

## GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Altar Servers' Training Program.

An Altar Servers' Training Program has been arranged for **two Saturdays 1 December and 8 December 2018 from 9AM to 12.30PM** (lunch provided). Children are to attend both Saturdays. Children who have made their First Holy Communion are encouraged to participate in this program. To register your child please collect an application from Fr Van or contact the Parish Office.

### Child Protection Policies

The Archdiocese of Sydney have introduced new policies concerning **all volunteers who are 18 years or over**. All these volunteers must now read and sign a Volunteer's Agreement, a Code of Conduct for working with children and young people and complete an Induction Training Course on safeguarding children.

For your convenience, the Safeguarding Office has provided an Online Induction Training Course. To complete this course, you must register by following this link:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/XjXDmPsp8bnBB7e43>

For those volunteers who are not able to do it online, St Felix Parish will run the Induction Training Course on Safeguarding Children with two sessions: **Tuesday 20 November & Thursday 22 November 2018 both at 7PM** in the Meeting Room at the Presbytery.

Also, according to the new policies, all volunteers in the following Ministries are now required to obtain a Working With Children Check (**WWCC**): Acolytes, Commentators, Readers, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers), Children Liturgy Teachers, Sacramental Group Leaders, Youth leaders, Catechists, Collectors, and Wardens. If you are a volunteer in any of these ministries and haven't applied for WWCC, please do so. If you need assistance, please talk to Mr Anthony Chadrawy (Safeguarding Officer) or contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

**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** - 8.00am.  
**Wednesday** - 8.00am.  
**Thursday (All Saints)** - 9.00am  
**Friday (All Souls)** - 8.00am &  
7.30pm.  
**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 .



*"Master, grant that I may see." Mark 10:51*

### Responsorial Psalm

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

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,  
And brought us life through his gospel.

**Alleluia!**

**Comm Antiphon:** We will ring out our joy at your saving help  
and exult in the name of our God.

**This weeks readings** - Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6;  
Gospel Mark 10:46-52

**Next Weekend:** 31st Sun Ord Time - Year B. **Readings:** Deut 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Gospel Mark 12:28-34

## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 28 October 2018

## First Reconciliation Commitments

The registered Candidates for 1st Reconciliation will be committing to the Sacrament during all Masses this weekend as they commence their preparations. Please keep them in your prayers.

## New Readers & Ministers Roster

The new Roster for Readers and Ministers is now available from the Sacristy for you to pick up. Alternatively, if you would like a copy emailed to you just let the Parish Office know.

## Youth and Young Adults—Upcoming Events

Wed 30th October — 7.30pm — Bible study followed by Adoration at 8.30pm  
 Wed 7th November — 7.30pm — Movie Night Pt 2 — St Padre Pio  
 Wed 14th November — 7.30pm — Bible study followed by Adoration at 8.30pm  
 Sun 18th November — 6.00pm — Mass followed by dinner at Bankstown Sports  
 Wed 21st November — 7.30pm — Catechesis Night

All welcome. Keep in touch through facebook - [facebook.com/StFelix100](https://www.facebook.com/StFelix100)

## Mass Intentions: **Recently Deceased:** Eddie Attard.

**Anniversary:** Tamam Moses; Guiseppe Amodeo; Phaolo Phan Van Loc; Maria Nguyen Thi Tuu; Bernard Danh; Eugenie Thien Tai Tran; Jack Vincent; Deceased of the Vincnet and Lander Families; Joseph Rodrigues, Angelo Mendes, Angelica Rodrigues, Shrikant Pandir, Felix Aguiar, Ubaldiha D'Souza, Frederick D'Souza, Raymond D'Souza, Rosie D'Souza, Vincent Vu Dinh Kim, Giuse, Maria.

**Deceased:** Gillian Sofatzits, Joseph Tao.

**Sick:** 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; 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)*

## Weekly Rosters

**Altar Society: 4/11/18 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:** 4/11/18 J Obeid 11/11/18 A Nguyen

**Church Cleaners:** 2/11/18: Polish group **Children's Liturgy:** 4th Nov - Ligaya

## Weekend Choirs: 4/11

**Saturday 6pm** - St Anne's Choir

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

## Readers & Ministers

|   | Sat 6pm          | 28 OCTOBER      | 8am             | 10am             | 6pm |
|---|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----|
| C | Kalisiana Mar    | Joseph Dang     | Jennifer Nguyen | Charbel Eltarraf |     |
| R | Gabrielle Nguyen | Robyn Molloy    | Emanuela Viner  | Kenneth Gan      |     |
| A | Tuyen Tran (A)   | An Dang (A)     | Thong Tran (A)  | Thanh Vu (A)     |     |
| M | Judy Jones       | Thao Nguyen     | Bev Lamaro      | Jacinta Eltarraf |     |
| M | Gloria Booby     | Melanie Campisi | Jeannette Chong | Loreto Eduardo   |     |

