



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

Friday - 11.00am 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. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him to
become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon:

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

This weeks readings: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3;
John 1:29-34.

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A

Readings: Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17;
Matthew 4:12-17.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 15 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.

Lunar New Year Celebrations

Next Sunday 22nd January is the commencement of the Lunar New Year. Our parish will be celebrating this event during our 10.00am Mass and then celebrations will continue in St Felix Hall with a light lunch. All welcome.

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**

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

Lamb of God

The ministry of John the Baptist prepared for and pointed to the ministry of Jesus. In a similar way, our lives are to offer testimony to who we know Jesus to be for us and for the world. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. How does the witness of our lives give testimony to the reconciling presence of Christ?

As a family, identify as many titles for Jesus as possible, such as Lamb of God, Son of God, Prince of Peace, and so on. Talk together about what these different titles mean and what they tell you about Jesus. Then read together today's Gospel, John 1:29-34.

Consider how John the Baptist gives testimony to who Jesus is. Talk about what people might come to know about Jesus by observing your family life. Pray together that your family life will show others that Jesus is the Son of God, the lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

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The Catholic Weekly

In this week's edition: Special Tribute Edition: Vale Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Only \$2, buy a copy in the foyer.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Paul Nguyen Van Loi; Maria Nguyen Thi Nhung; Rachel McCrow; Mathew Arnold; Alan Dare; Maria Nguyen Thi Hien

Anniversary: Giuse Tran Van Duc

Deceased: J.B Nghi; Maria Mun; Maria Ngo; Theresa Nga; Rosa Nguyet; Micae Lai Dinh Trung; Sasha Bellrose; Regis Bellefine; Lourdes Fanchin; Doris Herbu; Claude Darga; Nathalie Elysee-Darga; Jean Noel Darga; Pedon Darga; Lucile Richard

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; Madalena Chu.

Weekly Rosters

	6.00pm	15 JANUARY	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
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	

22 JANUARY

Reader 1	Viviane Chayna	Ligaya Castillo	Andrew Nguyen	Anthony Tran
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	

	15 January	22 January	Notes:
Altar Society	Group 3	Group 4 (see notes)	<u>SSOG</u> : Singing Servants of God
Church Cleaners	Vinh Nguyen	Mai Hai	<u>SMMC</u> : St Mary Mackillop's Choir
SVDP	Andrew Nguyen	Thom Pham	<u>Group 4</u> : Margaret Eastburn, Denise Ashe, Eric Valencia, Bach Lam (Florist)

GOSPEL: John 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Vale George Cardinal Pell

By Vatican News

Pope Francis has recalled the late Cardinal George Pell's "consistent and committed witness, his dedication to the Gospel and to the Church, and particularly his diligent cooperation with the Holy See in its recent economic reform, for which he laid the foundations with determination and wisdom."

The Pope's words came in a telegram of condolences addressed to Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, Dean of the College of Cardinals, for the death of Cardinal Pell in Rome on Tuesday evening, aged 81, following cardiac complications after undergoing hip surgery.

In his message, the Holy Father said he is sad for the news of the passing of the Cardinal, Prefect Emeritus of the Secretariat of the Economy and expressed his closeness to the Dean and to the entire College of Cardinals as well as to members of Cardinal Pell's family.

He commended him for his witness and work, and said he is praying "this faithful servant, who unwaveringly followed his Lord with perseverance even in the hour of trial, may be received into the joy of heaven and receive the reward of eternal peace."

Catholics maintaining total abstinence using the 12-steps

Why is Christmas time sometimes called the "silly season"? If you or a friend have a problem with addiction, you can investigate the Calix Society whose members have been working 12-steps of Alcoholics Anonymous since 1947, because the "god as you understand him" of the 12-steps is insufficient. The Calix Society is an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. We welcome anyone concerned with the illness of alcoholism or addiction who wish to join with us in prayer for: total abstinence, spiritual development, and sanctification of the whole personality. The silly season, or the Holy Season? We are not party poopers or wowzers, we enjoy sobriety. Provide your number to calixsydney@outlook.com for an obligation free and confidential phone call, or check <https://www.calixsociety.org/>

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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