

GOSPEL: John 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

La Salle Enrolments

Enrolments are now been accepted for Year 7 2020 & Year 7 2021 at LaSalle Bankstown. Anyone wanting more information or a tour of the College can contact Mrs Saliba on 9793 5600.



2019 ANZAC Eve Mass of Remembrance

Sydneysiders are invited to join Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, active and retired members of the Defence Forces for Mass, prayer and reflection on the Eve of ANZAC Day. There will be a Wreath laying ceremony with the Governor of NSW, and the Australian army band Sydney will join the Cathedral choir, to provide a beautiful musical accompaniment to the Mass.

Date: 24th April 2019 Time: 5.30pm Location: St Mary's Cathedral

Palms

We are looking for Palm leaves for the Palm Sunday Masses and also long branches to help decorate the Church. If anyone has any Palm Trees please let Fr Van know or contact the office. You are welcome to bring your own Palm/Olive branch to the Mass.



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:** Patrick Abou-rizk 0416 035 993 ;
St Vincent de Paul: Diago Rodrigues 0439643859; **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;
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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 - 8.00am
Wednesday - 8.00am
Thursday - 8.00am
Friday - 8.00am
Saturday - 8.00am

Nursing Home Masses
Friday - 11am Bupa Greenacre

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 .

Project Compassion Caritas AUSTRALIA



Salma featured in Project Compassion 2013. At the time she was pregnant with her first child, sick and terribly frightened. In distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help reduce infant mortality rates in countries like Bangladesh and proved hope to pregnant women in remote communities for happy and healthy families.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Comm Antiphon: Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

This weeks readings - Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

Next Weekend: Palm Sunday - Year C.

Readings: (Entrance: Luke 19:28-40) Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14 - 23:56

5th Sunday of Lent - Yr C - 7 April 2019

Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday 18 April - 7.30pm Mass followed by prayers until midnight
 Good Friday 19 April - 10.30am Youth re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross.
 3.00pm Commemoration of the Passion

Easter Saturday 20 April- 7.00pm Vigil Mass. Easter Sunday 21 April- 8.00am; 10.00am & 6.00pm

Volunteers for Easter Masses

We are looking for volunteer readers, ministers, acolytes, altar servers and volunteers to help carry the offertory & sacred oils during our special Easter Masses. Please write your names on the blank roster forms found in the Sacristy for the Masses you wish to serve. Everyone's assistance makes our liturgies extra special.

Pre-Easter Reconciliation

A good way to prepare for Easter is to reconcile with God and with one another. This year at St Felix we will celebrate the First Rite of Reconciliation before Holy week on Tuesday 9th April. You may come at anytime between 7.00pm - 8.00pm. Visiting priests will be available. All welcome.

Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Sr. Rosa Villanueva ICM; Helen Dizon; Christopher Cassaniti

Anniversary: Bernard Danh; Eugenie Thien Tai Tran; Phaolo Minh Truc Le; Teresa Bien; Enrique & Gertrudis Valdes; Luming De Vega; Anthony Carta; Geatana Carta; Anthony John Muscat; Giorgia Muscat; Emalwel Muscat; Jack Zucco; Giuse Lien; Maria Hoa.

Deceased: Matthew Chu Van Tuynh; Halina Wilczynska; Anna Doran; Nick Frisina; Khaiil Saidi Taouk; Youssef Hawa

Sick: Max Goodwin, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Rukmani Krishnan; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Dinh Thi An; Teresita Martinez; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Madelyn Nicole; Andrew Nguyen; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet; Maria Portia Mariano; Brian Dimmock; Maria Bui Thi Don; Josette Ackad.

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society: 14/4/19 Group 2: Robyn Molloy, Rosa House, Jeannette Chong, Anna & Willy Gabut, Hien & Vu Bui (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul: 14/4/19 A Nguyen 21/4/19 D Rodrigues

Church Cleaners: 12/4/19: Charbel Karam **Children's Liturgy:** 14th April - HOLIDAYS

Weekend Choirs: 14/4 Saturday 6pm - St Anne's Choir.

Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God **10am** - St Felix Choir **6pm** - Youth Choir

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	7 APRIL	8am	10am	6pm
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	

14 APRIL

C	Patrick Abourizk	Philip Castillo	Thu Ha Kim	Elias Eltarraf
R	Gloria Booby	Ligaya Castillo	Anthony Rowe	Charbel Eltarraf
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Emmanuel Icard	Thao Nguyen	Ala Pesamino	Paul Ngoc
M	Cindy Hoang	Melanie Campisi	Joe Luongo	Loreto Eduardo

Reflection

Be Compassionate

There are few people that we know better than the members of our own family. We know one another's strengths and abilities, and we also know one another's limitations and weaknesses. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, we may be tempted to focus on the faults and sins that familiarity with one another can sometimes reveal. As family members, however, we also have the ability to see one another's faults and sins within the context of the whole person. When we can keep this perspective, we are more likely to look upon one another with compassion. Family life, then, presents us the opportunity to see one another as God sees us, not with judgment and condemnation for our weaknesses and failings, but with mercy and compassion. When we learn to withhold judgment for the faults we know are there and seek the best in one another, we help one another to experience the depths of God's compassion, mercy, and love.

As you gather as a family, observe that when we know people well we know their faults as well as their strengths. At times, we can be tempted to focus on the faults we see in others. Discuss what your family life would be like if you always focused on one another's faults. Observe that in today's Gospel, Jesus refuses to focus on the sin of the woman brought to him for judgment. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 8:2-11. Ask: *What did the people who focused on the woman's sin want to do?* (stone the woman) *What does Jesus say to the people who accused the woman caught in adultery?* (that the person with no sin should throw the first stone) *Are any of us without sin?* (No.) Observe that we can help each other to grow in God's love by refusing to focus on one another's faults and sins. In this way, we can help one another to see ourselves as God sees us: with understanding and compassion. Conclude in prayer together asking God to forgive our sins by praying the Act of Contrition.

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Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening at 7.30pm during Lent. All welcome.

Youth Passion Re-enactment 2019

REHEARSAL DATES are as follows; Wednesday 10 April; Sunday 14 April and Wednesday 17 April all at 7.00pm.

Chocolate Lambs

Chocolate Pascal Lambs will be selling from next weekend. The cost per lamb will be \$8.00. The money raised will go toward the running of the Parish. We wish to thank St Michael Mission Society Inc. for making and providing us with these beautiful chocolates.

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop

25th Anniversary National Pilgrimage. The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the 25th anniversary National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22 October, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney 2 November 2019. Cost \$3,575 - \$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand). Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp.

For a brochure, application form or further information please email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or call Sr Therese Leydon rsj on 0417 683 123, or Sr Annie Bond rsj on (02) 8912 4818.

Men's Lenten Retreat Day - Notre Dame Broadway

On Saturday, April 13 from 9am to 4:00pm. The day will include Mass, time for reflection and reconciliation, lunch and afternoon tea, and inspiring talks from three speakers. The retreat will take place at The University of Notre Dame Australia on Broadway campus. Event is free, registration essential: Sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au or (02) 8204 4189 or trybooking.com/475522