## 4 NOVEMBER

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|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| C | Kalisiana Mar    | Philip Castillo | Jennifer Nguyen    | Lucia Mezentsef    |
| R | Patrick Abourizk | Ligaya Castillo | Thu Ha Kim         | Kathleen Mezentsef |
| A | Joseph Bui (A)   | An Dang (A)     | Anthony Joseph (A) | Thanh Vu (A)       |
| M | Gloria Booby     | Mesake Mar      | Jeannette Chong    | Amelia Mezentsef   |
| M | Emmanuel Icard   | Robyn Molloy    | Bev Lamaro         | Loreto Eduardo     |

## Reflection *The rich and the kingdom of God*

Jesus is going to Jerusalem during the final week of his earthly life and passes through Jericho. He has much on his mind as he is facing confrontation with religious and Roman authorities. Then he hears one blind beggar, Bartimaeus, crying out. Bartimaeus recognises Jesus as no ordinary prophet. Even though the crowd tries to silence him, Bartimaeus will not be silenced and he asks Jesus to let him see again. When Jesus calls Bartimaeus to him, he leaps up and runs to Jesus. Bartimaeus knows that a major change is about to happen in his life and he anticipates it with enthusiasm, joy and hope. He is healed of his blindness.

Bartimaeus is a special figure in Mark's Gospel. For a start he has a name, unlike many others healed by Jesus. Also he takes the initiative after grasping who Jesus is. Bartimaeus, despite his blindness, sees the royal and divine dimensions of Jesus' identity, and he discerns that Jesus is compassionate and able to show mercy and to heal. He persists despite hindrances. When the crowd rebukes Bartimaeus for calling out, demanding that a blind beggar with no social status must be silent, Bartimaeus yells "all the louder" until Jesus hears him. And Bartimaeus expects a transformation. When he is summoned by Jesus he tosses aside his cloak. He clearly expects to regain his sight, for a blind beggar would ordinarily do well to keep his possessions close at hand. He obviously expects a change in his status. Bartimaeus confidently expects that he will no longer sit on his garment, dependant upon handouts from passers-by.

The story of Bartimaeus is like a blueprint for the ideal disciple; he believes that Jesus is the Messiah, he is called by Jesus, he has faith in Jesus and he experiences Jesus' healing power. The story describes two energies coming together: the energy of Jesus and the energy of the believer. A blind humanity is searching for God and God is also looking for us.

*The Living Word*

## Feasts of the Week

### 1 November – All Saints. Solemnity.

This feast began in the East to commemorate all martyrs and was progressively adopted in the West. Celebrated on this day in the eighth century and soon widely observed. Honoured today are all holy men and women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love.

### 2 November – The Commemoration of all the faithfully departed.

This day of commemoration began early in the Middle Ages with annual prayers for the dead in monastic communities. Fixed on this day, it spread more widely after the tenth century and now ranks with the principal feast days in the liturgical calendar. Commonly known as All Souls, it expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially those souls in purgatory "who have been buried in their human imperfection".

## CWF appeal

Next weekend we are holding the Charitable Works Fund appeal. Parishes of the Sydney Archdiocese rely on the services provided by the CWF to deliver assistance to families in crisis, development programs for the disadvantaged, equal access for our deaf and hearing impaired, pastoral support from its chaplaincy service, training for our future priests and faith education for our Catholic parish primary school children. Please give generously. Donations of \$2 and over are 100% tax deductible.

## Plenary Council 2020

The Australian Catholic Bishops have called a Plenary Council for 2020. This is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future and you are all invited to participate.

The Plenary Council gives us an opportunity to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church. In the preparation process, we are called to reflect, listen and share insights with one another as we respond to the three questions:

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?

There will be scheduled meetings in our Parish in the near future. After we talk together, we will collect our stories and ideas and the questions we have about the future of the Church and give our submission to the Plenary Council Working Group who will consolidate and then forward them to the Council for discussion. Your voice will be greatly valued.

More information can be found at: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>