



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

Ash Wednesday - 8am & 7pm

Thursday - 8.00am

Friday - 8.00am

Saturday - 8.00am

Nursing Home

Friday 11am - 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



Responsorial Psalm

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with
the joy of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon:

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in him may not perish,
but may have eternal life.

This weeks readings: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46;
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45.

Next Sunday: 1st Sun of Lent - Yr B

Readings: Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22;
Mark 1:12-15.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 11 February 2024

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy is on Sunday during the 10am Mass. All young primary aged students are welcome. Please come on time so the children don't miss out!

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.

Welcome Kindergarten Families

We will welcome the new kindergarten children from the primary school and their families who are helping with the liturgy this Sunday during 10am Mass.

Ash Wednesday - February 14

At the beginning of Lent, on Ash Wednesday, ashes are blessed during Mass, after the homily. The blessed ashes are then "imposed" on the faithful as a sign of conversion, penance, fasting and human mortality. The ashes are blessed at least during the first Mass of the day, but they may also be imposed during all the Masses of the day, after the homily, and even outside the time of Mass to meet the needs of the faithful. Priests or deacons normally impart this sacramental, but instituted acolytes, other extraordinary ministers or designated lay people may be delegated to impart ashes, if the bishop judges that this is necessary. The ashes are made from the palms used at the previous Passion Sunday ceremonies.

—*Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year*, Msgr. Peter J. Elliott

The act of putting on ashes symbolizes fragility and mortality, and the need to be redeemed by the mercy of God. Far from being a merely external act, the Church has retained the use of ashes to symbolize that attitude of internal penance to which all the baptized are called during Lent.

—*Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*

Ash Wednesday Masses

Mass times for Ash Wednesday on 14th February 2024 will be at 8.00am & 7.00pm.

Stations of the Cross

The Parish will have Stations of the Cross in the Church every Friday during Lent from 16th February commencing at 7.00pm.

Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Today's Gospel invites us to think about the choices we make as individuals and as a family. Jesus was faced with a choice in today's Gospel. By choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus showed God's compassion for the sick and the outcast. The man knew that Jesus had a choice and that Jesus could reject his request. He may have expected that Jesus would not help him. The social taboos regarding leprosy certainly gave him little on which to base his hope. In the person of the man with leprosy, we see an image of all those in need. The sick and the outcast of our world are watching us, to see if we as Christians will choose to extend ourselves to others in need of healing and compassion.

Gather with your family and talk about some of the choices you have made as a family. (where to go on vacation, what activities to do together, how to spend our evenings, and so on) How does your family go about making these decisions? What do your choices communicate to others about your family's values? In today's Gospel, Jesus was faced with a choice. Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:40-45. In choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus chose to show God's compassion and mercy. All our choices reflect our faith, and others are watching. Conclude in prayer together, asking God to help your family show compassion to others in your family decisions. Pray together today's Psalm, *Psalm 32*, or pray the *Prayer for Vocations*.

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What is the longest word in the dictionary?

Smiles, because there is a mile between each 's'.



Mass Intentions Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Louise Rhea Descombes; Joseph Condello; Phaolo M D Tran; Joseph Nguyen Van Khuong; Phero Ha Van Thien; Marina Tonel; Daniel Tavares Lomba; Maria Phan Quynh Thu; Giuse Chu Van Nhuan; Paul Do Van Kien; Maria Nguyen Thi Muoi; Madalen Chu Thi Bang; Madalena Chu Thi Loan; Madalena Chu Thi Na; Madalena Chu Thi Luu; Maria Nguyen Thi Men; Paul Do Van Thuc.

Deceased: Fabiano Sao; Matta Thinh; Matta Tien; Norma Boulton; Stuart Boulton; Dominico, Giuse, Rosa, Maria, Anna; Benjamin Tonel; Ramon Tonel; Gil Tonel; Maria Portia Mariano; Gerardo Soliman; Joel Agbalog; Mary Ann Catanghal; Phero Nguyen Lien; Phaolo Nguyen Nhu Hung; GB Nguyen Ngoc Han; Maria Dao Thi Man; Maria Nguyen Thi Mai Hien.

Sick: Annick Duval; Josette Ackad; Rosa House; Nivea Wanigesekera; Henriette Tam Tinh Lam; Laura Malss; Rolly Porto; Michael Connor; Mariano Bernabe; Robert Crouche; Sabrina Crouche-Pousson; Karl Roussety; Chantal Roussety; Peter Cranny; Baby Joseph Akkary; Robert Waring; Nguyen Kim Hong; Tony Teres; Maria Nguyen Thi Huyen; Katherine Azjan; Kath Hart.

Weekly Rosters

	6.00pm	11 FEBRUARY	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Reader 1	Emmanuel Icard	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	-	
	18 FEBRUARY				
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	Sacred Heart Choir	

	11 February	18 February	Notes: <u>SSOG</u> : Singing Servants of God <u>SMMC</u> : St Mary Mackillop's Choir <u>Group 3</u> : Tram Vu (<i>Florist</i>)
Altar Society	Group 2	Group 3 (<i>see notes</i>)	
Church Cleaners	El Shaddai Group	Vinh Nguyen	
SVDP	Thom Pham	J Obeid	
Childrens Liturgy	Denice, Belinda, Cindy	Grace & Simon	

GOSPEL: Mark 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Lenten Penance

The Lenten Penance is available in the Church foyer. Pick up a copy to take home and read.

Parish Pastoral Council

The first PPC meeting for year will be on Thursday 15 February 2024 commencing at 7.00pm in the presbytery.

Baptism

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Isabella Le

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



REPENT AND BELIEVE Be Filled with the Love of God - Lenten Companion 2024

The beautiful Season of Lent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes, communities, and homes to reflect on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, using the Lenten companion REPENT AND BELIEVE: Be Filled with the Love of God.

This free booklet contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Lent until Easter Sunday, and Gospel reflections by Marilyn Rodrigues, Mark Lysaght, Sister Maliya Suen, RSM, Dr Kevin Wagner, Hazel Lim, Fr Sam Lynch, and Fr Richard Sofatzis.

Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online, the resource is available online at www.gomakedisciples.org.au and a copy of the free booklet is available in the Church foyer.

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. 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;
MacKillop Teens: Brendan Bourizk 0401 406 002; **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:** Mary Doumit 0410 302 007;
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 Paul Forrester - Principal;
Archdiocesan Website: www.sydney.catholic.org.au