



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

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.

Baptisms: Ring for an appointment



"... 'The wedding banquet is ready,

Matthew 22:8

Responsorial Psalm

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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:

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

This weeks readings: Isaiah 25:6-10;
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-10

Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A

Readings: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1Thessalonians 1:1-5;
Matthew 22:15-21.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 15 October 2023

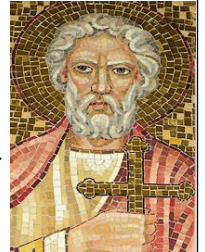
Phone Scams

There have been reports of SMS message scams targeting individuals and parishes in the Archdiocese. These scams impersonate the members of our parish, including myself, asking for urgent help and often requesting gift card purchases for those in need. Rest assured that neither I nor any member of our parish staff would ever ask for such assistance through SMS or any other unsolicited means. If you receive suspicious messages, contact us directly via phone or in person. *Fr Van*

Saint of the Day for October 17 - St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr:

Memorial

Today the Church celebrates the **Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch (50-107)**, who was one of the great bishops of the early Church. He was the successor of St. Peter as Bishop of Antioch. He was condemned to death by wild beasts during the Emperor Trajan's persecution. On his way to Rome, he wrote seven magnificent letters, which we still have today, concerning the Person of Christ, his love for Christ, his desire for martyrdom and on the constitution of the Church and Christian life. His sentiments before his approaching martyrdom are summed in his word in the Communion antiphon, "I am the wheat of Christ, ground by the teeth of beasts to become pure bread."



St Ignatius of Antioch

Saint of the Day for October 18 - St Luke, evangelist.

Feast

Today is the **Feast of St. Luke**, the inspired author of the third Gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles, was a native of Antioch in Syria and a physician, and one of the early converts from paganism. He accompanied St. Paul on a considerable part of his missionary journey. He was also his companion while in prison at Rome on two different occasions. His account of these events, contained in the Acts, is firsthand history.

Luke's Gospel is, above all, the Gospel of the Merciful Heart of Jesus. It emphasizes the fact that Christ is the salvation of all men, especially of the repentant sinner and of the lowly. Legend says that Luke painted the Blessed Virgin's portrait. It is certainly true that he painted the most beautiful word-picture of Mary ever written.



St Luke

Volunteer Opportunities - English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers

The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians who wish to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region.

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2024 departure. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Australia and the Solomon Islands.

We aim to utilise the skills and talents of our volunteers to provide the best possible contribution to the host community. Our aim is not to 'help' but to walk in solidarity with young people and for volunteer and host to have a mutual learning experience. We are also present in host communities to be role models - people that young people can aspire to be.

Cagliero volunteers commit themselves to working in the 'Salesian way'. This means that young people are the central focus in all work. The Salesian way also means approaching life in a joyful way with a loving heart. The experience as a Cagliero volunteer is not about the volunteer but is focused on the people we go to serve. However, serving as a Cagliero volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do!

For more information, or to send us an enquiry, follow this link: <http://cagliero.org.au/>
Applications close October 31st, 2023.

Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliero Project. Email: lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

Reflection

Invitation to Salvation

Today's Gospel reminds us that God invites all of us to his kingdom. How do we respond to this invitation? In theological terms, God has granted us free will to accept or reject salvation. The parable of the wedding feast reminds us that God desires our wholehearted acceptance of his invitation to salvation.

As you gather as a family, discuss what you consider appropriate attire for various occasions. For example, if your family were invited to a neighbour's barbecue, what would you wear? If you were planning to attend the symphony, what might you wear? If invited to an evening wedding, what might you wear? Discuss how our preparations for an event and our choice of attire indicates the importance and value we place on the occasion. In today's Gospel Jesus uses this metaphor to talk about the kingdom of heaven. Read Matthew 22:1-14. Discuss why the guest was thrown out of the wedding feast. What does Jesus expect of those who accept his invitation of salvation? What would be the evidence of our conversion to God's salvation? Pray together as a family that you will respond wholeheartedly to God's invitation to salvation. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 23.

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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.

Mass Intentions Recently Deceased: Stanley Booby (Gloria's brother); Felise Mino

Anniversary: Andre Son Van Le; Rosa Nguyen Thi Huong; Joseph & Tonka Babic; Martino Duong Van Qui; Maria & Guise

Deceased: Phillippe Ng Cong Nhan; John 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; 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	15 OCTOBER	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Reader 1	Gloria Booby	Maxwell Asuzu	Helen Vujevic	Nhung Bui	
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	St Felix	-	
	22 OCTOBER				
Reader 1	Patrick Abourizk	Ligaya Castillo	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	
	15 October	22 October	Notes: SSOG: Singing Servants of God SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 4: Margaret Eastburn, Denise Ashe, Eric Valencia		
Altar Society	Group 3	Group 4 (see notes)			
Church Cleaners	El Shaddai Group	Vinh Nguyen			
SVDP	D Rodrigues	Andrew Nguyen			
Childrens Liturgy	Denice & Belinda	Grace & Simon			

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

What English word has three consecutive double letters?

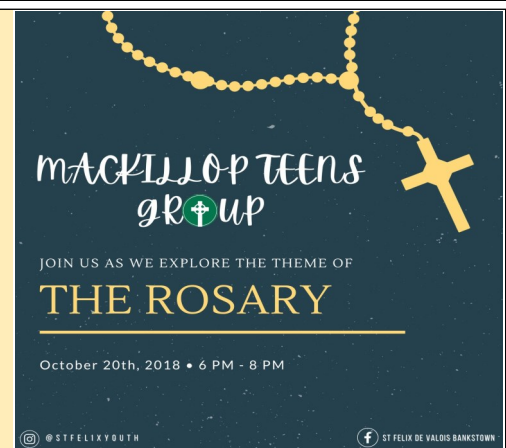
Bookkeeper.



Volunteer Catechists urgently needed

We are still seeking volunteers 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.

**MARY MACKILLOP TEENS
GROUP NIGHT IS ON THIS FRIDAY
20th OCTOBER, 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