



# 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



*"Be on your guard, stay awake . . "*

*Mark 13:33*

## Responsorial Psalm

**R.** Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face  
and we shall be saved.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

**Alleluia!**

## Comm Antiphon:

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its  
increase.

**This weeks readings:** Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8;  
1Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37.

**Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent - Yr B

**Readings:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14;  
Mark 1:1-8.

# 1st Sunday of Advent - Yr B - 3 December 2023

## Craft Stall

The friendship group will have a Craft stall after the 8am and 10am Masses this Sunday. They will be selling some craft items and a quantity of children's and toddler's wear.

## Break Open Word

The new Break Open Word for Yr B are in the Sacristy for the lectors. If you require one, please write your name on the list when you take one. Thank you.

## 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.

## Home Mass

Fr William will say Mass at the home of Robyn Molloy at 7.00PM on Wednesday 13th December. We will have some light refreshments afterwards. Everybody welcome. If you would like to come, please phone Robyn Molloy on 97071292.

## Walking Together in Communion, Participation & Mission Reflections on the Synod on Synodality.

By Bishop Anthony Fisher.

Pick up a copy of this Pastoral letter from the Church foyer or view online at <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/addresses-and-statements/2023/walking-together-in-communion-participation-and-mission-reflections-on-the-synod-on-synodality/>

**A barrel of water weighed 60 kilos. Someone put something in it and now it weighs 40 kilos. What did the person add?**



## Saint of the Day for December 7 – St Ambrose, bishop, doctor.

### Memorial

The Church celebrates the **Memorial of St. Ambrose (340-397)**, who was born at Treves in Gaul, a territory which embraced modern France, Britain, Spain, and part of Africa. He studied in Rome and later became governor of Liguria and Aemelia with residence at Milan. While supervising the election of a new bishop of Milan in 374, he himself was suddenly acclaimed the bishop. He was only a catechumen at the time and was ordained a priest and consecrated a bishop on December 7. He wrote much on the Scriptures and Fathers, preached a homily every Sunday, resisted the interference of the secular powers with the rights of the Church, opposed the heretics, and was instrumental in bringing about the conversion of St. Augustine. He composed many hymns, promoted sacred chant, and took a great interest in the Liturgy.

## Saint of the Day for December 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### Solemnity

Today is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary**, the solemn dogma defined by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1854. As Our Lady Immaculately Conceived is the patroness of the United States of America, this is a holy day of obligation in the United States.

Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed on December 8, 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." —*Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

In family life, we try to prepare ourselves for many future things: our next vacation, our children's education, our retirement. We are careful not to allow ourselves to be caught by surprise so that we can handle any challenges our family may face. Today's Gospel reminds us that we are called to be just as attentive and alert to the coming of the Son of Man so that it will not catch us unprepared. This means attending to our family's spiritual life as carefully as we attend to other important family matters.

As you gather as a family, talk about a time when you received surprise visitors at your house, perhaps a neighbour who stopped by or a relative who arrived unannounced. Was your household prepared to receive this unannounced guest? What might your family have done differently if you knew ahead of time that this visitor was going to arrive? Jesus told his disciples that no one knows when the Son of Man will return, except the Father. Read with your family what Jesus told his disciples in today's Gospel, Mark 13:33-37.

During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also check to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when he comes again. Talk about how your family can recommit to daily prayer, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again. Read as a concluding prayer Paul's words to the Corinthians found in today's second reading, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, or pray the Lord's Prayer.

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## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Maria Alex Nguyen

**Anniversary:** Lisa Field; Rosa Nguyen Thuy Dung; Maria Nguyen Thi Minh Chau.

**Deceased:** Maria, Giuse & Vincente; Lucia Duong Thi Thuy Hong; Micae Lai Dinh Trung; Joseph & Rosie Fernandes; Shiri & Rukmani Krishna; Conceso & Antonio Fernandes; Acacio & Alsy Fernandes; Lynne Mackenzie; John Delburn; Loris Hanna.

**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	3 DECEMBER	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Reader 1	Emmanuel Icard		Emanuela Viner	Anthony Tran	
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	Sacred Heart Choir	
10 DECEMBER					
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 December	10 December	<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	El Shaddai Group			
SVDP	Thom Pham	J Obeid			
Childrens Liturgy	Philip & Ligaya	Cindy & Belinda			

## GOSPEL: Mark 13:33-37

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

*Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## LISTEN TO THE WORD Prepare for His birth - Advent Companion 2023

The beautiful Season of Advent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to prepare for the coming of Jesus. This free Advent Companion contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Advent and Christmas, and spiritual reflections by Christian Stephens, Rachel Vala, Milad Khalil, Sr Anastasia Reeves OP, and Fr Matthew Meagher.

Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online. Pick up a free book from the Church foyer or visit [www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au).

## SMDP 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.



## Christmas Schedule

**Sunday 24th December** - Christmas Vigils - 6.00pm Mass & 8.00pm Mass,  
Christmas Carols commencing at 11.30pm, Midnight Mass (12.00am)

**Monday 25th December** - 8.00am Mass & 10.00am Mass.

*(please note there will be no 6.00pm Mass Christmas Day)*

## Baptism

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

*Alexander Michael*

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



## A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes 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;

**Archdiocesan Website:** [www.sydney.catholic.org.au](http://www.sydney.catholic.org.au)