



# St Felix deValois Parish

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## 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

**New Years Day - Friday** - 9am

**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:

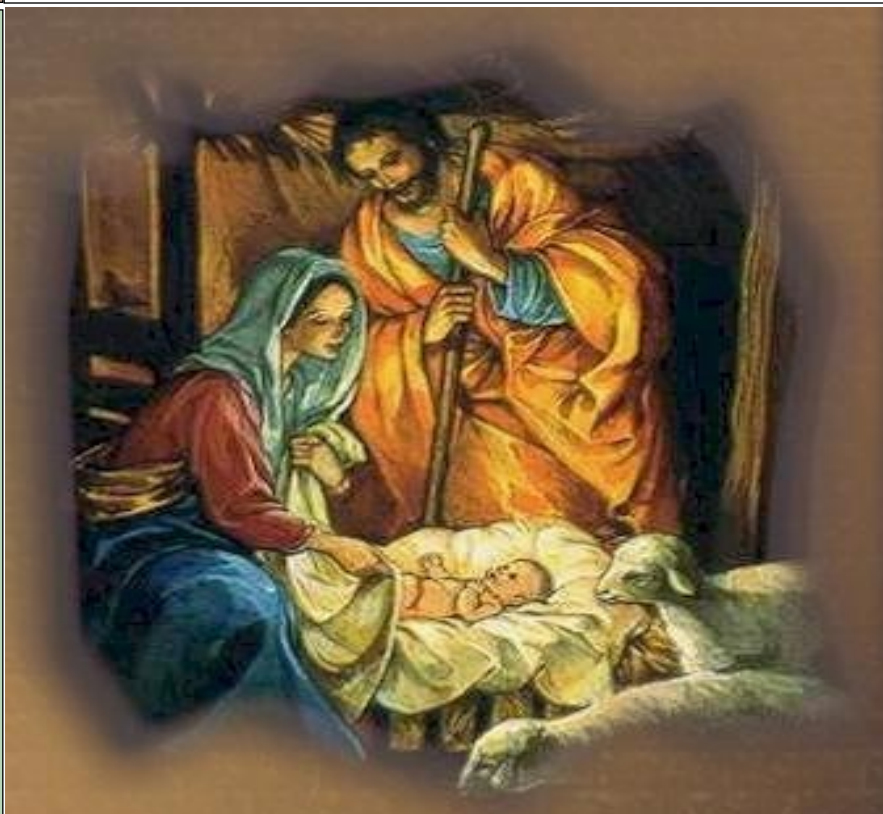
Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

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



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TO STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**R.** The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets;  
now he speaks to us through his Son.

**Alleluia!**

**Comm Antiphon:** Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived  
among us.

**This weeks readings** - Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Hebrews  
11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40.

**Next Weekend:** Epiphany - Year B.

**Readings:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6;  
Matthew 2:1-12.

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - Yr B - 27 December 2020**

## LATEST COVID-19 update

Restrictions on church attendance have changed again for this weekend. The following points are to be observed.

- Churches follow a four square metre rule. **Inside our Church, it is permitted to have a maximum of 110 people** according to this rule.
- More people may gather outside where a two square metre rule applies.
- Mingling before and after Mass is discouraged.
- Churches are required to keep records of all attending Masses for contact tracing purposes. Those sitting outside must ensure they also register their attendance.
- **NO** Congregational singing allowed.
- The NSW Government recommends that church-goers continue to wear face masks when attending Mass.
- Social distancing and strict hygiene are still required.
- Do not leave any printed materials or loose items lying around - please take them with you.

### Dispensation re-introduced

Given the new limitations, the Archbishop has granted all the faithful a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and on Christmas Day; this dispensation will continue until the 2m2 rule returns.

**Mass Intentions:** **Recently Deceased:** Roxanne Astruc; George Jabbour; Giuse The Cuong, Gioan Baotixita Nguyen Cong Hung

**Anniversary:** Do Thi Lieng; Joseph Truong Nguyen; Dominico Nguyen Van Hiet, Phanxico Dang Cong Luan

**Deceased:** Mary Mun; JB Nghi; Mary Ngo; Therese Nga; Rose Nguyet; Gioan Baotixita; Maria; John Field.

**Sick:** Marie Abi-Saab, Tom Quilty, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Marian Periera; 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; Eugene Maulguet; Cassandra O'Keefe.

### Weekly Rosters

Sat 6pm 27 DECEMBER					8am	10am	6pm
Reader 1	Gloria Booby	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Henrietta Owusu	Nhung Bui			
Reader 2	Jessica Vujevic	Joseph Dang	Emanuela Viner	Harriet Owusu			
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)			
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	Jess			

#### 3 JANUARY

Reader 1	Emmanuel Icard	Imelda Dela Cruz	Thu Ha Kim	Anthony Eltarraf
Reader 2	Gabrielle Nguyen	Robyn Molloy	Anthony Rowe	" "
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	Elias

	27 December	3 January	Notes:
Altar Society	Group 4	Group 1 <i>(see notes)</i>	SSOG: Singing Servants of God SDMG: Samoan Divine Mercy Group SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir
Church Cleaners	Mai Hai	Polish Group	Group 1: Gloria Walker, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Dorie Encarnacion, Hien & Vu Bui <i>(florist)</i>
SVDP	D Rodrigues	D Rodrigues	

Reflection

## The importance of family

Today's celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family highlights the importance of family in our religious life. We know that Mary and Joseph's faithfulness to God enabled them to cooperate in God's plan for our salvation by accepting the responsibility to raise God's Son, Jesus. From his parents, Jesus learned how to be a faithful believer in his Jewish tradition. Simeon's prophecy about Mary's sorrow alerts us to the importance of a family's commitment to one another, a commitment that is expressed in both good times and bad.

Gather as a family and recall times when your family showed its commitment to one another in good times and in bad. Recall times when your immediate family was supported by members of your extended family. Note that today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, and we see in the family of Jesus an example for our own family life. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 2:22-40. Joseph and Mary expressed their faithfulness to God through their observance of the Law of Moses. Simeon prophesied the grief that Mary would experience at the foot of Jesus' cross. One of the blessings of family life is our commitment to one another, sharing good times and supporting one another through difficult times. Conclude in prayer together thanking God for the grace expressed in your family's commitment to another. Write a prayer together, thanking God for your family life and asking God to strengthen your family's commitment to one another. Pray this prayer together.

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### SVDP Piety Shop

Now selling 2021 Columban Calendars at \$9.00 each and Christmas Card Sets at \$7.00 come and visit us at the Piety shop after Mass.

## New Years Day Mass

Friday 1 January - 9.00am New Year Mass.

**Weekend Mass times will remain the same.**

### 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.

## PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

### Would you like to become a regular contributor to the Parish?

If so, please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office. Otherwise send an e-mail with your details to Marie at [admin@stfelixparish.org.au](mailto:admin@stfelixparish.org.au)

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VIA DIRECT DEBIT

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## GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised;  
because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see,  
a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**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.**



**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;  
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