



# 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

(see also back page)

## Nursing Home

**Tuesday** - 10.30am Bupa Yagoona

## 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



*"...Make a straight way for the Lord."*

*John 1:23*

## Responsorial Psalm

**R.** My soul rejoices in my God.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

**Alleluia!**

## Comm Antiphon:

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

**This weeks readings:** Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; 1  
Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28.

**Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent - Yr B

**Readings:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Romans 16:25-27;  
Luke 1:26-38.

# 3rd Sunday of Advent - Yr B - 17 December 2023

## SVP 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.

## Volunteers for Christmas Masses

We are looking for volunteer Readers, Acolytes and Altar Servers for our Christmas Masses. Please write your name on the blank roster in the Sacristy if you can help. Thank you.

## Fight poverty with your used stamps

Every year we collect stamps for 'Mary Mackillop Today' (MMT) who recycle used stamps to give disabled children an education in Papua New Guinea; fund training programs for poor women to learn life skills in Peru; and provide vital health care to poor communities in Timor-Leste.

Send in your used stamps to the Parish Office and we will forward them on. Just trim around the stamp leaving a generous margin of envelope around it. Stamp albums and unusual stamp envelopes are also accepted. We will be collecting stamps until the end of January. Thank you for your support.

## Carols for Peace

Join Archbishop Fisher and a Choir & Orchestra of 70 musicians for this very special ceremony "Carols for Peace". FRIDAY 22nd December commencing at 7.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral. ENTRY BY DONATION: All funds raised support Aid to the Church in Need & its charity works in The Holy Land & Ukraine. Tickets strictly limited BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL [www.carolsforpeace.org](http://www.carolsforpeace.org)

## An Evening with Christopher West – Male and Female He Created Them

Following Dr Christopher West's Made for More presentation earlier this year, he returns to Sydney to dive deeper with families to rediscover authentic masculinity and femininity. This not-to-be-missed one-night presentation will provide a hopeful and redemptive understanding of our creation's original and glorious meaning as male and female.

DATE: Saturday, 20 January 2024

VENUE: All Saints Liverpool Catholic Parish, 48 George Street, Liverpool

TIME: 7:00pm - 9:30pm. (Doors open at 6:30pm)

PRICE: \$20 general admission. \$15 concession/student

For more information on the evening and to purchase tickets, visit: <https://sydneycatholic.org/summer-series/>.

## PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

**Would you like to become a regular contributor to the Parish?**

If so, please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office. Otherwise send an e-mail with your details to Marie at [admin@stfelixparish.org.au](mailto:admin@stfelixparish.org.au)

Name..... Telephone No.: .....

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WOULD LIKE  
ENVELOPES

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## Waiting

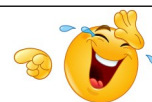
In family life, we learn to trust other people for protection and care. This experience of trust within the family enables children to believe us when we testify about our faith in Jesus. John the Baptist was believed by those who heard him because he helped them to recognize Jesus in their midst. In our family life, we hope and pray that we lead one another to recognize Jesus' presence in our world.

As you gather as a family, recall that during the Advent season we are invited to pay particular attention to the signs of Jesus' presence in our world. Consider some of the signs of Jesus' presence that you have experienced. During Advent, we remember how John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. Read together today's Gospel, John 1:6-8, 19-28. Discuss the signs of Jesus' presence in our world that you named and explain what these signs tell us about God and God's love for us. Pray together that your family will be led to recognize that Jesus is present among us. Read and pray together the psalm for today's Mass, *the Magnificat* (Luke 1:46-55).

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What kind of lights did Noah use on the ark?

Floodlights.



## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Lucy & Brad Fenech; Maria Magdalena

**Anniversary:** Gioakim

**Deceased:** Nguyen Van Hang; Felix & Annie D'Souza; Patrick & Tina Aguiar; Fr Anthony Lobo.

**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; Nguyen Kim Hong.

## Weekly Rosters

6.00pm		17 DECEMBER	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Reader 1	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Andrew Nguyen	Youth	
Reader 2	“ “	“ “	“ “	“ “	
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	St Felix	Sacred Heart Choir	
24 DECEMBER					
Reader 1	Patrick Abourizk	Philip Castillo	Thu Ha Kim	See Christmas vigil roster	
Reader 2	“ “	“ “	“ “		
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)		
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix		
	17 December	24 December	<b>Notes:</b> <u>SSOG</u> : Singing Servants of God <u>SMMC</u> : St Mary Mackillop’s Choir <u>Group 4</u> : Margaret Eastburn, Denise Ashe, Eric Valencia.		
Altar Society	Group 3	Group 4 (see notes)			
Church Cleaners	Vinh Nguyen	Vinh Nguyen			
SVDP	A Nguyen	A Nguyen			
Childrens Liturgy	School Holidays	School Holidays			

## GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

*There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.*

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John. He came as a witness,  
as a witness to speak for the light,  
so that everyone might believe through him.  
He was not the light,  
only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you unknown to you the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Christmas Mass times - next weekend

**Saturday 23rd December - 4th Sun Advent Vigil - 6.00pm Mass**

**Sunday 24th December - 4th Sun Advent - 8am & 10am Masses.**

**Christmas Vigils - 6pm & 8pm Masses,**

**Christmas Carols commencing at 11.30pm, Midnight Mass (12am)**

**Monday 25th December - 8am & 10am Christmas Masses.**

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

### 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)