



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

Wednesday - 10.00am Uniting

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



*"The woman came and knelt before
him. "Lord, help me!" she said. "*

Matthew 15:25

Responsorial Psalm

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon:

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

This weeks readings: Isaiah 56:1,6-7;
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28.

Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A

Readings: Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36;
Matthew 16:13-20.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 20 August 2023

Fr Van's 20th Anniversary of Ordination

**You are all invited to celebrate
Fr Van's 20 years of
Ordination to the Priesthood
at 10.00am Mass on Sunday, 20th August 2023.
A light lunch will be served afterwards.
All are welcome.**

Raising Fathers Events 2023

Join us for the RAISING FATHERS Evening as we unpack practical advice and share powerful, impactful, informative and instructional stories for fathering in today's world.

This is a partnership with Robert Falzon and MenAlive.

DATES: Tuesday, 29 August - Marist College Eastwood - 44 Hillview Rd, Eastwood

Wednesday, 30 August - Patrician Brothers' College: 268 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield

Thursday, 31 August - St Patrick's College: Francis St, Strathfield

Visit [Raising Fathers Evenings 2023 Tickets, Multiple Venues \(see above\) | TryBooking Australia](#) to attend one of the evenings.

Billings Natural Fertility Awareness Week

This year, 2023, marks the 70th anniversary of the commencement of Dr John Billings' research in finding a natural, reliable method of Fertility Awareness for couples. During Natural Fertility Awareness Week, in August, a special, free webinar in recognition of Dr John Billings' work, entitled "Understanding Couple Fertility: the Male Perspective" will be held on **Monday 21st August 2023 at 7.30pm**.

As well as highlighting the male perspective in using the Billings Ovulation Method®, couples will reflect on how it has helped them in understanding their joint fertility, as well as benefiting their relationships and family life. Please follow the link to register for the Webinar on Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/understanding-couple-fertility-the-male-perspective-webinar-tickets-678382479257?aff=oddttdcreator>

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.:

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WOULD LIKE
ENVELOPES

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WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE
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Reflection

Great faith

Even when spurned by Jesus, the faith of the Canaanite woman makes her bold enough to argue and ask again for what she needs. Her persistence and great confidence that Jesus could heal her daughter reminds us of the confidence with which our children bring to us their own needs. In their faith and trust we can find modern examples of how we might approach God in prayer.

As a family recall some times when a request for something was presented by one family member to another with confidence and persistence. If the request was denied, talk about why that was so. If the request was eventually granted, talk about what led to the change of heart. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 15:21-28. Was anyone surprised by Jesus' response to the Canaanite woman? Why or why not? What makes Jesus change his mind and heal the woman's daughter? When we pray, God wants us to be as confident in his mercy. Invite family members to identify the things that they most need from God. Pray these prayers of petition together as a family, confident that God will hear and answer your prayers..

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Wedding Congratulations

Chuong Khac Pham & Samantha Chan Bopha Siv

are married at St Felix this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.



Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Maria Dang Thi Diem.

Anniversary: Ambrogio DeBellis

Deceased: Micae Lai Dinh Trung; Patrick & Tina Aguiar; Boutrous Elias; Vincenzo LaBarbera

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; Rolly Porto; Michael Connor; Mariano Bernabe; Maria Nguyen Thi Huyen, Claude Marie; Robert Crouche; Maureen Vincent; Karl Roussety; Chantal Roussety

Weekly Rosters

	6.00pm	20 AUGUST	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Reader 1	Gloria Booby	Joseph Dang	Andrew Nguyen	Nhung Bui	
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	St Felix	-	
	27 AUGUST				
Reader 1	Patrick Abourizk	Imelda Dela Cruz	Thu Ha Kim	Anthony Eltarraf	
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	Holy Spirit Choir	
	20 August	27 August	Notes: SSOG: Singing Servants of God SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 3: Margaret Eastburn, Denise Ashe, Eric Valencia		
Altar Society	Group 3	Group 4 (see notes)			
Church Cleaners	Vinh Nguyen	Vinh Nguyen			
SVDP	Thom Pham	J Obeid			
Childrens Liturgy	Grace & Simon	Philip & Ligaya			

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

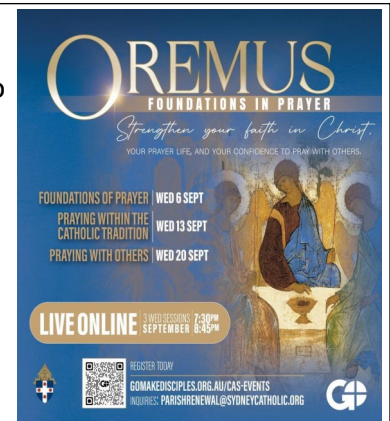
Time: 7:30 – 8:45 pm.

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).

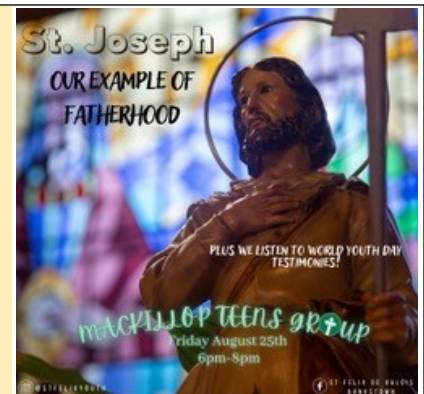
Register for either or both opportunities at

www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events. All welcome.



**MARY MACKILLOP TEENS GROUP NIGHT
IS ON THIS FRIDAY 25th AUGUST,
6-8PM.**

**COME AND JOIN US FOR
A NIGHT OF
FAITH, FRIENDSHIP AND FUN.**



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