

GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.'

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to the widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Feasts of the Week

5 February - St Agatha, virgin, martyr. Memorial.

Died in Sicily, perhaps during the persecutions of the third century. Venerated in Rome as a virgin martyr on this day since the sixth century and included by name in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon). Remembered in legend for her faith and for remaining resolute under torture.



6 February - St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs. Memorial.

Died on 5 February 1597, a group of twenty-six martyrs crucified at Nagasaki (Japan).

Most were Japanese and most were laypeople, some still youths. The first of many martyrs in a young Church. Paul Miki, aged thirty-five years at his death, was a Jesuit scholastic from an aristocratic Japanese family. Remembered as a notable preacher who inspired the local Church in his own time and in the centuries that followed to be strong in faith during persecution and isolation.

Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 10 Feb, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30pm followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3pm. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Terry Brady.

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.

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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 & 10am

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 .



Happy Lunar New Year

The Lunar New Year Mass is on Tuesday 5th February at 10.00am. The Vietnamese choir will be singing and refreshments will follow after Mass in the grotto area. All welcome

Responsorial Psalm

R. I will sing of your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon: Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

This weeks readings - Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19;
1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13; Luke 4:21-30

Next Weekend: 5th Sun Ord - Year C. **Readings:**
Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C - 3 February 2019

SVDP Piety Stall

The 2019 Columban Art Calendars have arrived in the Piety Stall. Show your support and purchase one for \$9.00. They make great gifts too!

Cemetery Meeting

The Cemetery committee will be meeting in the presbytery on Tuesday 12th Feb at 10am.

Josephite Association Meeting

The Josephite Association will be meeting on Sunday 10th Feb at 2pm in the presbytery.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting

The Parish Council have there next meeting on Tuesday 12th Feb commencing at 7.00pm in the presbytery.

“Hope – even when surrounded by unhappiness...
The source of your joy is the eternal happiness of God.”
St Paul of the Cross

Mass Intentions:

Recently Deceased: Matthew Chu Van Tuynh; John Ashe; Angelina Cucci

Anniversary: Joseph Marcellus Fernandes; Maria Nguyen Thi Su;

Deceased: Francis Mendes; Joseph D’Souza; John Field; Anna.

Sick: Max Goodwin, 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; Teresita Tenorio; Madelyn Nicole; Andrew Nguyen; Jun Ibarra; Adelle Tulay; Emlyn Beale; Maria Bui Thi Don; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet.

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society: 10/2/19 Group 2: Robyn Molloy, Rosa House, Jeannette Chong, Anna & Willy Gabut, Hien & Vu Bui (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul: 10/2/19 D Rodrigues 17/2/19 Andrew Nguyen

Church Cleaners: 8/2/19: Charbel Karam **Children’s Liturgy:** 3rd Feb - Ligaya

Weekend Choirs: 10/2 Saturday 6pm - St Anne’s Choir.

Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God. **10am** - St Felix Choir. **6pm** - Youth Choir.

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	3 FEBRUARY	8am	10am	6pm
C	Kalisiana Mar	Philip Castillo	Anthony Rowe	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	

10 FEBRUARY

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	Emmanuel Icard	Thao Nguyen	Rosa House	Paul Ngoc
M	Cindy Hoang	Melanie Campisi	Tu Nguyen	Phu Nguyen

Reflection

Proverbs

Jesus' statement that no prophet is accepted in his home town reminds us that it is often difficult to hear a challenging message from those who know us best, even if it is true. Perhaps we remember and even regret this aspect of our childhood and adolescence. We may have overlooked the wisdom and guidance of our parents, while allowing the voices of others—teachers, friends, and counsellors—to carry more weight, even when these people were telling us the same thing. Perhaps this developmental stage is unavoidable. Perhaps as we have matured, we have come to a new appreciation for our parents and others whose perspective and experience we once rejected. Today's Gospel provides an opportunity to talk about and to learn from such experiences.

As you gather as a family, consider proverbs or other wise sayings that are familiar to your family (“Blood is thicker than water;” “All that glitters is not gold.”). Consider what these proverbs mean and whether you believe them to be true. Why or why not? Jesus challenges the people of Nazareth by reminding them of old sayings that seem to have a lot of truth in them. Let's listen to this Gospel and consider what these proverbs mean. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 4:21-30. Ask: What were the proverbs that Jesus quoted? (Physician, cure yourself; No prophet is accepted in his native place.) Consider the meaning of these proverbs and look for examples from your own family life that show their truth. Consider how your family might accept one another's wisdom and guidance and not reject the prophets in your midst. Conclude by praying together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

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Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Madeleine Tia Duong

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

A Notice for Volunteers - Re: Working With Children

According to the Archdiocese's new Working With Children policy, all volunteers who are 18 years or over must now do the followings:

Obtain a Working With Children Number: You must make an online application via this link: <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>

The Office of the Children's Guardian will send you an email (titled 'New Application Receipt') with your Application Number. You must then go to RTA bringing with you this Application Number and your ID (driver's licence for example) for verification. It will then take about four weeks for them to process your application. If you are cleared, you will receive a notification email from the Office of the Children's Guardian that includes your WWC number. Please forward this email to the Parish Office (admin@stfelixparish.org.au) together with your Date of Birth.

Complete a Safeguard Induction Training Course: You can do this online by following this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/XjXDmPsp8bnBB7e43>

For those who do not have facilities to do the course online, we will be offering catch-up training courses at the Presbytery meeting room. Information about this will be published on the Bulletin.

Read and sign a Volunteer's Agreement

Read and sign a Code of Conduct for working with children.

All links plus Volunteer's Agreement and Code of Conduct forms can be downloaded from our Parish website via <http://stfelixparish.org.au/news-and-events/parish-news>

When completed, please send your Volunteer's Agreement, Code of Conduct and Induction Training certificate to the Parish Office.

Should you need help, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.