

GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Wedding Congratulations

Omar Guarirapa & Kristina Owen

are married at St Felix this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.



Child Protection Policies

The Archdiocese of Sydney have introduced new policies concerning **all volunteers who are 18 years or over**. All these volunteers must now read and sign a Volunteer's Agreement, a Code of Conduct for working with children and young people and complete an Induction Training Course on safeguarding children.

For your convenience, the Safeguarding Office has provided an Online Induction Training Course. To complete this course, you must register by following this link:
<https://goo.gl/forms/XjXDmPsp8bnBB7e43>

For those volunteers who are not able to do it online, St Felix Parish will run the Induction Training Course on Safeguarding Children with two sessions: **Tuesday 20 November & Thursday 22 November 2018 both at 7PM** in the Meeting Room at the Presbytery.

Also, according to the new policies, all volunteers in the following Ministries are now required to obtain a Working With Children Check (**WWCC**): Acolytes, Commentators, Readers, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers), Children Liturgy Teachers, Sacramental Group Leaders, Youth leaders, Catechists, Collectors, and Wardens. If you are a volunteer in any of these ministries and haven't applied for WWCC, please do so. If you need assistance, please talk to Mr Anthony Chadrawy (Safeguarding Officer) or contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on phone 9390 5812.

Catechist & Friendship Group: Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; **Choir:** Line Collet 0410 568 103;

Youth: Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187; **Pastoral Council:** John Sarkis 0400 606 297;

St Vincent de Paul: John Ashe 9796 1055; **Bankstown Josephite Associates:** Robyn Molloy 9707 1292;

Children's Liturgy: Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; **Cemetery Committee:** Maureen Vincent 9790 4217;

Sacramental co-ordinator: Gloria Booby 0413 294 224; **Safeguarding Officer:** Anthony Chadrawy 9790 1933;

Polish Priests: 8783 0533; **De La Salle Brothers:** 9708 2692;

St. Felix Primary School: 9796 7875 Frances Bonanno - Principal;

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

Sunday: 8am,

10am (Children's Liturgy),

6pm, 12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday - 8.00am

Wednesday - 8.00am

Thursday - 8.00am

Friday - 8.00am

Saturday - 8.00am

Nursing Home Masses

NIL

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

DEVOTIONS

Benediction: Saturday 7.00am.

Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.

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: Preparation classes are held in the Presbytery on the 1st Sunday of each month after 10AM Mass.



"Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. . . You must love your neighbour as yourself. . . There is no commandment greater than these."

Responsorial Psalm

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon: Lord, you will show me the path of life and fill me with joy.

This weeks readings - Deut 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Gospel Mark 12:28-34

Next Weekend: 32nd Sun Ord Time - Year B. **Readings:** 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Gospel Mark 12:38-44

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 4 November 2018

Altar Servers' Training Program.

Serving at the altar is a ministry in the Church. Being an Altar Server means serving God and God's people at Mass. It gives children an opportunity to learn more about Mass and to help the priest and people to worship better. Altar Servers therefore form a very important part of the Church and our Parish is enriched through their dedication and service.

An Altar Servers' Training Program has been arranged for **two Saturdays** including **1 & 8 December 2018 from 9:00AM to 12:30PM** (lunch provided). Children who have made their First Holy Communion are invited. To be qualified, children must attend both days. The main activity of the training is for children to practice serving at Mass. During breaks, however, children will have a chance to make friends and play games together. To register your child please collect an application from Fr Van or contact the Parish Office.

Youth and Young Adults—Upcoming Events

Wed 7th November — 7.30pm — Movie Night Pt 2 — St Padre Pio
 Wed 14th November — 7.30pm — Bible study followed by Adoration at 8.30pm
 Sun 18th November — 6.00pm — Mass followed by dinner at Bankstown Sports
 Wed 21st November — 7.30pm — Catechesis Night
 Wed 28th November — 7.30pm — Bible study followed by Adoration at 8.30pm

All welcome. Keep in touch through facebook - [facebook.com/StFelix100](https://www.facebook.com/StFelix100)

Mass Intentions:

Recently Deceased: Nassib Jabbour, Gediminas Grigalionas, Xin Cha Ceu Nguyen Cho, Linh Hon Anna.

