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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

Friday - 11am Bupa Greenacre

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. Lord, come and save us .

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon:

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent - Yr A.

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7;
Matthew 1:18-24.

Third Sunday of Advent - Yr A - 11 December 2022

SVP Piety 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

A course for someone who wants to become a Catholic

A new RCIA program will commence with its 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.

Archbishop's Flood Appeal

Large parts of regional NSW have been hit by severe flooding since September, with thousands of people left homeless and many businesses forced to close.

Online donations are welcome for the Archbishop's Flood Appeal via the Our Faith, Our Works website here: <https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/flood-appeal/>

As Archbishop Fisher has emphasised "Christmas is very much a time when we open our hearts to those in need, inspired by the unfailing love Christ shows for each of us".

May this appeal offer comfort and hope to flood-affected communities as they start to rebuild their lives.

World Youth Day, Lisbon 2023

The Archdiocese of Sydney invites young adults to join millions of young pilgrims from around the world to the next World Youth Day, to be held in Lisbon, Portugal, in August 2023. Three pilgrimage options for prospective pilgrims include: (1) Footsteps of Jesus—Portugal via Holy Land, (2) Portugal via Italy, and (3) WYD direct to Portugal. For more information, please contact Sydney Catholic Youth on: (02) 9307-8152 or email info@sydneycatholicyouth.org



Christmas Schedule

Saturday 24th December - Christmas Vigils: 6pm Mass & 8pm Mass, then Midnight Mass, with Christmas Carols commencing at 11.30pm

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

Baptism This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Erin Sen Newth

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.

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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It is easy to look at our world and become discouraged by the apparent absence of God and signs of God's salvation. Advent, however, is a season of hope, in which we acknowledge that salvation is both mysteriously present, even in our world, and yet to be fulfilled.

Read together today's Gospel. Think about John's question to Jesus: Are you the One? Jesus does not answer directly, but points to the signs of the kingdom present in his midst.

Together as a family, look through the newspaper for signs of hope that God is at work in our world.

Pray that the world will know God's salvation by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

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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.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Giuse Nguyen Van Loc, Malyse Lamaletie

Anniversary: Debbie Randall

Deceased: J.B Nghi; Maria Mun; Maria Ngo; Theresa Nga; Rosa Nguyet; Philippe; Fahme Abdul Ahad; Madalena Vu Thi Dieu; Mathew Chu Long Con; Mathew Chu Long Phung; Maria Chu Thi Thu Hang.

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

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

18 DECEMBER				
Reader 1	Viviane Chayna	Robyn Molloy	Helen Vujevic	Anthony Eltarraf
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	St Felix	Elias

	11 December	18 December	Notes: SSOG: Singing Servants of God SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 3: Youth Group, Tram Vu (<i>Florist</i>)
Altar Society	Group 2	Group 3 (<i>see notes</i>)	
Church Cleaners	El Shaddai Group	Vinh Nguyen	
SVDP	Andrew Nguyen	Thom Pham	

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.

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;
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