September 1897. From a devout family, she entered a Carmelite monastery at fifteen, where she embraced the suffering of her ill-health with love and in service to the missionary spread of the gospel. Known through her popular autobiography and loved for her unaffected simplicity. Remembered for her humble obedience and her fidelity to ordinary duties as the path to sanctity.  
**2 October - The Holy Guardian Angels. Memorial.**  
This feast originated in Portugal early in the sixteenth century and has figured in the general calendar since the late seventeenth century. It is based on the belief that God assigns everyone an angel to guard body and soul, an expression of God's personal care for each individual. A similar belief is also found in Jewish and other religious thought. The feast associates the human race with the eternal song of praise in heaven (*Matthew 18:10*).  
**4 October - St Francis of Assisi. Memorial.**  
Born in Assisi (Italy) in 1181 or 1182. Died nearby on 3 October 1226. The carefree son of a wealthy merchant who gave up his inheritance to embrace utter poverty. Under a simple gospel rule, he and his Friars Minor were authorised to be mendicant preachers. His "Canticle of the Sun" captures his lyrical spirit and sense of oneness with all creatures. An outstanding example of the beatitude "Blessed are the poor in spirit". At the end of his life he bore in his flesh the marks of Christ's suffering. Remembered for preaching the poor and crucified Christ in both word and humble action.

**New-Look Catholic Weekly**  
Today begins a new chapter in The Catholic Weekly with a redesign to provide a more contemporary look and feel. Buy your copy of the new-look Catholic Weekly newspaper available here at the church for \$2. Take out a 12-month subscription and go into the draw to win an iPad. See the paper for details.

**School Holiday Family Fun**  
Looking for something to do during these upcoming school holidays? Why not book in to the Family Fun activities at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney. Explore Mary's home - Bobs the Dog trail - Art & Craft Activities - Balloon Animals - Show Bag – included Guided Museum tour for adults. Suitable for pre-school and Primary students 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October (10:30am to 12:30pm inclusive) *Bookings are essential.* Ph: 8912 4883 E: [educator@mmp.org.au](mailto:educator@mmp.org.au) 1 x Adult + Child = \$18. Additional Child = \$2 each. Additional Adult = \$5 each