

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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
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 .



Responsorial Psalm

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and
our earth shall yield its increase .

This weeks readings - Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1Thessalonians
3:12 4:2; Gospel Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Next Weekend: 2nd Sun of Advent - Year C. **Readings:**
Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11; Gospel Luke 3:1-6

First Sunday of Advent - Yr C - 2 December 2018

Parish Diary -Tues 4 December - 6.30pm - St Felix School Christmas Carols. Parishioners welcome.

Tuesday 4 December - 7.30pm Parish Carols Rehearsals.

Friday 7 December - 7pm - Plenary Council meeting.

Saturday 8 December - 9am to 12.30pm - Altar Servers Training.

Sunday 9 December - After 8am & 10am Masses - Youth fundraising BBQ.

Thursday 13 December - 7.30pm Parish Carols Rehearsals.

Tuesday 18 December - 7pm - Parish Christmas Carols night.

Fundraising for QMHR.

Next weekend the youth & Friendship Group will be raising funds to support the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. The Youth will run a BBQ after morning Masses on Sunday (9/12) and the Friendship group will be selling items from their craft stall.

Josephite Association Meeting

The Josephite Association are having a meeting next Sunday 9th December, at 2pm in the presbytery meeting room. All welcome.

Break Open Word - 2019

A small number of the New Break Open Word books for year C are available in the Sacristy. Any reader who requires a copy please write your name on the list provided when you take one.

Mass Intentions:

Recently Deceased: Carmela Palumberi; Matthew Phan Hop Kim; Dominico Nguyen Van An; Giuse Nguyen Van Thu; Josianne De Relland; Matthew Chu Van Thuynh; Giuse Nguyen Van Nu.

Anniversary: Bernard Danh; Eugenie Thien Tai Tran.

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; Madelyn Nicole; Andrew Nguyen; Jun Ibarra; Adelle Tulay; Emlyn Beale.

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society: 9/12/18 Group 2: Robyn Molloy, Enid Sneddon, Teresa Neang, Jeannette Chong, Anna & Willy Gabut, Letoe Hansell, Hien & Vu Bui (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul: 9/12/18 Thom Pham 16/12/18 J Obeid

Church Cleaners: 7/12/18: Polish Group **Children's Liturgy:** 9th Dec – Belinda

Weekend Choirs: 9/12 Saturday 6pm - St Anne's Choir.

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

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	2 DECEMBER	8am	10am	6pm
C	Gloria Booby	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Anthony Rowe	Lucia Mezentsef	
R	Gabrielle Nguyen	Imelda Dela Cruz	Mary O'Hea	Kathleen Mezentsef	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Mesake Mar	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc	
M	Judy Jones	Robyn Molloy	Bev Lamaro	Phu Nguyen	

9 DECEMBER

C	Kalisiana Mar	Philip Castillo	Jennifer Nguyen	Elias Eltarraf
R	Emmanuel Icard	Ligaya Castillo	Emanuela Viner	Kenneth Gan
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Cindy Hoang	Thao Nguyen	Jeannette Chong	Amelia Mezentsef
M	Gloria Booby	Melanie Campisi	Ala Pesamino	Jacinta Eltarraf

Reflection

Prepare

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples against the fatigue that can emerge if one becomes consumed by the anxieties of daily life. Many families are too familiar with the kind of fatigue Jesus refers to here. We may be concerned about a family member's health, our job security, our children's education, or any number of other concerns. All these are important matters. Jesus does not promise an end to daily worries and fears, but he does teach his disciples that they will have the strength to withstand anxiety if they stay focused on him, remaining vigilant for his return and praying for strength to endure all tribulations. Through prayer, God helps us stay focused on that which is most important in our lives.

As you gather as a family, recall the tradition of making New Year's resolutions in preparation for the new calendar year. Observe that today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is the beginning of the new Church year. During the season of Advent, our Gospel readings ask us to consider what is most important to us as we prepare for Jesus' coming, at his birth and at the end of time. Read today's Gospel, Luke 21:25-28,34-36. Jesus describes signs that may disturb many people, but he says that these should not to disturb his disciples. Why? (because these signs indicate that redemption is near) What does Jesus say that his disciples should do? (Be vigilant and pray for strength.) At this start of the new Church year, consider as a family what "Advent resolutions" your family might make to help you stay focused so that you will be prepared to receive the salvation we celebrate at Jesus' birth and anticipate at Jesus' second coming. Pray together for God's help in following through on these resolutions. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 25.

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Feasts of the Week

3 December – St Francis Xavier, priest. Memorial.

Born in 1506 in Navarre (Spain). Died on this day in 1552 off the coast of China. Met Saint Ignatius of Loyola (31 July) while studying in Paris, became one of the first Jesuits, and went to Goa (India) as a missionary. Travelled extensively through southeast Asia to Japan, winning many converts and leaving behind organised Christian communities. Remembered for the witness of his poverty and for his tireless efforts as a missionary.

7 December – St Ambrose, bishop, doctor. Memorial.

Born in Trier (Germany) about 340. Ordained bishop on this day in 374 and died at Milan (Italy) on Holy Saturday 397. A lawyer who became governor in Milan and who was still a catechumen when elected bishop by popular acclaim. Upheld orthodoxy against the Arians and won many Christian converts. Encouraged monasticism and defended the independence of the Church against secular authority. Remembered as an outstanding pastor through his writings on the sacraments and Christian ethics and through his homilies, instructions, and hymns.

8 December – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Solemnity.

This feast had its origin in the East as the "Conception of Mary by Saint Anne". It spread through the West during the Middle Ages as the "Immaculate Conception" and was extended to the entire Western Church in the eighteenth century. The feast celebrates Mary, preserved from sin from the moment of conception; she is the first fruits of her Son's redemption and a prophetic model of what the Church is called to be.

Home Mass

Fr Van will say Mass at the home of Robyn Molloy at 7.00 PM on Wednesday 5th December. Everybody Welcome. Light refreshments afterwards. If you would like to attend, please call Robyn on (02) 9707 1292 so that she knows to expect you.

Youth and Young Adults—Upcoming Events

Wed 5/12 - Bible Study and Adoration from 7:30pm [Presbytery Meeting Room]

Wed 12/12 - Catechesis with Br Sheldon CRS: Ready the Way, followed by Christmas Party.

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