



# 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

**Wednesday 10.00am** - Uniting

## 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



After the birth of her children,  
22-year-old Ronita was at risk of  
having to leave school permanently.  
But, with the support of Caritas  
Australia's partners in the Philippines,  
she resumed her studies and secured  
a job at a call centre to support her  
family.

## Please donate to Project Compassion.

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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)  
or by calling 1800 024 413.



## Responsorial Psalm

**R.** I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## Comm Antiphon:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.

**This weeks readings:** Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18;  
Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

**Next Sunday:** 3rd Sun of Lent - Yr B

**Readings:** Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25;  
John 2:13-25.

# 2nd Sunday of Lent - Yr B - 25 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!

## Stations of the Cross

The Parish will have Stations of the Cross in the Church every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm.

## A Lenten Retreat Day with the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia

Women of all ages are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a Lenten Retreat Day. This day will focus on renewing the foundations of the spiritual life as we strive to live the Paschal Mystery throughout the year. The retreat day will include all day Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions, talks by the Sisters, personal testimony, a Holy Hour, and discussion groups. Morning tea and lunch are included. A \$20 fee assists with covering retreat expenses. Women who have attended previous retreat days with the Sisters are encouraged to bring a friend to this event.

DATE: Saturday, 16 March at St Mary's Cathedral Hall

From 10am to 4pm, with doors to open at 9-9:30am.

Morning tea and lunch included.

For more information on the evening and to register to attend, visit: <https://bit.ly/3RRAKfa>.

For questions, please contact the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia at [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org)

## Didaskō Adult Faith Formation

We cannot love what we do not know (St Augustine) God is forever revealing Himself to us. Have you ever been curious to find out more? Join Chris Wolter online for a thought-provoking short course titled God the Beautiful: An Introduction to Theology that will make learning about God both enjoyable and accessible.

DATES: Mondays 4, 11 and 18 March 2024

TIME: 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm

MODE: Online via Zoom

COST PER COURSE: \$35 for individuals (+ booking fees).

To find out more and to register, visit <https://gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko/>

**Baptism** This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith: *Kai Paul Fong Nguyen*

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

## 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.: .....

Address:.....

Email : .....

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ENVELOPES

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WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE  
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WOULD LIKE TO  
CHANGE MY DONATION

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# Transfiguration

Every family has special moments that they remember and share again and again. In sharing these stories, the meaning and importance of these events develop and deepen over time. This is how it was with the disciples' remembrance of Jesus' Transfiguration. The full significance of what they had seen and experienced could only be understood after Jesus' death and Resurrection. As they told other believers about this event and recorded the story for us in the Bible, our understanding of what it means to call Jesus God's own Son has also deepened.

As you gather as a family, think about some special family memories that your family tells over and over again. Talk about why these memories are important to you. Recall that in the Bible we find many important memories about Jesus that have been recorded for us so that we can believe that Jesus is God's Son. Read today's Gospel, Mark 9:2-10. What do we learn about Jesus from this Gospel? (He fulfills the promises God made to Israel through the Law and the prophets. God glorified Jesus in his Resurrection. Jesus is God's Son.) Conclude in prayer together that as we continue to read the Bible, we will deepen our understanding of and our love for Jesus. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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What question can you never answer yes to?



## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Maria Madalena Tuong Thi Thuy Tien; Rosa Thi Di Nguyen

**Anniversary:** Giovanni Friscina

**Deceased:** Micae Lai Dinh Trung; Anna Doran; Nick Frisina; Annie, Felix and Maggie D'Souza; George & Adrial Touma and family; Wadih Sassine and family; Max Sassine and family; El-Daher & Hobeiche family

**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	25 FEBRUARY	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Reader 1	Patrick Abourizk	Imelda Dela Cruz	Thu Ha Kim	Youth	
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	Holy Spirit Choir	
3 MARCH					
Reader 1	Emmanuel Icard	Maxwell Asuzu	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	
	25 February	3 March	<b>Notes:</b> SSOG: Singing Servants of God SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 1: Gloria Walker, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Dorie Encarnacion, Line Collet (Florist)		
Altar Society	Group 4	Group 1 (see notes)			
Church Cleaners	Vinh Nguyen	Polish Group			
SVDP	A Nguyen	D Rodrigues			
Childrens Liturgy	Grace & Simon	Grace & Simon			

## GOSPEL: Mark 1:12-15

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

*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Safeguarding 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. The Safeguarding Office's policies and protocols have recently been updated to reflect the changes to the standards to include adults at risk.

ACSL's definition of an Adult at risk means any person aged 18 years and over who is at increased risk of experiencing abuse, such as people: *who are elderly; with a disability; who suffer from mental illness; who have diminished capacity; who have cognitive impairment; who have suffered previous abuse; who are experiencing transient risks; who in receiving a ministry or service are subject to a power imbalance; who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; who are from a culturally and linguistically diverse background; who are of diverse sexuality; who have any other impairment or adversity that makes it difficult for them to protect themselves from abuse.*

The changes to the standards came about as a response to the recommendations made by the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety and the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability.

### 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;  
**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](http://www.sydney.catholic.org.au)