



# 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



## Donate to the Charitable Works Fund November 2023 Appeal

4th & 5th November 2023 is our parish appeal.

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[www.ourfaithourworks/give-to-cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks/give-to-cwf)  
Or complete the parish envelope.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R.** In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;  
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Alleluia!**

## Comm Antiphon:

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

**This weeks readings:** Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10;  
1Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12.

**Next Sunday:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A

**Readings:** Wisdom 6:12-16; 1Thessalonians 4:13-14;  
Matthew 25:1-13.

# 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 5 November 2023

## Mass Intentions for November

November is a special time when we pray for all our deceased family, friends, relatives and all souls in Purgatory. Offerings for the deceased during November will be collected and remembered as a whole at each Mass. All names will be placed on the altar and remain there for the entire month. Please note that during the month of November, no separate Mass intentions will be mentioned; every Mass will be offered for all intentions that are placed on the altar.

## Saint of the Day for November 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.

### Feast

Today the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** in Rome, the oldest and highest ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, not St. Peter's Basilica as so many mistakenly believe. The Basilica is also called the Church of Holy Savior or the Church of St. John Baptist. In ancient Rome this was the church where everyone was baptized. It is the oldest church in the West, built in the time of Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. This feast became a universal celebration in honour of the archbasilica, the ecclesiastical mother church, called "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world" (*omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput*), as a sign of love for and union with the See of Peter.

## Saint of the Day for November 10 - St Leo the Great, pope, doctor.

### Memorial

Leo I, Pope and Doctor of the Church, ruled from 440 to 461. He is surnamed "the Great" and ranks among the most illustrious sovereigns that ever sat on the throne of St. Peter. Of his life, we know little; with him the man seems to disappear before the Pope. He saw most clearly that one of his greatest tasks was to vindicate the primacy of the Roman bishop, St. Peter's successor, and to raise the prestige of the Holy See before the entire world. Hardly any Pope in history has occupied a like position in the ecclesiastical and political world.

## Saint of the Day for November 11 - St Martin of Tours, bishop.

### Memorial

St. Martin was born (c. 316) at Sabaria, a town in Pannonia near the famous Benedictine monastery dedicated to his name. Against the wishes of his parents he associated with Christians and became a catechumen at the age of ten. At fifteen he entered the army and served under the Emperors Constantius and Julian. While in the service he met a poor, naked beggar at the gates of Amiens who asked alms in Christ's Name. Martin had nothing with him except his weapons and soldier's mantle; but he took his sword, cut the latter in two, and gave half to the poor man. During the following night Christ appeared to him clothed with half a mantle and said, "Martin, the catechumen, has clothed Me with this mantle!"

Martin was eighteen years old when he received the sacrament of holy baptism. At the pleading of his superior officer, he remained two years longer in the army. Then, upon requesting dismissal, Julian accused him of cowardice. "With the sign of the Cross," Martin answered, "I shall more certainly break through the ranks of the enemy than if armed with shield and sword." When released he sought out St. Hilary, bishop of Poitiers, and was ordained. Later he was made bishop of Tours. Close to the city he built a monastery, where with eighty monks he led a most holy life. On one of his numerous visits to the imperial court at Trier, a certain man besought him to help his daughter, "I firmly believe in the Lord that my daughter will be healed through your prayer." Martin healed the girl with consecrated oil. Tetradius, who witnessed this extraordinary manifestation of divine power, asked for baptism.

Martin also possessed the gift of discerning spirits. Once the devil appeared to him radiant and clothed in royal apparel, and spoke as if he were Christ. Martin, recognizing the deceit, replied, "The Lord Jesus Christ never prophesied that He would come in purple robes and royal crown." The apparition immediately vanished. Three dead persons he raised to life. While celebrating holy Mass a luminous sphere appeared over his head. He was far advanced in age when he fell into a grievous fever during a visitation at Candés, an outlying parish of his diocese. Unceasingly he begged God to release him from this mortal prison. His disciples, however, implored him with tears, "Father, why are you leaving us? To whom will you entrust the care of your disconsolate children?" Deeply moved, Martin turned to God: "Lord, if I am still necessary for Your people, I will not refuse the labour. Your will be done!"

When the bystanders saw that despite his great fever he remained lying on his back, they besought him to change position to alleviate somewhat the pain. But Martin answered, "Brothers, rather let me look toward heaven than to earth so that my soul in its journey home may take a direct flight to the Lord." Shortly before death he saw the evil spirit. "What do you want, horrible beast? You will find nothing in me that's yours!" With those words the aged saint breathed forth his soul on November 11, 397, at the age of eighty-one.

—Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch*

Reflection

## Practice what you preach

"Do as I say, not as I do." How many of us have been tempted to say this to our children? In today's Gospel we hear a resounding reply from Jesus, "Practice what you preach." Those who know us best, our family and especially our children, can identify the inconsistencies between what we want to teach and the example that we give. The challenge for all of us, especially for those of us who are parents, is to model with consistency the faith and the Christian way of life we wish to teach our children.

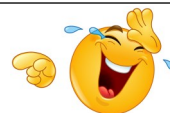
As you gather as a family, talk about what it means to practice what you preach. Identify some examples of people you know who practice what they preach. What do you observe about these people? What do you admire about them?

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus talk about the importance of acting in ways that are consistent with our faith. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 23:1-12. Talk together about ways in which your family might better practice the faith that you profess. Choose one action to take that will show your faith in action. Pray together that your family's faith will be shown consistently in your actions. Pray the *Prayer for Vocations*.

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What can fill an entire room without taking up any space?

Light.



## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Peter Phuong Thanh Tran

**Anniversary:** Phaolo Le Minh Truc, Cyril Crouche, Giuse Ma Phu

**Deceased:** All names of the deceased are placed on the Altar

**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	5 NOVEMBER	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Reader 1	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Emanuela Viner	Youth	
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	Sacred Heart Choir	
12 NOVEMBER					
Reader 1	Viviane Chayna	Philip Castillo	Helen Vujevic	Anthony Tran	
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	SMMC	-	
	5 November	12 November	<b>Notes:</b> 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	ElShaddai Group			
SVDP	J Obeid	A Nguyen			
Childrens Liturgy	Phillip & Ligaya	Denice & Belinda			



## GOSPEL: Matthew 23:1-12

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

*They do not practice what they preach.*

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Baptism

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

***Avery Thien Huong Sophia Bui***

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.



## Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy is run during the 10am Mass on Sunday's during school terms. All young primary aged students are welcome.

## Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk

The Archdiocese of Sydney is required to be compliant with the safeguarding standards (NCSS) as set out by Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited (ACSL). In 2022 ACSL updated and broadened their standards to include adults at risk of experiencing abuse, such as people who are elderly, with a disability, or who suffer from mental illness, to name a few. This came about as a response to the recommendations made by the Royal Commissions into Aged Care and People with Disability.

## BENILDE HIGH SCHOOL BANKSTOWN CLASS OF '74 - 50th REUNION IN 2024.

If you attended Benilde High School, Bankstown in 1974 when you would have completed your HSC (or you know someone who did) then please contact: Alex Balbi - 0402 558 656 for more details.

### 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 [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). 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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