



# St Felix deValois Parish

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## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 30 August 2020

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

**Sunday:** 8am, 10am  
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.

### Polish Mass

6 pm - 1st Friday of every month  
plus every Friday during Lent, May,  
June, October and November.

### DEVOTIONS

**Benediction:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
of the Month at 8.30pm.

**No Benediction 7am Saturday until  
further notice.**

**Vietnamese 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:** Ring for an appointment

### Congratulations First Communicants

Tarek	Alsamman	William	Haswani
Vladimir	Amyouni	Jeremy	Hwang
Dominic	Antoniak	Alexia	Hwang
Ella	Azar	Katherine	Le
Azaila	Azhar	Anthony	Lehours
Michelle	Bako	Edward	Lin
Cassius	Barrell	Alyssa	Luu
Daniel	Batarseh	Emily	Nguyen
Mathew	Bui	Zoey	Nguyen
Isabella	Caroisi	Chantelle	Nicolas
Eliya	Chalouhy	Hanna	Porcia
Giancarlo	Cudia	Keirra	Sedeno
Angelina	Dinh	Matilda	Shackleton
Joseph	Galbouni	Christina	Tran
Joshua	Haachiti	Sealthiel	Van Gestel
Elias	Haskour	Katherine	Vuong
		Emanuella	Waqabaca

### Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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TO STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS.**

## **Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

## **First Reading - Jeremiah 20:7-9**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah  
*The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself  
be seduced;  
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.  
I am a daily laughing-stock,  
everybody's butt.  
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl  
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'   
The word of the Lord has meant for me  
insult, derision, all day long.  
I used to say, 'I will not think about him,  
I will not speak in his name any more.'  
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my  
heart, imprisoned in my bones.  
The effort to restrain it wearied me,  
I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,

my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

For you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

## **Second Reading - Romans 12:1-2**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
*May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.*  
Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship  
him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking  
beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy  
sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model  
yourselves on the behaviour of the world around  
you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by  
your new mind. This is the only way to discover  
the will of God and know what is good, what it is  
that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart,  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel - Matthew 16:21-27**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew

*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny  
himself.*

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that  
he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer  
grievously at the hands of the elders and chief  
priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be  
raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside,  
Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven  
preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not  
happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter,  
'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my  
path, because the way you think is not God's way  
but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants  
to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself  
and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone  
who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone  
who loses his life for my sake will find it. What,  
then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world  
and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in  
exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory  
of his Father with his angels, and, when he does,  
he will reward each one according to his  
behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
He came down from heaven  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin  
Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of  
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and  
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic  
Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins and look forward to the resurrection of the  
dead and the life of the world to come.  
**Amen.**

## Remember our Retired Priest's this Father's Day

The **Priests' Retirement Foundation** Father's  
Day Appeal will be held on next weekend. Your  
donation will help care for our sick and retired  
priests, so please consider a gift towards this  
appeal. Thank you.

## First Holy Communion

This Sunday afternoon over two Masses we will  
be celebrating the Sacrament of 1st Holy  
Communion. The Candidates from St Felix  
primary have been preparing over the last few  
weeks during school time and our candidates  
from State schools have been preparing with our  
Sacramental Co-Ordinator Gloria Booby. A huge  
thank you Gloria and our wonderful teachers at St  
Felix who have had to adapt to changes due to  
COVID-19 restrictions. Thank you also to all the  
families for their patience and understanding in  
these difficult times. Please keep these children  
and their families in your prayers as they come on  
Sunday to receive Jesus for the first time.

The new roster for Readers, Acolytes and  
Choir is now available in the Sacristy or on  
our website.

## We are COVID SAFE

Following the Government and Archdiocese  
instructions we have a COVID-19 safety plan and are  
committed to keeping you safe. By achieving this we  
need your co-operation and understanding.

\* If you are unwell please stay home and get tested.

\* The maximum amount of people allowed in our  
Premises are; Church **100**, Parish Centre **27** and  
Presbytery Meeting Room **11**.

\* You must register your details when entering any of  
our Premises.

\* Sanitise your hands when you come into any  
premises.

\* Always keep a distance of 1.5m although families  
can sit together but must still keep a 1.5m distance  
from others.

\* When coming to receive Holy Communion please be  
mindful to keep 1.5m distance from the person in front  
of you.

\* Congregational singing is forbidden.

\* Bulletin must be taken with you after use.

\* Parishioners are discouraged from mingling before  
or after Mass.

\* During this time of Pandemic you are still dispensed  
from attending Sunday Mass. Although live streaming  
of St Felix Masses is no longer available online, you  
can access online Masses via the Archdiocese  
website [www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/)

We thank you for your patience and support during  
this time.

**The NSW Government has recommended  
parishioners wear face masks when attending  
religious services as an additional safeguard to  
help combat the spread of COVID-19.**

## Return & Earn Container

The Parish has a new Blue bin at the side of  
Church. You are welcome to place your  
**uncrushed, unbroken** Aluminium cans, plastic  
bottles, cardboard poppers and drink containers for  
recycling. The Parish gets 10 cents for each con-  
tainer returned. A small way to support the Parish  
and protect the environment at the same time.

## Mass Intentions:

**Recently Deceased:** Amedee Vella; Maria Do Thi  
Hanh Thu

**Anniversary:** Clifford Kreltszheim

**Deceased:** Jacques Seklawy; Fahme Abdul Ahad

**Sick:** Marie Abi-Saab, Tom Quilty, Jason Timbs &  
Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima  
Fernandes; Marian Periera; Catherine & Lourdes  
Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina  
Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno  
Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Teresita  
Martinez; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Madelyn  
Nicole; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet; Maria  
Bui Thi Don; Josette Ackad; Nivea Wani; Diana  
Emilie Perez; Billy; Ginette Sharok.

## Reflection

## God's way

Peter was expecting a Messiah that would carry out a different plan than the one Jesus had explained. Jesus was indeed the Messiah, but his life and death would show a different understanding of what it means to be the Messiah. We too have expectations of God and our own ideas about what we think God ought to be doing in our world. Like Peter we may risk limiting our image of God by thinking only in human ways. God's plan is always more than we can ever imagine.

As you gather as a family, talk about what we expect God to be doing in our world and in our family life. Then read today's Gospel, Matthew 16:21-27. Why do you think Peter was so upset by what Jesus was saying? Notice how Jesus reprimands Peter. Do we sometimes forget to let God be God for us? That is, do we sometimes get discouraged because God doesn't act in our world in the ways that we expect? Pray together that your family will remember that God is always working for the world's salvation in ways that are beyond our human imaginings. Conclude by praying together today's Psalm, Psalm 63.

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## ROSTERS

	Sat 6pm	30 AUGUST	8am	10am	6pm
Reader 1	Emmanuel Icard	Imelda Dela Cruz	Thu Ha Kim		
Reader 2	Gabrielle Nguyen	Robyn Molloy	Anthony Rowe		Anthony Eltarraf
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)		Thanh Vu (A)
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix		Youth 3
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	<b>30 August</b>	<b>6 September</b>	<b>Notes:</b> SSO: Singing Servants of God SDMG: Samoan Divine Mercy Group SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 1: Polish Group.		
Altar Society	Group 5	Group 1 (see notes)			
Church Cleaners	SDMG	Polish Group			
SVDP	J Obeid	A Nguyen			

### A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org).

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

**Catechist & Friendship Group:** Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; **Choir:** Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187;  
**Youth:** Aurora Doueihy 0428 755 022; **Pastoral Council:** Patrick Abou-rizk 0416 035 993;  
**St Vincent de Paul:** Diago Rodrigues 9791 5209; **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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