



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

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



*"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant
looking for fine pearls." Matthew 13:45*

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

This weeks readings: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30;
Matthew 13:44-46.

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

Readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19;
Matthew 17:1-9.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 30 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.

Childrens Liturgy

We have recommenced Childrens Liturgy during the 10am Mass on Sunday. Thank you to Denice Severi who has helped organise this important ministry and to the volunteers who have agreed to help and make this possible. Please encourage your primary aged children to attend.

Excursion to Mary Mackillop Place

An excursion is being organised to visit Mary Mackillop Place, 7 Mount St North Sydney, on Tuesday 22nd August, 2023. Museum entrance fee and Transport are at your own expense. If you are interested in joining the group email Denice Severi at denice.severi@syd.catholic.edu.au

Meditation Day at St Benedict's Monastery

Invitation to St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, on Sunday - 20th August, for our Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day.

Timetable: Arrival from 10 am to register for a 10:30 am start, presentations, introduction to meditation, periods of meditation, Mass, information exchange, and conclusion around 3 pm.

Book display and morning tea provided, BYO picnic lunch.

Masks are optional, recommend social distancing and vaccination for one's own personal protection.

Enquiries: Ann Lomas, atlomas@bigpond.com / 9653 2637

For possible accommodation in the Monastery Guest House please get in touch with Fr Michael Kelly: mkelly@silvestrini.org / 0455 329 607

Oremus Online Prayer Series

Strengthen your faith in Christ, your prayer life, and your confidence to pray with others. Join us online for this 3-week series on the Foundations of Prayer:

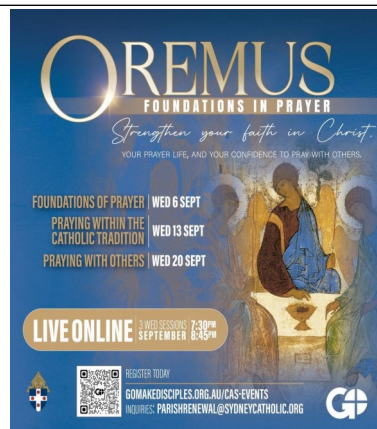
When: Wednesdays 6, 13 and 20 September 2023

Time: 7:30 – 8:45 pm.

Cost: Free

Optional in-person retreat to follow on Saturday, 28 October, at St Martha's Leichhardt, 10 am – 4 pm, \$28.50 (+booking fees).

Register for either or both opportunities at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events. All welcome.



THE NEW ROSTER FOR READERS, ACOYLTES & CHORIS NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE SACRISTY AND ON OUR WEBSITE

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
OR DIRECT DEBIT

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WOULD LIKE TO
CHANGE MY DONATION

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The Kingdom of Heaven

Like the person who found the buried treasure and the merchant who acquired the pearl of great price, we seek to find the signs of the kingdom of heaven in our lives. In fact, we even work to bring about God's kingdom in our actions and in our words. We pray that our family values reflect our pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. As Jesus' disciples, we place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

As you gather as a family, talk about what your family values. Make a list together of those things that your family considers most important, such as family, friends, faith, trust, and love. Place this list before you as you read today's Gospel in its shorter form, Matthew 13:44-46. In these parables, Jesus teaches us that it is worth giving up even valuable things in order to possess the kingdom of heaven. Look at the list your family made and talk about how these things are important to the kingdom of heaven. What has your family given up to make these values important in your life? As Jesus' disciples, we place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God. Pray together for God's kingdom by praying the Lord's Prayer.

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Craft Group-Thank you

The craft group wish to thank all the parishioners who stopped to browse their stall and especially those who made a purchase. A total of \$412 was made on the day.

Mass Intentions Recently Deceased: Mario Deojee; Anna Tam Nguyen

Anniversary: Maria Thi Thiet Nguyen; Anton Nguyen Tuc; Giuse Nguyen Duc Hop; Joseph Bay; Anna Dam; Anna Can; Joseph Hieu; Giuse Vu Ngoc Nghiem; Phero Vu Ngoc Ngoan; Maria Tran Thi Nhi; Regis Bellefine

Deceased: Anderjana & George Sultana; John Field; Lisa Field.

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, Claude Marie; Robert Crouche.

Weekly Rosters

	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Reader 1	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Thu Ha Kim	Nhung Bui
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	Holy Spirit Choir

6 AUGUST

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	30 July	6 August	Notes: SSOG: Singing Servants of God SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 1: Gloria Walker, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Dorie Encarnacion, Line Collet (Florist)
Altar Society	Group 5	Group 1 (see notes)	
Church Cleaners	Mai Hai	Polish Group	
SVDP	A Nguyen	D Rodrigues	
Childrens Liturgy	Grace & Simon	Philip & Denice	

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Donate to the Charitable Works Fund August 2023 Appeal

5th & 6th August 2023 is our parish appeal.

Help keep alive vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place.

Give generously. Your tax-deductible gift changes lives. Thank you!

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Or complete the parish envelope.

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;

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