



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

Friday - 8.00am

Saturday - 8.00am

Nursing Home Masses

Uniting - Thursday 10.00am

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.

Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.

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



Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture. With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available in the Church, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Comm Antiphon:

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

This weeks readings: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15;
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12. Luke 13:1-9.

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent - Yr C

Readings: Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.

3rd Sunday of Lent - Yr C - 20 March 2022



Patience and hope

We may be unfamiliar with fig trees, but we might know about the growth of spring flowers. Perhaps we have looked at a dry, brown flower bulb and wondered how this produces the colourful tulip or daffodil blossom that we expect to bloom in the spring. Perhaps we've even thought about the patience and hope that are required to plant flower bulbs in October. We don't have to be gardeners, however, to know about patience and hopefulness. As parents, we practice these virtues each day with our children. We may become frustrated and even angered by their willfulness and lack of cooperation. Yet we continue to offer our attention and guidance in hope that one day our efforts will bear fruit. Today's parable suggests that God is like that with us, working with us in patience and in hope that one day we will show evidence that such work is not in vain. As parents, we know God's kindness when we find evidence for our hope for our children. Does God find such glimmers of hope as he works with us?

Gather your family and show a spring flower in bloom. Recall that in the fall this flower was a dry bulb (if a flower bulb is available, show this as well). Talk about the hopefulness and patience shown by those who plant flower bulbs in the fall in the hope that they will bloom in the spring. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 13:1-9. Compare the parable of the barren fig tree to your discussion about spring flowers. Consider the patience and hopefulness that God has with us as he works with us, calling us to return to him when we sin. Offer prayers of thanks and praise to God for his patience and hopefulness towards us. Conclude by praying together today's Psalm, Psalm 103.

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Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church during Lent every Friday at 7.30pm.

Reconciliation - Year 4

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday 23rd March, for our young candidates who have been preparing over the last few weeks. Please keep them in your prayers.

We also thank our Sacramental Co-Ordinator, Gloria Booby and all the teachers at St Felix who have helped with the preparation of these candidates and liturgy.

Support Caritas Ukraine Appeal

As millions of people are likely to be displaced due to Russia's invasion, your support is more important than ever for the people of Ukraine. Donate generously to the Caritas Ukraine Appeal:

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/ukraine-appeal/>

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

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

Name..... Telephone No.:

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GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Memorial Mass

A memorial Mass is being celebrated in honour of the late Enid Sneddon on Wednesday 23rd March 2022 commencing at 1.30pm.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Michael Jabbour; Esma Farhart

Anniversary: Anna Tran Thi Xuyen; Dominico Nguyen Van Huy; Phanxico Xavie Truong Buu Diep; Giuse Nguyen Duc Lien

Deceased: Maria Mun; JB Nghi; Maria Ngo; Theresa Nga; Rosa Nguyet; Micae Lai Dinh Trung; Joseph Binh Chanh Lam; Maria Thuc Trinh Dang; Phero Huynh Thanh Ba; Rosa Huynh Hon; Giuse Huynh Van Trinh

Sick: 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; Lagi Amoa; Clarence Ally; Jane Aquino; Glory Bereira; Gladys Broudou; Jenny; Hoa Mai; Wayne Waters; Rosa House; Nivea Wanigesekera; Annick Duval; Henriette Tam Tinh Lam; Phyllis Vujkovic; Sandra Whaites; Henriette Tam Tinh Lam.

Weekly Rosters

20 MARCH				
Reader 1	Emmanuel Icard	Maxwell Asuzu	Helen Vujevic	Anthony Tran
Reader 2	Patrick Abourizk	Kiara Asuzu	Emanuela Viner	" "
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	St Felix	Elias
27 MARCH				
Reader 1	Gloria Booby	Philip Castillo	Mary O'Hea	Anthony Eltarraf
Reader 2	Emmanuel Icard	Joseph Dang	Thu Ha Kim	" "
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	Jess
	20 March	27 March	Notes: SSOG: Singing Servants of God SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 4: Margaret Eastburn, Denise Ashe, Eric Valencia, Bach Lam (Florist)	
Altar Society	Group 3	Group 4 (see notes)		
Church Cleaners	Vinh Nguyen	Mai Hai		
SVDP	J Obeid	A Nguyen		

Baptism

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Emmanuel Xavier Vo

May he always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout his life.



Camino of St Joseph: An Overnight Pilgrimage for Men

Friday 29-Saturday 30 April.

Join in this challenge in honour of our Spiritual Father for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker!

The Camino will begin with 9pm Mass on Friday April 29 at St Jerome's, Punchbowl with Bishop Richard Umbers and conclude on Saturday April 30 with 5.30am Mass at St Michael's, Meadowbank followed by a hearty bbq breakfast.

The entire walk from start to finish will include 7 locations with 6 churches: from St Jerome's – Punchbowl, to St Felix – Bankstown, Immaculate Heart of Mary – Sefton, St Peter Chanel – Berala, St Joachim's – Lidcombe, Sydney Olympic Park and St Michael's, Meadowbank. Each location will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a short time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Register Here - <https://www.trybooking.com/BXRIT> - Cost is \$15!

Sign up and share the Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/528752638482107>

Fr Jacques Philippe to Address the Archdiocese of Sydney

Live Online | Wednesday 23 March 2022 | 7 – 8:30 PM

Fr Jacques Philippe, author, international speaker and spiritual director, will address the faithful of Sydney on the topic, 'Can we make disciples? Evangelising with the Holy Spirit.'

This third event in the *Reclaiming Evangelisation* series will explore the relationship between prayer, reliance on the Holy Spirit and living as disciples within our parishes. Please register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events. Inquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org

Day of the Unborn Child, Sunday 27 March

Remembering the lives of unborn children lost to the grave injustice of abortion. Held to coincide with the Feast of the Annunciation, marking the day of Our Lord's conception in the womb of His Blessed Mother. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate at a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am. A rosary procession will follow which will make its way past the NSW Parliament House. It will conclude with Benediction at 1:30pm.. For more event details: <https://fb.me/e/2gekw7yQ8>

Free Drum Kit

There is a drum kit in good condition available in the presbytery for anyone interested in playing or learning to play the drums. If you or someone you know are interested, please see Fr Van or contact the Parish Office.



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

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;
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