



# St Felix deValois Parish

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## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 27 September 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

#### Adoration & Benediction:

Tuesday 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Saturday 7.00am - 8.00am

#### 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



**catholic  
mission**

**Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are**

**invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia, which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability and giving them hope and support to live a fulfilling life.**

Chen was just 16 years old when he lost both his legs in a landmine accident. Knowing that his life would never be the same, he felt hopeless, until he and his family were approached by the Arrupe Centre. Led by Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez, the Arrupe Centre provides children like Chen with support and opportunities they may not access otherwise.



Next week you will be offered the opportunity to personally partner with the Church in Cambodia as a monthly giving partner, with all gifts specifically directed to support community and child focused programs in Cambodia. Please come prepared to give generously.

### 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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PLEASE TAKE IT HOME  
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** - Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness  
deserves to live.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

## **Second Reading** - Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*In your minds be the same as Christ Jesus.*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,  
yet he did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.

But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel** - Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors  
and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom  
of God*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two

sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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.**

## **Confirmation 2020**

Registrations for the Sacrament of Confirmation are now open to children in Year 6 or above. The Sacrament will be celebrated this year on Friday 4th December with Fr Paul Monkerud VG. *Completed registration forms must be returned to the Parish Office by Friday 23rd October.* Blank registration forms may be found in the Church foyer.

## **New Adoration time**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held each Tuesday night from 7.30pm-8.30pm. Exposition on Saturday morning from 7.00am-8.00am has also resumed

## **Aussie Friends of the Poor - Thank you**

The Aussie Friends of the Poor charity members that were at St Felix last weekend would like to thank all parishioners who helped raise funds by purchasing the religious icons and items in the foyer of the church.

The amount raised was \$2565 and this money will go directly to Lebanon to assist their mission.

**Daylight Saving commences  
next Sunday morning.  
Don't forget to change your clocks  
back one hour**

## **Return & Earn Container**

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

## **Mass Intentions:**

### **Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversary:** JB Nghi Huu Pham; John Baptist Tuong; Guise Thien An; Mana Vi; Teresa Hanh

**Deceased:** Mary Mun; JB Nghi; Mary Ngo; Therese Nga; Rose Nguyet.

**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

## Conversion

The example Jesus poses in today's Gospel could have been taken directly from family experience. Each of us can recall instances in which family members spoke one thing but then did another. The point of Jesus' story is to show that our actions speak louder than words, even with God.

As you gather as a family, talk about times when a family member said one thing and then did another. Acknowledge that sometimes the action taken displays a true change of heart. Then read today's Gospel, Matthew 21:28-32. Observe that Jesus faulted the religious leaders for not allowing John the Baptist's message of repentance to change their hearts and actions. The word we sometimes use for this change of heart is *conversion*. Jesus wants us to do more than pay lip service to the Gospel; he wants us to be transformed by his word.

Pray together that your family will experience a conversion to God and show evidence of this in both actions and words. Pray together today's second reading, Philippians 2:1-5.

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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.



## ROSTERS

| Sat 6pm 27 SEPTEMBER |                  |                     | 8am  | 10am             | 6pm |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|--|------------------|-----|
| Reader 1             | Kalisiana Mar    | Joseph Dang         | Mary O’Hea   | Anthony Eltarraf |     |
| Reader 2             | Patrick Abourizk | Thuy Linh Nguyen    | Helen Vujevic  | “ ”              |     |
| Acolyte              | Tuyen Tran (A)   | An Dang (A)         | Thong Tran (A)   | Thanh Vu (A)     |     |
| Choir                | SMMC             | SSOG                | St Felix   | Jess             |     |
| 4 OCTOBER            |                  |                     |  |                  |     |
| Reader 1             | Jessica Vujevic  | Mary Buckley        | Emanuela Viner   | Nhung Bui        |     |
| Reader 2             | Gloria Booby     | Imelda Dela Cruz    | Henrietta Owusu  | “ ”              |     |
| Acolyte              | Joseph Bui (A)   | An Dang (A)         | Anthony Joseph (A)   | Thanh Vu (A)     |     |
| Choir                | SMMC             | SSOG                | St Felix   | Elias            |     |
|                      | 27 September     | 27 September        | <b>Notes:</b> SSOG: Singing Servants of God<br>SDMG: Samoan Divine Mercy Group<br>SMMC: St Mary Mackillop’s Choir<br>Group 1: Gloria Walker, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Dorie Encarnacion, Hien & Vu Bui (Florist) |                  |     |
| Altar Society        | Group 4          | Group 1 (see notes) |  |                  |     |
| Church Cleaners      | Mai Hai          | Polish Group        |  |                  |     |
| SVDP                 | Thom Pham        | J Obeid             |  |                  |     |

### 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 Companions:** 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;  
**Archdiocesan Website:** [www.sydney.catholic.org.au](http://www.sydney.catholic.org.au)