



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

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.

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



Responsorial Psalm

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon:

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

This weeks readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9;
Matthew 3:1-12.

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent - Yr A.

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10;
Matthew 11:2-11.

Second Sunday of Advent - Yr A - 4 December 2022

SVPDPiety Shop

The 2023 St Columban Calendar and Josephite Calendar will be on sale at the Vinnies Piety Shop for \$10.00 each from this weekend. Please support your local Vinnies.

Altar Servers' Training Program

An Altar Servers' Training Program has been arranged for **Saturday 10th December 2022 from 9:00AM to 1.00PM** (lunch provided). Children who have made their First Holy Communion are invited. The main activity of the training is for children to practice serving at Mass. During breaks, however, children will have a chance to make friends and play games together. To register your child please collect an application from Fr Van or contact the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

A course for someone who wants to become a Catholic

A new RCIA program will commence with it's first meeting on Thursday 15th December at 7.00pm in the presbytery. If you know someone who wants to become a Catholic or if you want to learn more about Catholicism see one of priests after Mass.

STAY AWAKE! Prepare for the Coming of Christ

Advent Companion 2022

The beautiful Season of Advent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to prepare for the coming of Jesus. This free Advent Companion contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Advent and Christmas, and spiritual reflections by Bishop Danny Meagher, Mrs Tania Rimac, Sr Mary Julian Ekman RSM, Dr Michael Casey and Fr Benjamin Saliba. Designed for individual or group prayer, the resource is available for download on the *Go Make Disciples* website at www.gomakedisciples.org.au.

Christmas at the Cathedral - Opening night - 8 December 2022

The Archdiocese is inviting our Parish families and all people of goodwill across Sydney to come together at St Mary's Cathedral during Advent to prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

4.00pm - Confession available

5.30pm - Mass

7.00pm - Live entertainment, pop up shops, food stalls and activities for kids will be in the Cathedral Square.

8.00pm - Christmas display official launch by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP.

10.30pm - Cathedral and Crypt closes.

As there was very little interest we will not be organising a free bus. You can visit the Christmas lights at the Cathedral nightly from 8th - 25th December.

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.:

Address:

Email :

WOULD LIKE
ENVELOPES

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WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE
USING CREDIT CARD

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WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE
VIA DIRECT DEBIT

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Reflection

Prepare

We do many things to get ourselves ready for our celebration of Christmas: purchase gifts, prepare Christmas cards, decorate our homes. John's call of repentance in preparation for Jesus reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. Parish communities often offer a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. Your family might choose to participate in the communal celebration of the sacrament, or you might seek out the sacrament on an individual basis.

Read together today's Gospel. Talk about how John reminds the people that they prepare for the reign of God by reforming their lives. As a family, prepare a simple reconciliation service in preparation for Christmas such as the following: Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around your family Advent wreath. Read again today's Gospel: Matthew 3:1-3. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive their sins. Pray together an Act of Contrition. Then celebrate God's forgiveness by sharing a Sign of Peace with each other.

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Break Open Word - Yr A

The new Break Open Word - Yr A books are available in the Sacristy for new Readers to help prepare for the Sunday readings. Please write your name on the list provided if you take one.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Modest Jaczak; Dominic Tru Van Nghiem

Anniversary: Van Thanh Nguyen; Vida De Domizio; Maria Do Thi Tuan; Maria Chu Quynh Vy; Mathew Chu Van Tuynh; Mathew Chu Long Con.

Deceased: J.B Nghi; Maria Mun; Maria Ngo; Theresa Nga; Rosa Nguyet; Deceased members of the Malss family; Maria Nguyen Thi Su

Sick: Annick Duval; Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Marian Periera; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Maria Carta; Teresita Martinez; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet; Maria Bui Thi Don; Josette Ackad; Billy; Lagi Amoa; Clarence Ally; Jane Aquino; Glory Bereira; Jenny; Hoa Mai; Rosa House; Nivea Wanigesekera; Henriette Tam Tinh Lam; Laura Malss; Rita Gattellari; Rolly Porto; Aranka Novak; Hoa Vu; Michael Connor.

Weekly Rosters

4 DECEMBER				
Reader 1	Westley Aguiar	Maxwell Asuzu	Emanuela Viner	Anthony Tran
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	Elias

11 DECEMBER				
Reader 1	Emmanuel Icard	Ligaya Castillo	Thu Ha Kim	Nhung Bui
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	Holy Spirit Choir	Elias

	4 December	11 December	Notes: SSOG: Singing Servants of God SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 2: Robyn Molloy, Jeannette Chong, Anna Gabut, Hien & Vu Bui (<i>Florist</i>)
Altar Society	Group 1	Group 2 (<i>see notes</i>)	
Church Cleaners	Polish Group	El Shaddai Group	
SVDP	D Rodrigues	Andrew Nguyen	

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Christmas Schedule

Saturday 24th December - Christmas Vigils - 6.00pm Mass & 8.00pm Mass,

Christmas Carols commencing at 11.30pm, Midnight Mass (12.00am)

Sunday 25th December - 8.00am Mass, 10.00am Mass & 6.00pm Mass

Baptism

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Liam Joseph Duong

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



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 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 Michael Egan - Principal;
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