



# 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



## Responsorial Psalm

**R.** Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

**Alleluia!**

## Comm Antiphon:

We have come to know and to believe  
in the love that God has for us.

**This weeks readings:** 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19;  
1 Corinthians 3:2-3, 5-6; John 1:35-42.

**Next Sunday:** 3rd Sun Ord - Yr B

**Readings:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31;  
Mark 1:14-20.

# 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 14 January 2024

## 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.

## Congratulations

We congratulate Wesley & Agnes Aguiar who are celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. May the Lord bless you with many more memorable years together.

## Morning Tea

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

## Lenten Program 2024

The season of Lent commences on Ash Wednesday, 14th February 2024. In order to assist with our Lenten journey we will be ordering this year's Lenten Program "Pieta" from the Diocese of Wollongong. The Program offers short daily reflections and longer-form Sunday reflections, visio divina, questions and prayer - perfect for Lenten Groups and individual devotional reading. Accompanying "Pieta" is a triple CD resource that includes responsorial psalms, songs recorded especially for the program as well as audio narrations of the Sunday Scripture readings and reflections.

If you have a group and would like to pray together during Lent using this resource or if you would like to order a Lenten program for individual devotion, please email or phone Marie at the Parish Office before the end of the week so orders can be placed.

The price for one book is \$9.00 or a book + triple CD set is \$15.00.

## Saint of the Day for January 17 - St Anthony, abbot.

### Memorial

Anthony "the Great", the "Father of Monks", ranks with those saints whose life exercised a profound influence upon succeeding generations. He was born in Middle Egypt (about 250) of distinguished parents. After their untimely deaths, he dedicated himself wholly to acts of mortification.

One day while in church he heard the words of the Gospel: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have, and give it to the poor" (Matt. 19:21). It seemed as if Christ had spoken to him personally, giving a command he must obey. Without delay he sold his property, gave the proceeds to the poor, and went into the desert (about 270). When overcome by fatigue, his bed was the hard ground. He fasted rigorously, ate only bread and salt, and drank only water. Nor would he take food before sundown; at times he passed two days without any nourishment. Often, too, he spent whole nights in prayer.

The saint suffered repeatedly from diabolical attacks, but these merely made him more steadfast in virtue. He would encourage his disciples in their struggle with the devil with such words: "Believe me; the devil fears the vigils of pious souls, and their fastings, their voluntary poverty, their loving compassion, their humility, but most of all their ardent love of Christ our Lord. As soon as he sees the sign of the Cross, he flees in terror." He died in 356 on Mount Kolzin by the Red Sea, 105 years old. A year later his friend, the fearless bishop and confessor St. Athanasius, wrote his biography, which for centuries became the classic handbook of ascetics. As seen by St. Anthony, the purpose of asceticism is not to destroy the body but to bring it into subjection, re-establishing man's original harmonious integrity, his true God-given nature.—Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas



## Follow Jesus

In today's Gospel we learn about one of at least two family relations that appear among Jesus' first disciples. Andrew is the brother of Simon, whom Jesus renames Peter. In next week's Gospel, we will learn about the brothers James and John, the sons of Zebedee. We know from the letters of Paul and other witnesses to the early Church that it was a common occurrence for an entire household to be baptized together. From the very beginning of the Church, families helped one another to know and follow Jesus. We hope and pray that this continues to be true in our family life.

Before your family gathers, look around your house and gather some items that your family might have that remind you of your faith. Perhaps you have a cross or crucifix displayed in your home, a statue of Mary, or statues or other art depicting saints. In today's Gospel we learn about how Andrew led his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Read today's Gospel, John 1:35-42.

In our family life, we also help to lead one another to Jesus. Talk together about the items that you gathered, discussing what these items mean to you and how you might use them during the day for prayer. Pray that your family will continue to help one another grow in our faith in Jesus. Pray together the *Glory Be to the Father*.

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**The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?**

Footsteps.



### Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Ralph Colomb; Joseph Pham Duc Thinh

**Anniversary:** Bill Sultana; Sara Gasparro

**Deceased:**

**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; Karl Roussety; Chantal Roussety; Peter Cranny; Baby Joseph Akkary; Robert Waring; Nguyen Kim Hong.

### Weekly Rosters

14 JANUARY				
	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Reader 1	Patrick Abourizk	Imelda Dela Cruz	Helen Vujevic	Anthony Tran
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	SMMC	-
21 JANUARY				
Reader 1	Gloria Booby	Maxwell Asuzu	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	Sacred Heart Choir
	14 January	21 January	<b>Notes:</b> <b>SSOG:</b> Singing Servants of God <b>SMMC:</b> St Mary Mackillop's Choir <b>Group 3:</b> Tram Vu (Florist)	
Altar Society	Group 2	Group 3 (see notes)		
Church Cleaners	El Shaddai group	Vinh Nguyen		
SVDP	J Obeid	A Nguyen		
Childrens Liturgy	School Holidays	School Holidays		

## GOSPEL: John 1:35-42

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

*They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.*

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,'- which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Baptism

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

***Lukas Tobiah Martelino Lazado***

***Adam Christopher***

May they always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout their life.



## The Catholic Weekly

In this week's edition: - Catholics at risk of losing understanding about humanity, says Christopher West  
- Novena, procession to honour Our Lady of Good Success.

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## Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend - February 2024

Engagement is a beautiful time to intentionally prepare for your vocation. The 'Of Life and Love' Marriage Preparation Weekend will help you to understand more deeply the sacramental nature of marriage, offer practical wisdom from married couples and provide opportunity for discussion and prayer. Of Life and Love is a recognised marriage preparation course. The course will take place on the 24-25th February 2024 at St Luke's Revesby (no overnight stay). More information and registration at

[www.trybooking.com/CMGTS](http://www.trybooking.com/CMGTS)

### 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;

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