



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. May God bless us in his mercy.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

This weeks readings: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7;
Luke 2:16-21.

Next Sunday: *The Epiphany of the Lord* - Yr A

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

Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Yr A - 1 January 2023

Volunteers needed

The life of the Parish is built around its Parishioners and the volunteers who work together to keep the Parish active. We have a group of wonderful volunteers who have helped in the Parish over the years some of whom have been helping for quite a number of years. **We sincerely thank and appreciate all the work our volunteers do to keep this Parish alive.**

We would like to call upon all our Parishioners to consider giving some of their time to the Parish to help others and to join our wonderful group of volunteers in 2023. This could mean just giving one hour of your time once a month, once a fortnight or even once a week. Any time in any way will be appreciated.

Some areas where volunteers are especially needed at the present time are for **floral arranging** and **Altar Society**; and this is a once a month commitment. **Catechists** help in spreading the Word of God to our public school children. This is a one-hour weekly commitment only during school terms and training is provided. If you can sing and want to glorify God with your gift of singing please talk to any of the choirs.

Please consider becoming a volunteer and talk to Fr Van or contact Marie at the office. We could further guide you to the requirements needed and place you on a roster.

Thank you for your consideration.

Purpose Retreat 2023

Inviting all young adults and youth leaders (18-35) to come along to a new archdiocesan retreat centered on the theme KNOW, LOVE, SERVE.

Dates: 22-25 January

Location: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre

Speakers include: Bishop Richard Umbers, Fr. Ben Saliba, Kristin Barlow, Sr Kathryn Kingsley MGL, Kevin and Helen Wagner, Fr Chris Desousa and Fr Dan McCaughan,

The retreat will offer fellowship, social time, free time, food, sacraments, prayer, and more, all at the beautiful Benedict XVI Retreat Centre near Richmond.

Places are limited so register today for an incredible experience <https://www.trybooking.com/CDXCV>

For more information contact info@sydneycatholicyouth.org

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.

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

Hail Mary

In today's Gospel, we learn that Mary honoured her commitment to God by naming her child *Jesus*, the name given to him by the angel Gabriel. In Matthew's Gospel, Joseph is told to name the child *Jesus* because he will save the people. The name *Jesus* means "God saves." Even in his name, Jesus announces the mission he came to accomplish.

Your family might use today's feast as an opportunity to talk about names. Reflect together on the name of each member of the family. What does each name mean? Why was each person so named?

Read together today's Gospel, Luke 2:16-21. Recall that the name Jesus means "God saves." Think about how Jesus fulfilled the mission that his name suggests. Pray as a family that each family member will fulfill their mission to be faithful followers of Jesus, in whom we find our salvation. Pray for Mary's help by praying together the Hail Mary or singing together, "Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly."

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Altar Society

The new Roster for the Altar Society is now available in the Sacristy. A copy may also be viewed on our website.

Mass Intentions Recently Deceased: Rosa Nguyen Thuy Dung

Anniversary: Francis Dang

Deceased: Gioan Baotixita Tien Bo Vu, Lourdes Fanchin, Doris Herbu, Regis Bellefine, Maude Bussier J.B Nghi; Maria Mun; Maria Ngo; Theresa Nga; Rosa Nguyet;

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

	6.00pm	1 JANUARY	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Reader 1	Wesley Aguiar	Joseph Dang	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	
8 JANUARY					
Reader 1	Patrick Abourizk	Imelda Dela Cruz	Thu Ha Kim	Anthony Eltarraf	
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	Holy Spirit Choir	Elias	
	1 January	8 January	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	A Nguyen	D Rodrigues			

GOSPEL: Luke 2:16-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib...When the eighth day came they gave him the name of Jesus.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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;
Archdiocesan Website: www.sydney.catholic.org.au