



# 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



Lunar New Year celebrations  
will be held after the 10am Mass  
on Sunday in St Felix Hall.  
All welcome.

Sau Thánh Lễ Tân Niên lúc 10 giờ sáng  
Chủ Nhật, Giáo Xứ có tổ chức bữa tiệc nhẹ  
tại Hội Trường của Trường Tiểu Học.  
Chúng ta sẽ có cơ hội gặp gỡ, chia sẻ và  
chúc tết nhau.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R.** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

**Alleluia!**

## Comm Antiphon:

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.

**This weeks readings:** Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3;  
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23

**Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A

**Readings:** Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1Corinthians 1:26-31;  
Matthew 5:1-12.

# 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 22 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.

**Volunteers are especially needed at the present time are for floral arranging and Altar Society. This only requires one hour of your time once a month.** Please 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.

## Become a Catechist or Helper in 2023

Half of the Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary or high schools. Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2023.

Starting off as a helper, you'll receive easy step-by-step lessons and hand out activity books in primary schools. Find out more about the work catechists do here and pick up the information flyer in the foyer. Talk to Fr Van or contact our Catechist Co-ordinator, Bev Lamaro on 0409 710 703.

## Somascan Missions Dinner Dance Raffle

The Somascans will be holding their second sold out Dinner Dance this 10th of February with all proceeds going directly to support their International Apostolates in India, Sri Lanka and Mozambique. Raffle Tickets for the 50 Prizes, valued at a combined \$20,000 will be sold after all Masses at St Felix on the 28/29 January.

1 Ticket - \$5; 3 Tickets - \$10; 20 Tickets (Book) - \$60. All donations are fully tax-deductible.

Among the prizes is an all-expenses paid, return trip for two to the Maldives with Magi Holidays! For more information, please contact Alison 0421 660 187 or visit [somascan.org.au](http://somascan.org.au) or @somascanmovementaustralia on Facebook or Instagram.

## Pontifical Requiem Mass for the late George Cardinal Pell AC - 2 February

The Funeral Mass for our late Archbishop will be held on Thursday 2 February at 11am at St Mary's Cathedral. Members of the public are invited to attend.

If you're unable to attend the Funeral Mass, it will be livestreamed on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com). There will also be other opportunities to pay our respects to our late Archbishop, George Cardinal Pell at St Mary's Cathedral:

### Wednesday 1 February

9:30am Reception of the Body and Commencement of Lying in State

1:10pm A Mass for the Dead; 5:30pm Evening Prayer and Vigil; 8:00pm A Mass for the Dead

### Thursday 2 February

6:45am Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

11:00am Pontifical Requiem Mass (Cathedral Doors open from 9:00am)

Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of our late Archbishop

## 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](mailto: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

## Will you follow Jesus?

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

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## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Uche Wallace Agbugba

**Anniversary:** Philliphe Nguy Van Sang

**Deceased:** 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; Madalena Chu.

## Weekly Rosters

	6.00pm	22 JANUARY	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
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	SMMC	Holy Spirit Choir	
29 JANUARY					
Reader 1	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Thu Ha Kim	Nhung Bui	
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	-	
	22 January	29 January	<b>Notes:</b> <u>SSOG:</u> Singing Servants of God <u>SMMC:</u> St Mary Mackillop's Choir <u>Group 5:</u> Youth Group, Tram Vu ( <i>Florist</i> )		
Altar Society	Group 4	Group 5 ( <i>see notes</i> )			
Church Cleaners	Mai Hai	Youth Group			
SVDP	Thom Pham	J Obeid			

## GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

*He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;

on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



### Ageing Well masterclasses

Bringing together a team of clinical experts and professionals in the field of ageing. Commencing from 7 February.

11am - 1pm (approx.)

 Jubilee Hall, St Peter Chanel and St Joseph Parish, 60 Kingsland Road, Berala (lunch included)

To register, call Lea on **9644 7782**.

Ageing Well is a collaboration between CatholicCare Sydney, Catholic Healthcare and Grief Care.



**Catechist & Friendship Group:** Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; **Choir:** Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187;

**Youth:** Anthony Eltarraf 0403 111 641; **Pastoral Council:** Patrick Abou-rizk 0416 035 993;

**St Vincent de Paul:** Diago Rodrigues 9791 5209 ; **Bankstown Josephite Companions:** Robyn Molloy 9707 1292;

**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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