

St Felix de Valois 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

Tuesday - 10.30am Bupa Yagoona **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.



"But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it....." Matthew 13:23

Responsorial Psalm

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon:

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

This weeks readings: Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23.

Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A Readings: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-30.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 16 July 2023

Reminder - Help stop the spread of covid and flu

During winter we are reminded to be aware of ourselves and those around us. To help reduce the spread of viruses among our community, we ask that you stay up to date with vaccinations and stay home if you have cold & flu symptoms. Thank you.

World Youth Day - Lisbon, Portugal 2023

Brendan Bourizk and Nicola Vujevic will be representing St. Felix Parish at World Youth Day in July and August. Brendan and Nicola have been a part of leading the Mackillop Teens Group within our parish. In July they will travel to the Holy Land followed by Lisbon and Fatima in Portugal to participate in World Youth Day. World Youth Day is a worldwide encounter with the Pope where young people gather as a faith community to encounter Christ. Thank you for your prayers and support and we look forward to sharing our journey with you when we return.



There will be a special collection at every Mass weekend to help support Brendan & Nicola as they represent our Parish at World Youth Day.

Confirmation - Registrations Open

Registrations for Confirmation are now open. If your child is in Year 6 or above and you would like them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year at St Felix on Friday 1st September with Fr Paul Monkerud EV, kindly complete a registration form found at the back of the Church and return it to the Parish Office before 21st July. The first compulsory Parents meeting will be on Wednesday 26th July at 6.30pm in St Felix Church.

Craft Stall

The Friendship Group will be running a craft stall after the 8.00 AM and 10 AM Masses on Sunday 23rd July. They will have some craft items and some new donated items for sale. The proceeds will be going to the Parish.

Planned Giving receipts

Planned Giving receipts for year ending 30 June 2023 are now available for collection in the Church foyer. If you wish to have your receipt emailed, please contact Marie at the Parish Office.



Ageing Well masterclass

Bringing together a team of clinical experts and professionals in the field of ageing. Running for 6 weeks from 3 August 2023.

Thursdays 10:30am-12pm. Morning tea provided at 10am.

Parish Hall, St Joachim's Parish Lidcombe 2 Mills St, Lidcombe NSW 2141

To register, call 9649 7030 or email office@stjoachimsparish.org

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





Good Soil

Today's Gospel reminds us that in order for God's Word to take root in us and produce abundant fruit, we must endeavour to be like good soil. Families, in particular, hold the responsibility for "preparing the soil" so that the seeds of God's Word can grow strong. There are many ways in which families do this—family traditions in which faith is celebrated, prayer and reading of Scripture, and instruction on the faith. In these ways, parents fulfill the promises they made at their child's Baptism.

Gather together as a family and reflect together on the Sacrament of Baptism. Tell the story of the Baptism of each child, showing any pictures that were taken. If you have your child's Baptism candle or gown, share these as well. Recall together that one of the promises that parents make at their child's Baptism is to bring them up in the practice of our faith. Talk together about the importance of this promise to your family. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 13:1-23. Reflect together on the ways in which your family practices your faith (daily prayer, Mass attendance, religious instruction, etc.). Remind one another that we do these things as a family so that God's Word can take root in our lives and produce abundant fruit. Conclude in prayer together by praying today's Psalm, Psalm 65.

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Mass Intentions:

Recently Deceased: Anna Tam Nguyen; Nicola Criola; Mario Deojee; Kathleen Raven

Anniversary: Joseph Nguyen Duc Hop; Aldo Troncoso; Teresa Vu Thi My; Elias Greige; George

Chalita; Bachir Chalita; Nisrine Habib

Deceased: Micae Lai Dinh Trung; Amedea Vella; Claude Marie; Robert Crouche; Martin Ly **Sick:** Annick Duval; Fatima Fernandes; Marian Periera; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Maria Carta; Teresita Martinez; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Josette Ackad; Rosa House; Nivea Wanigesekera; Henriette Tam Tinh Lam; Laura Malss; Rita Gattellari; Rolly Porto; Hoa Vu; Michael Connor; Mariano Bernabe; Maria Nguyen Thi Huyen.

Weekly Rosters

Troomy House								
	6.00p	m 16 JUL	<u> </u>	8.00am		10.00am	6.00pm	
Reader 1	Gloria	Gloria Booby		Maxwell Asuzu		lelen Vujevic	Nhung Bui	
Reader 2	u u		" "			u u	" "	
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)		An Dang (A)		Ν	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	St Anne		SSOG		(J)	st Felix		
23 JULY								
Reader 1	Patrick Abourizk		Ligaya Castillo		Т	hu Ha Kim	Anthony Eltarraf	
Reader 2	" "		" "			u u	" "	
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)		An Dang (A)		Λ	/lartin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	SMMC		SSOG		W	St Felix	Holy Spirit Choir	
		16 July		23 July		Notes:		
Altar Society		Group 3		Group 4 (see notes))	SSOG: Singing Servants of SMMC: St Mary Mackillon's	<u>:</u> Singing Servants of God <u>:</u> St Mary Mackillop's Choir	
Church Cleaners		El Shaddai Group		Vinh Nguyen		Group 4: Margaret Eastbu		
SVDP		Thom Pham		J Obeid		Eric Valencia, Bach Lam <i>(Florist)</i>		

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

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: 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; PSSO: 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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