

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

New rules for the place of celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation with children

In responding to the recommendations of the Royal Commission, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has instructed that new rules should be observed in the Archdiocese in order to protect children from abuse while receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Major points are;

* The confessions of children should preferably be held in an open place where a child or young person and the priest are visible to others. In this case, however the privacy of children must still be respected; that means we must ensure that no one else can hear their confession and that they remain anonymous to the priest.

* When children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the confessional, the door must have a glass window or, if not, then it must be kept open so that children are visible to others outside.

* Either in an open space or in a confessional, a screen must be fixed between the penitent child and the priest so that physical contact is not possible.

We are in the process of modifying our confessional and applying these new rules as instructed. Copies of the entire letter from the Archbishop are available for you to take home in the Church foyer.

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?

Your voice will be greatly valued. More information can be found at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

A meeting is scheduled for Friday 7th December 2018 commencing at 7.00pm in the Presbytery meeting room.

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.

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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

Tuesday - 10.30am Bupa Yagoona

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 .



Happy St Felix Feast

Responsorial Psalm

R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

This weeks readings - Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14,
18; Gospel Mark 13:24-32

Next Weekend: *Christ the King - Year B.* **Readings:**
Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; Gospel John 18:33-37

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 18 November 2018

Parish Diary

Sunday **18 November** - 10am Mass - St Felix Feast Day Celebrations.
 Tuesday **20 November** & Thursday **22 November** - 7pm - Safeguarding & Child Protection Training.
 Saturday **1 & 8 December** - 9am to 12.30pm - Altar Servers Training.
 Tuesday **4 December** - 6.30pm - St Felix School Christmas Carols. Parishioners welcome.
 Friday **7 December** - 7pm - Plenary Council meeting.
 Sunday **9 December** - After 8am & 10am Masses - Youth fundraising BBQ.
 Tuesday **18 December** - 7pm - Parish Christmas Carols night.

Altar Servers' Training Program.

An Altar Servers' Training Program has been arranged for **two Saturdays** including **1 & 8 December 2018 from 9:00AM to 12:30PM** (lunch provided). Children who have made their First Holy Communion are invited. To be qualified, children must attend both days. The main activity of the training is for children to practice serving at Mass. During breaks, however, children will have a chance to make friends and play games together. To register your child please collect an application from Fr Van or contact the Parish Office. **Current Altar Servers are also requested to attend these sessions.**

Mass Intentions:

Recently Deceased: Irena Jozwiak

Anniversary: Steven James McMaugh; Richard Lamaro

Deceased: All names for the deceased are in the Memorial book on the Altar

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; Jun Ibarra.

(Please advise the office when the names of the sick can be removed)

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society: 25/11/18 Group 4: Phyllis Vujkovic, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Chris Kreltszheim, Eric Valencia, Denice Severi, Bach Lam (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul: 25/11/18 D Rodrigues 2/12/18 Andrew Nguyen

Church Cleaners: 23/11/18: Mai Hai **Children's Liturgy:** 25th Nov - Maree

Weekend Choirs: 25/11 Saturday 6pm - Samoan Divine Mercy Group.

Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God **10am** - St Faustina's Choir. **6pm** - St Mary Mackillop Choir.

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	18 NOVEMBER	8am	10am	6pm
C	Patrick Abourizk	Joseph Dang	Emanuela Viner	Kathleen Mezentsef	
R	Kalisiana Mar	Imelda Dela Cruz	Mary O'Hea	Lucia Mezentsef	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Mesake Mar	Ala Pesamino	Amelia Mezentsef	
M	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Joe Luongo	Loreto Eduardo	

25 NOVEMBER

C	Gabrielle Nguyen	Mary Buckley	Henrietta Owusu	Charbel Eltarraf
R	Emmanuel Icard	Maxwell Asuzu	Jennifer Nguyen	Kenneth Gan
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Gloria Booby	Thao Nguyen	Gordon West	Phu Nguyen
M	Cindy Hoang	Melanie Campisi	Helen Vujevic	Jacinta Eltarraf

God's never-ending love

Reflection

Many things in our lives and in our world are subject to change. Yet all of us find security in relationships and values that endure. Foremost among these are our family relationships. We can confidently accept change if we know that we will continue to be loved by our family and by God. We help impart this sense of trust and confidence in our children with our daily assurances to them that nothing can change our love for them.

As you gather as a family, look through several family photo albums. Observe and talk about things that have changed in your family life over the years. Talk also about the things that have stayed the same. We do not need to fear changes in our family life because we know that the most important aspects of our family life do not change, such as our love for one another. The same is true with God and God's love for us. Read today's Gospel, Mark 13:24-32. Jesus teaches us that things in our world will change and that the world itself will one day end. We don't need to be fearful because God's love for us will never end. Conclude in prayer together thanking God his never-ending love for us. Pray together the Glory Be to the Father.

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Feasts of the Week

21 November – The presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary. Memorial.

This memorial originally marked the dedication of a sixth century church of the Virgin Mary near the Temple of Jerusalem. The East took it up as a celebration of Mary's presentation to God in the Temple at the age of three, a non-biblical story from the apocryphal gospel of James. Established in the West late in the Middle Ages, the feast was universally observed by the sixteenth century. It celebrates Mary in her grace-filled life, wholly given over to the Holy Spirit from the time of her conception.

22 November – St Cecilia, virgin, martyr. Memorial.

Though a late fourth century church in Rome was named after her, nothing is known of her life or death. Popular legends were written about her in the late fifth century, and in the sixteenth century she was named the patron of music. **Remembered** in tradition as a virgin, martyred for the faith. Her name is included in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon).

24 November – Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and companions, martyrs. Memorial.

Andrew (1795-1839), baptised at the age of fifteen, worked first as a lay missionary and then as a diocesan presbyter before being beheaded at Hanoi (Vietnam). Listed among 117 canonised martyrs who died in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862: ninety-six Vietnamese, eleven Spanish Dominicans, and ten presbyters from the Paris Foreign Mission Society. **Remembered** as representatives of the thousands of Christians tortured and martyred in Vietnam between the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries: bishops, presbyters, religious, and lay people, both children and adults.

ADVENT RETREAT - The Fulfillment of the promise.

Let's prepare for the coming of Jesus this Christmas with a one-day Silent Retreat. Saturday 1st December, 2018 (9.30am-4pm). Cost \$50 which includes lunch. At 14 Francis St, Randick. All ages welcome. Register at verbumdeisydney@gmail.com or phone us on 9341 5848.

Safeguarding & Child Protection Training

St Felix Parish will run the Induction Training Course on Safeguarding Children this week: **Tuesday 20 November & Thursday 22 November 2018 both at 7PM** in the Meeting Room at the Presbytery. For your convenience, the Safeguarding Office has provided an Online Induction Training Course if you cannot attend the above training. To complete this course, you must register by following this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/XjXDmPsp8bnBB7e43>

Youth and Young Adults—Upcoming Events

Sun 18/11 - St Felix Feast Day Mass/Sausage Sizzle - 10am + Youth & Young Adults Mass & Social Night 6-9pm
 Wed 21/11 - Catechesis Night from 7:30pm [Presbytery Meeting Room]
 Wed 28/11 - Bible Study and Adoration from 7:30pm [Presbytery Meeting Room]
 All welcome. Keep in touch through facebook - [facebook.com/StFelix100](https://www.facebook.com/StFelix100)