



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:

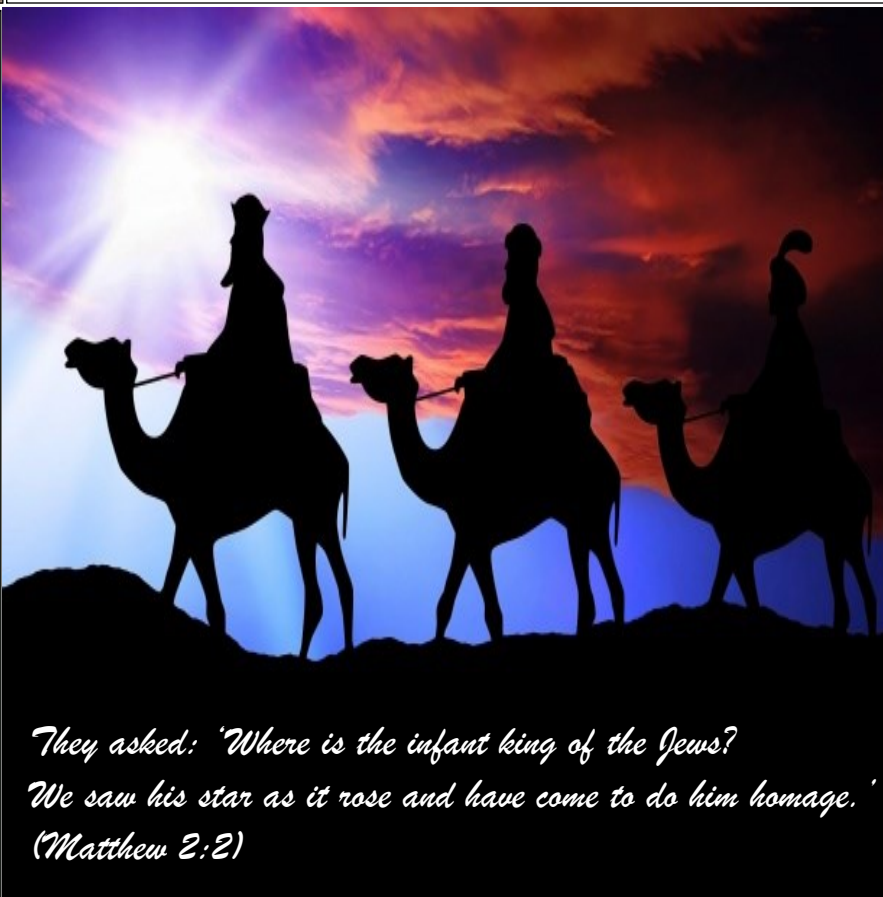
Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

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



*They asked: 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?
We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.'
(Matthew 2:2)*

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon:

We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

This weeks readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6;
Matthew 2:1-12.

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A

Readings: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3;
John 1:29-34.

The Epiphany of the Lord - Yr A - 8 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

Jesus, our Saviour

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Saviour. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Saviour in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings."

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Pontifical Requiem Mass for the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will be celebrating the Pontifical Requiem Mass for the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on **Thursday 12 January 2023 at 5:30PM at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney**. You are welcome. For those who are unable to attend, the Requiem Mass will be live-streamed on the St Mary's Cathedral YouTube Channel.

Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of the late Holy Father.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Agnes Thi Lich Tran

Anniversary: Anna Nguyen Thi Tac; Joseph Pham Kim Chuc; Phero Khoa

Deceased: J.B Nghi; Maria Mun; Maria Ngo; Theresa Nga; Rosa Nguyet; Anton Nguyen Tuc; Joseph Cong Hiep Nguyen; Fahme Abdul Ahad

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	8 JANUARY	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
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	
15 JANUARY					
Reader 1	Emmanuel Icard	Maxwell Asuzu	Helen Vujevic	Nhung Bui	
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	St Felix	Elias	
	8 January	15 January	Notes: <u>SSOG:</u> Singing Servants of God <u>SMMC:</u> St Mary Mackillop's Choir <u>Group 3:</u> Youth Group, Tram Vu (<i>Florist</i>)		
Altar Society	Group 2	Group 3 (<i>see notes</i>)			
Church Cleaners	El Shaddai Group	El Shaddai Group			
SVDP	D Rodrigues	D Rodrigues			

GOSPEL: Matthew 21-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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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