



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:

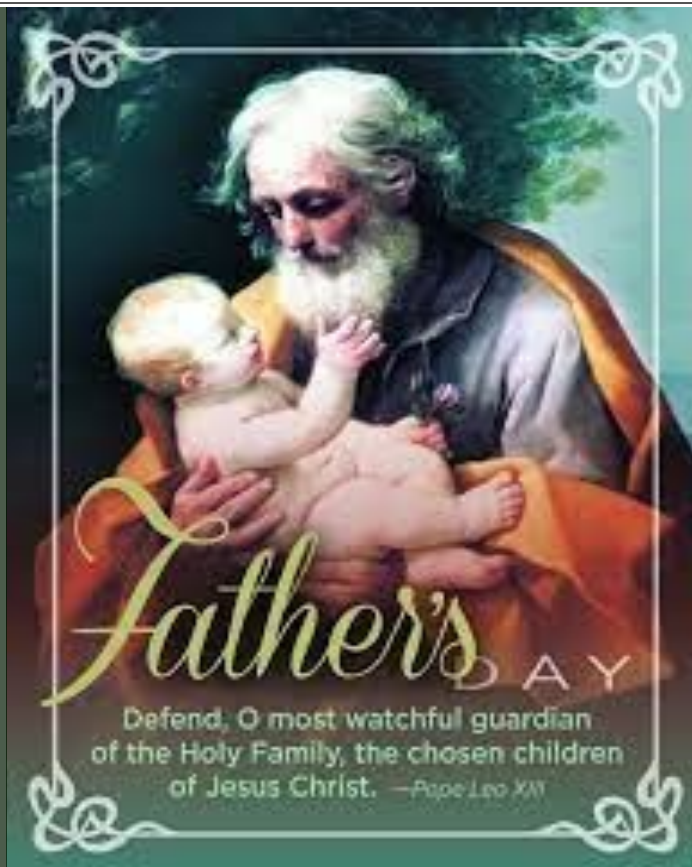
Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

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



Responsorial Psalm

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of
our heart, that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon:

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

This weeks readings: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2;
Matthew 16:21-2.

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A

Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10;
Matthew 18:15-20.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 3 September 2023

Father Day Appeal – this weekend

Each year our Archdiocese hosts the annual Father's Day Appeal to support retired priests and thank our Fathers for their wonderful service to our community.

Your gift is a 'thank you' to our priests who've contributed in many ways in your life. They are friends who've counselled, comforted and provided spiritual nourishment through their wisdom and willingness to teach. Give generously. Your tax-deductible gift will make a big difference to our retired Fathers who need our care. The Archdiocese will match every donation two-for-one. For example, if you give \$100, the Archdiocese will add another \$200, making your contribution worth \$300. Thank you. Donate at www.ourfaithourworks/prf or complete the special envelope found in the Church.

**PRIESTS'
RETIREMENT
FOUNDATION**



Catholic Men's Conference – BE NOT AFRAID

The Inaugural 'Catholic Men's Conference' – BE NOT AFRAID is a one day conference for men (18+) The conference will include breakfast, coffee/tea, talks by guest speakers, adoration, confession, mass, lunch and an exclusive invitation and announcement to the men on the day. We're gathering as men to encounter Our Lord and increase our faith, hope and charity in friendship to be the man God created us to be. Guest keynote addresses plus other special guests. They will focus on what it means to order your life, the why and how so we can live out our life to the fullest as fathers, brothers, sons, etc.

Date: Saturday, 16 September 2023

Time: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Location: St Mary's Cathedral Hall, St Mary's Road, Sydney NSW 2000

Cost: Tickets are \$55 and Concession Ticket is \$45. CLERGY and SEMINARIANS are FREE.

To book, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/CKKFQ>

Baptism

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Stefan Joseph Balser

May he always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout his life.



Saint of the Day for September 8 – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Story of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap. This work

has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.



The Birth of the Virgin | fresco by Giotto

Reflection

God our Saviour

Peter was expecting a Messiah that would carry out a different plan than the one Jesus had explained. Jesus was indeed the Messiah, but his life and death would show a different understanding of what it means to be the Messiah. We too have expectations of God and our own ideas about what we think God ought to be doing in our world. Like Peter we may risk limiting our image of God by thinking only in human ways. God's plan is always more than we can ever imagine.

As you gather as a family, talk about what we expect God to be doing in our world and in our family life. Then read today's Gospel, Matthew 16:21-27. Why do you think Peter was so upset by what Jesus was saying? Notice how Jesus reprimands Peter. Do we sometimes forget to let God be God for us? That is, do we sometimes get discouraged because God doesn't act in our world in the ways that we expect? Pray together that your family will remember that God is always working for the world's salvation in ways that are beyond our human imaginings.

Conclude by praying together today's Psalm, Psalm 63.

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Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is held during 10am Mass every Sunday. Children from Kindy to Year 3 are welcome. Please arrive to Mass on time so you don't miss out.



Maureen Vincent is back home on the road to recovery and wishes to thank everyone for their prayers.



Mass Intentions Recently Deceased: Maria Dang Thi Diem.

Anniversary: Janice Mackoul; Clifford Kreltszhem; Le Thi Truoc; Maria Ngo Thi Tuyen; Emmanuel Leo Icard

Deceased: Micae Lai Dinh Trung; Francesco Daniele; Domenico Ferraro; Joseph Condello

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; Peter Cranny

Weekly Rosters

	6.00pm	3 SEPTEMBER	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Reader 1	Emmanuel Icard	Maxwell Asuzu	Emanuela Viner	Anthony Tran	
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	-	
10 SEPTEMBER					
Reader 1	Viviane Chayna	Ligaya Castillo	Helen Vujevic	Nhung Bui	
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	SMMC	-	
	3 September	10 September	Notes: SSOG: Singing Servants of God SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 2: Robyn Molloy, Jeannette Chong, Anna Gabut, Line Collet (Florist)		
Altar Society	Group 1	Group 2 (see notes)			
Church Cleaners	Polish Group	El Shaddai Group			
SVDP	A Nguyen	D Rodrigues			
Childrens Liturgy	Philip & Ligaya	Denice & Belinda			

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**MARY MACKILLOP TEENS
GROUP NIGHT
IS ON THIS FRIDAY
8th SEPTEMBER, 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;