Anniversary: Maiua Do Thi Tuan, Fahiano Nguyen Thai Sao, Matta Le Thi Thinh, Matta Le Thi Tien, Maria Chu Quynh Vy, Matthew Chu Long Con, Fahme Abdul Ahad

Deceased: Le Gion Maria Matheo, Xin Cha Dang, Thanh le Cau Nguyen, Joseph Pham Nguyen Nhu Binh. All the faithful departed recorded in the November offerings book of remembrance.

Sick: Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Rukmani Krishnan; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Dinh Thi An; Teresita Martinez; Georgina Omeros; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Debbie Randall (nee Goodwin); Teresita Tenorio; Zenaida Elizondo; Maria Portia Mariano; Madelyn Nicole; Andrew Nguyen; Paul Truc Le; Jun Ibarra.

(Please advise the office when the names of the sick can be removed)

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society: 11/11/18 Group 2: Robyn Molloy, Enid Sneddon, Teresa Neang, Jeannette Chong, Anna & Willy Gabut, Letoe Hansell, Hien & Vu Bui *(Florist)*

St Vincent de Paul: 11/11/18 A Nguyen 18/11/18 John Ashe

Church Cleaners: 9/11/18: Charbel Karam **Children's Liturgy:** 11th Nov - Belinda

Weekend Choirs: 11/11 **Saturday 6pm** - St Anne's Choir
Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God **Sunday 10am** - St Felix Choir. **6pm** - Youth Choir

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	4 NOVEMBER 8am	10am	6pm
C	Kalisiana Mar	Philip Castillo	Jennifer Nguyen	Lucia Mezentsef
R	Patrick Abourizk	Ligaya Castillo	Thu Ha Kim	Kathleen Mezentsef
A	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Gloria Booby	Mesake Mar	Jeannette Chong	Amelia Mezentsef
M	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Bev Lamaro	Loreto Eduardo
11 NOVEMBER				
C	Gabrielle Nguyen	Maxwell Asuzu	Helen Vujevic	Elias Eltarraf
R	Gloria Booby	Kiara Asuzu	Jessica Vujevic	Charbel Eltarraf
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Judy Jones	Thao Nguyen	Rosa House	Paul Ngoc
M	Cindy Hoang	Melanie Campisi	Tu Nguyen	Phu Nguyen

Reflection *The greatest commandment*

As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today's reading. If we were to read the sections skipped (chapter 11 and part of chapter 12), we would hear about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbour. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbour stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.

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Feasts of the Week

9 November – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Feast.

The Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, was dedicated to Christ the Saviour in the fourth century. The anniversary has been celebrated as a feast of the Latin Church on this date since the twelfth century. It honours the local Church of Rome as a link with earliest Christian tradition and as a sign of our communion in Christ.

10 November – St Leo the Great, pope, doctor. Memorial.

Died in Rome on this day in 461. Elected pope in 440. Tried to protect the city from the devastation of barbarian invasion. His surviving letters illustrate the leadership and guidance he exercised as bishop of Rome toward other Churches in the West. Remembered for the clarity of his thought on the two natures of Christ, affirmed at the Council of Chalcedon, for his eloquent sermons, and for the prayers he composed for the Roman liturgy.

CWF appeal

This weekend we are holding the Charitable Works Fund appeal. Parishes of the Sydney Archdiocese rely on the services provided by the CWF to deliver assistance to families in crisis, development programs for the disadvantaged, equal access for our deaf and hearing impaired, pastoral support from its chaplaincy service, training for our future priests and faith education for our Catholic parish primary school children. Please give generously. Donations of \$2 and over are 100% tax deductible.

Plenary Council 2020

The Australian Catholic Bishops have called a Plenary Council for 2020. This is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future and you are all invited to participate.

The Plenary Council gives us an opportunity to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church. In the preparation process, we are called to reflect, listen and share insights with one another as we respond to the three questions:

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?

There will be scheduled meetings in our Parish in the near future. After we talk together, we will collect our stories and ideas and the questions we have about the future of the Church and give our submission to the Plenary Council Working Group who will consolidate and then forward them to the Council for discussion. Your voice will be greatly valued.

More information can be found at: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>