



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

Tuesday - 10.30am Bupa Yagoona
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

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Responsorial Psalm

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Comm Antiphon:

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

This weeks readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-30.

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday - Yr B

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1 - 15:47.

5th Sunday of Lent - Yr B - 17 March 2024

Palms

Next weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday. If you have your own palms you are welcome to bring them. Some Palms will be provided at all Masses.

Stations of the Cross

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

Invitation to all singers and choirs

Join a combined choir for the Easter Triduum at St Felix Bankstown.
Rehearsals are on Wednesday 20th March & Wednesday 27th March 2024 from 7.00pm - 8.00pm.

For more information contact Alison on 0421 660 187.



Reconciliation

There will be an extra reconciliation time available during adoration next week on Tuesday, 26th March between 7.30pm - 8.30pm. There is no reconciliation on Easter Saturday, 30th March.

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!

Saint of the Day for March 19 - St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Solemnity

Today the Church celebrates the **Solemnity St. Joseph, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary** and the foster-father of Jesus. Today is the only Solemnity celebrated in the 2024 Lenten season since Easter is so early this year and the Solemnity of the Annunciation is transferred to the Second Week of Easter. St. Joseph was probably born in Bethlehem and probably died in Nazareth. His important mission in God's plan of salvation was "to legally insert Jesus Christ into the line of David from whom, according to the prophets, the Messiah would be born, and to act as his father and guardian" (*Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*). Most of our information about St. Joseph comes from the opening two chapters of St. Matthew's Gospel. No words of his are recorded in the Gospels; he was the "silent" man. We find no devotion to St. Joseph in the early Church. It was the will of God that the Virgin Birth of Our Lord be first firmly impressed upon the minds of the faithful. He was later venerated by the great saints of the Middle Ages. Pius IX (1870) declared him patron and protector of the universal family of the Church.

Easter Roster for Holy Week

Thank you to those volunteers who have already offered to help with the extra Masses during Holy week. There are still some spots vacant, please check the roster in the Sacristy.

St Felix Parish Holy Week Mass Times

Holy Thursday 28th March - 7.00pm The Lord's Supper.

Good Friday 29th March - 10.30am Stations of the Cross. (*youth re-enactment*)
- 3.00pm The Lord's Passion.

Easter Saturday 30th March - 7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass.

Easter Sunday 31st March - 8.00am, 10.00am & 6.00pm Masses.



Reflection

Serve one another

Family life is often a balancing act in which we prioritize and attend to a variety of competing needs. We learn the value of putting others' needs ahead of our own. In family life we also learn that when we make personal sacrifices to serve others, we gain so much more than we may have lost. As you gather as a family, talk about how important it is to your family life to gladly serve one another. Ask each person to consider the last time that another family member asked for help. What was your response? Did you cheerfully try to honour the request, or did you ask "Why me?" Read today's Gospel, John 12:20-33. How do you think Jesus would want us to respond when someone in our family asks for help? Invite each family member to make a commitment for the next week to try to respond cheerfully to requests for help. Pray together, asking God's help with this commitment. Pray the Prayer of Saint Ignatius of Loyola.

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Baptism

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Phoenix Levi Michael Vo
Leah Eveleigh Mary Mackillop Vo

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



To dye a single Easter egg takes 7.5 minutes if you leave it in dye. How long would it take to dye 3 eggs?

7.5 minutes. Do them all at once.



Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Rosa Thi Di Nguyen; Wilson

Anniversary: Joseph Huong Cao; Giuse Nguyen Duc Lien

Deceased: Micae Nguyen Van Noi; Martino Duong Van Qui; Phero Vu Tan Chau.

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; Corinne Cerdor; Francoise Motet; Karl Roussety; Chantal Roussety; Peter Cranny; Baby Joseph Akkary; Robert Waring; Nguyen Kim Hong; Tony Teres; Maria Nguyen Thi Huyen; Katherine Azjan; Kath Hart; Jeannette Chong; Andy Lee; Joseph Touma; Eva Khattar

Weekly Rosters

	6.00pm	17 MARCH	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 MARCH (PALM SUNDAY)					
Reader 1	Emmanuel Icard	Philip Castillo	Thu Ha Kim	Anthony Tran	
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	Holy Spirit Choir	
	17 March	24 March	Notes: <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	Thom Pham	J Obeid			
Childrens Liturgy	Grace & Simon	No Children's Liturgy			

GOSPEL: John 12:20-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**MARY MACKILLOP TEENS
GROUP NIGHT IS ON THIS FRIDAY
22nd March, 6-8PM.
COME AND JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
FAITH, FRIENDSHIP AND FUN.**



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.

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