



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 - 10am 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



*"My friend, I am not being unjust to you;
did we not agree on one denarius? "*

Matthew 20:13

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon:

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

This weeks readings: Isaiah 55:6-9;
Philippians 1:20-24,27; Matthew 20:1-16.

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A

Readings: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11;
Matthew 21:28-32.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 24 September 2023

Volunteer Catechists urgently needed

Volunteers are urgently needed as Catechists to teach at Bankstown North Public school. Only half an hour per week is needed on Wednesday afternoon. All training is provided. Please contact Bev Lamaro on 0409 710 703.

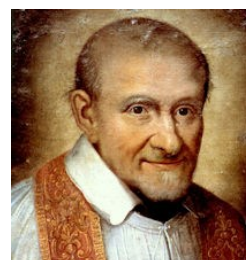
First Reconciliation 2023

Registrations for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation are now open to all baptised children in Year 3 or above. The Sacrament will be celebrated this year on Wednesday 29th November and *completed registration forms must be returned to the Parish Office by Monday 23rd October, before the first meeting.* The first parents meeting is on Wednesday 25th October commencing at 6.30pm in St Felix Church. Blank registration forms may be found in the Church foyer.

Saint of the Day for September 27 - St Vincent de Paul, priest.

Memorial

The Church celebrates the **Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul (1581-1660)**, who was born in Gascony, France, and died in Paris. He studied theology at Toulouse and was ordained a priest in 1600. As a young priest he fell into the hands of Mohammedan pirates who carried him off to Africa. After his return to France he became successively parish priest, grand almoner of the galley slaves, and spiritual director of the Visitation nuns. He founded the Congregation of the Priests of the Mission or Lazarists to preach especially to country people. With the help of Louise de Marillac he established the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity to care for young girls, for the needy, sick, and foundlings. He died at the St. Lazarus House in Paris, which was the centre of his Congregation. Leo XIII proclaimed him special patron of charitable institutions.



St Vincent de Paul,
priest

Saint of the Day for September 29 - Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels

Feast

The liturgy celebrates the **Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels** who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. Michael (*Who is like God?*) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Gabriel (*Strength of God*) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. Raphael (*Medicine of God*) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.



Sts Michael, Gabriel,
Raphael, archangels

Saint of the Day for September 30 - St Jerome, priest, doctor.

Memorial

Today is the **Memorial of St. Jerome (345-420)**. Jerome was born in Dalmatia of a Christian, was baptized in Rome, while taking his classical courses. He then studied under the best masters in foreign cities. But the Church had need of this extraordinarily gifted man. Jerome heard and obeyed the divine call, made a vow of celibacy, and withdrew for four years to a hermitage in the Syrian desert. The Holy Father soon summoned Jerome to Rome and entrusted him with the enormous task of revising the Latin Bible. This work, which took 30 years to complete, is the Vulgate version of the Scriptures. He also wrote many other works, mostly commentaries on the books of the Bible.



St Jerome,
priest, doctor.

Reflection

God's great love

The workers in this parable sound very much like squabbling children, comparing what they have each been given and making complaints to the parent. Among children there is a tendency to equate love with gifts and material things. This tendency can devolve into a spirit of entitlement, which runs counter to the spirit of gratitude. Any effort we make to overcome this tendency, to keep love from being entwined with gifts and possessions, will enable our children to accept completely the love that God gives freely and generously.

Observe together any tendency within your family to make comparisons. Are children sometimes heard saying that another child received a greater portion of a favorite food at dinner or dessert? Does one person complain that a parent spends more time with one child over another? Ask if such comparisons are helpful. Discuss together why such comparisons are made. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 20:1-16. Consider these questions: Why do the workers grumble? Is the landowner's assessment accurate? Unfortunately, we are sometimes like these workers when we make the comparisons we discussed earlier.

Conclude in prayer together remembering that love cannot and ought not to be measured. Sit quietly together acknowledging God's great love for each person as individuals and for your family. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 145, or the Lord's Prayer.

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Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Mary Borg

Anniversary: Remedios Ondus; Francois Xavier Quan Trong Pham; Maria Nguyen Thi Vui; Giuse Maria Hoang Xuan Tu; Joseph Hoang Xuan Ta; Giuse Maria Vu Viet Quy

Deceased: Micae Lai Dinh Trung

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; Baby Joseph Akkary; Robert Waring.

Weekly Rosters

	6.00pm	24 SEPTEMBER	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Reader 1		Philip Castillo	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	
1 OCTOBER					
Reader 1	Emmanuel Icard	Joseph Dang	Emanuela Viner	Anthony Eltarraf	
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	-	
	24 September	24 September	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 4	Group 1 (see notes)			
Church Cleaners	Vinh Nguyen				
SVDP	Thom Pham	J Obeid			
Childrens Liturgy	School Holidays (NIL)	School Holidays (NIL)			

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at www.caritas.org.au



You Are Not Alone Retreat Day

"You are not alone" is a retreat day for couples who are struggling or have been unable to have children due to infertility, miscarriage or stillbirth. The day will be held on the 7th of October 2023 at the Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa and will include meals, talks, prayer, reflection, and sharing. The Emmanuel Community will facilitate the retreat with the support of the Life Marriage and Family Team. Due to the sensitive nature of this experience, spaces will be limited.

Couples should RSVP by the 2nd of October at <http://www.trybooking.com/CKWXP>

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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