



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

Friday - 11.00am 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



*" And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They
that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:
But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. "*

Matthew 25:2-4

Responsorial Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

This weeks readings: Wisdom 6:12-16; 1Thessalonians
4:13-14; Matthew 25:1-13.

Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A

Readings: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31;
1Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 12 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.

St Felix Feast

Next Sunday during the 10am Mass we will celebrate the Feast of St Felix. Following Mass we will continue with celebrations outside with a sausage sizzle. All welcome

Morning Tea

Morning Tea has recommenced after the 10am Masses on the 2nd & 4th Sunday's of the month. Join us for a cuppa & chat after 10am Mass today.

Children's Liturgy

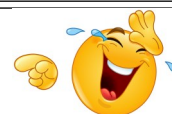
Children's liturgy is run during the 10am Mass on Sunday's during school terms. All young primary aged students are welcome.

Welcome Year 3

This weekend we welcome year 3 children from the primary school and their families who are helping with the liturgy for the Sunday 10am Mass.

How did the soccer fan know before the game that the score would be 0-0?

The score is always 0-0 before the game.



Saint of the Day for November 17 - St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

Memorial

Elizabeth was the daughter of the Hungarian King Andrew II. At the age of four (b. 1207), she was brought to the court of her future husband, Ludwig, landgrave of Thuringia. After her marriage in 1221, she very conscientiously fulfilled her duties both toward her husband and as a servant of God. During the night she would rise from bed and spend long periods in prayer. Zealously she performed all types of charitable acts; she put herself at the service of widows, orphans, the sick, the needy. During a famine she generously distributed all the grain from her stocks, cared for lepers in one of the hospitals she established, kissed their hands and feet. For the benefit of the indigent she provided suitable lodging.

After the early death of her husband (in 1227 while on a crusade led by Emperor Frederick II), Elizabeth laid aside all royal dignities in order to serve God more freely. She put on simple clothing, became a tertiary of St. Francis, and showed great patience and humility. Nor was she spared intense suffering - the goods belonging to her as a widow were withheld, she was forced to leave Wartburg. In Eisenach no one dared receive her out of fear of her enemies. Upon much pleading a shepherd of the landgrave permitted her to use an abandoned pig sty. No one was allowed to visit or aid her; with her three children, of whom the youngest was not more than a few months old, she was forced to wander about in the winter's cold.

In 1228 she took the veil of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis at Marburg and there built a hospital with some property still belonging to her. She retained for herself only a small mud house. All her strength and care were now devoted to the poor and the sick, while she obtained the few things she needed by spinning. Young in years but rich in good works, she slept in the Lord in 1231, only twenty-four years old.

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





Keep God first

In the daily activities of family life, we can easily find excuses for not attending to our spiritual lives. If not given top priority, prayer and reading Scripture risk becoming occasional activities rather than daily practices. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that if we fail to give our spiritual life priority, we will find ourselves unprepared to receive Jesus. Daily prayer and spiritual practice keeps us ready to receive Jesus.

Gather together as a family and talk about some of the things our faith calls us to do every day and every week to keep God first in our lives. Talk about what might happen if we don't do these things regularly. Explain to your family that Jesus taught us that it is important to keep ourselves ready to receive him when he comes again. Tell them to listen as you read the parable that Jesus tells in today's Gospel. Read aloud Matthew 25:1-13. Talk with your family about why Jesus says that it is so important to remain ready to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. Pray together that your family will always keep God first in your lives so that you will all be prepared to receive Jesus when he comes. Pray together the Act of Hope.

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SVDP Piety Stall

The Columban and Josephite Calendars for 2024 have arrived and will be on sale from Sunday. They are \$10 each. Also there are Christmas Card packs for \$10 at the Vinnies Piety Stall. Please support them.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Georgette Khoury

Anniversary: Mathew Chu Long Con; Maria Do Thi Tuan; Maria Chu Quynh Vy; Mathew Chu Van Tuynh

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

12 NOVEMBER				
	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
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	-
19 NOVEMBER				
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	-
	12 November	19 November	Notes: <u>SSOG</u> : Singing Servants of God <u>SMMC</u> : St Mary Mackillop's Choir <u>Group 3</u> : Tram Vu (Florist)	
Altar Society	Group 2	Group 3 (see notes)		
Church Cleaners	ElShaddai Group	Vinh Nguyen		
SVDP	A Nguyen	D Rodrigues		
Childrens Liturgy	Denice & Belinda	Grace & Simon		

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Baptism

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Mikhail Joseph Moothoo

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



**MARY MACKILLOP TEENS
GROUP NIGHT IS ON THIS FRIDAY
17th NOVEMBER, 6-8PM.
COME AND JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
FAITH, FRIENDSHIP AND FUN.**

MACKILLOP TEENS GROUP

Encounter Night

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17TH
6PM - 8PM

Join us for a night of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession. Through this celebration, we will encounter Jesus in His Mercy and Real Presence.

PARENTS AND FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!

"They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?' - Luke 24:32"

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.

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. 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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