



# St Felix deValois Parish

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## Pentecost Sunday - Yr A - 31 May 2020

Dear parishioners,

God's love and blessings to you all in this very difficult time!

Whilst we are living through unprecedented events please be assured that the parish is continuing to work to serve you and help you foster your relationship with Our Lord and strengthen our community.

### LIVE STREAMING OF HOLY MASS

Sunday - 31 May - 10.00am.

Please follow this link to watch the Mass <https://facebook.com/stfelixdevaloisparishbankstown/>

### RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

For those with young children, the Cath Family organisation have generously made all their resources for children free in this time our churches are closed. Feel free to have a look at some of their resources that can help children to pray and continue to learn about their faith by clicking this link:

<https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/>.

### CONNECTING THROUGH PHONE

We are looking to set up a team of people who regularly call and keep in contact with the more isolated in our community. This is a vital service of love our parish community can provide in these usual times. If you are struggling during this time of isolation or know of somebody who is feel free to contact us through this email address or the parish office (9790 1933) and we will see that they are regularly called. If you wish to be part of this apostolate reply to this email and we will contact you during the week.

We will continue update information and publish resources through:

- the parish website <https://www.stfelixparish.org.au/>
- the parish bulletin: <https://www.stfelixparish.org.au/bulletins/>
- our outreach email: [stfelix.outreach@gmail.com](mailto:stfelix.outreach@gmail.com)
- the parish Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stfelixdevaloisparishbankstown/>
- the parish office: 9790 1933

Please be assured of our continued support, prayers and availability in this time.

***Our Lady, Help of Christians, of Lourdes, and of Good Health, pray for us.  
Saint Felix, pray for us.***

Yours in Christ,

Fr Van Nguyen PP  
Fr Ronnie Maree

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

### Collect

Let us pray.

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast  
sanctify your whole Church in every people and  
nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy  
Spirit across the face of the earth  
and, with the divine grace that was at work  
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,  
fill now once more the hearts of believers.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### First Reading - Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles  
had all met in one room, when suddenly they  
heard what sounded like a powerful wind from  
heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house  
in which they were sitting; and something  
appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire;  
these separated and came to rest on the head of  
each of them. They were all filled with the Holy  
Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as  
the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.  
Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem  
from every nation under heaven, and at this sound  
they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear  
these men speaking his own language. They were  
amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all  
these men speaking are Galileans? How does it  
happen that each of us hears them in his own  
native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites;  
people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and  
Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and  
Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round  
Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and  
proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear  
them preaching in our own language about the  
marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

## Second Reading - 1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

### Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure  
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet  
Pleasant coolness in the heat  
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay  
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew  
On our dryness pour thy dew  
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill  
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die  
Give us life with thee on high  
Give us joys that never end.

## Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

## Alleluia!

## Gospel - John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.*

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Take time to reflect on the Gospel.  
You may like to move forward and read the reflections.**

## **The Creed**

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
He came down from heaven  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin  
Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who  
with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and look forward to the resurrection of the dead and  
the life of the world to come.

**Amen.**

## **Prayers of the Faithful**

Celebrant: The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole  
world, is all-embracing, and knows the thoughts of  
our hearts. In the power of the Spirit who helps us to  
pray rightly, let us ask God to renew us and the face  
of the earth.

That the Church will proclaim God's love with  
boldness, let us pray to the Lord:

That nations will accept God's call to live in holiness  
and peace, let us pray to the Lord:

That all will use God's spiritual gifts for the common  
good, let us pray to the Lord:

That the poor and the suffering will rejoice in God's  
deliverance and refreshment, let us pray to the  
Lord:

That the coronavirus pandemic will come to an end  
and our lives be restored to normal, let us pray to  
the Lord:

That those who have died, will for ever celebrate  
God's mighty acts accomplished in them, let us pray  
to the Lord:

Celebrant: Father of light, from whom every good  
gift comes, open our mouths to sing your praise,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

**Due to the restrictions regarding the celebration  
of Mass join in saying this prayer expressing  
your desire to be in union with Jesus Christ and  
to receive Him in the Eucharist. Recite the  
prayer below slowly, meditating carefully on  
each word. Believe that Jesus will give you the  
grace of a real encounter with Him.**

## **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace  
You as if You were already there and unite  
myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be  
separated from You. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

May God, the Father of lights,  
who was pleased to enlighten the disciples' minds  
by the outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete,  
grant you gladness by his blessing  
and make you always abound with the gifts of the  
same Spirit. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son,+ and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.  
Amen.



# St Felix de Valois Parish

## BANKSTOWN

According to new directives from the NSW Government and the Archbishop, our churches may now be re-opened for religious gatherings of no more than 10 people.

This means that we are able to begin having Masses for no more than 10 people.

The parish will be taking bookings to fill spots at these Masses. You can contact the parish office to book a place at a Mass through:

Phone: 9790 1933

Email: [stfelix.outreach@gmail.com](mailto:stfelix.outreach@gmail.com)

Email: [admin@stfelixparish.org.au](mailto:admin@stfelixparish.org.au)

Considering our current limitations and the high demand we believe this is the fairest way of implementing these new directives. Please also note that you will not be able to book for more than one Mass so that as many people as possible are given access to the Sacraments. We ask for courtesy and flexibility as we try best to minister to the entire parish in these difficult times.

Attendance at Mass will require you to provide your name, phone number and email address. This is necessary according to NSW Government regulations and will also aid the parish in keeping in contact. All information will be collected in accordance with the Archdiocese's collection policy which can be found at: [www.sydneycatholic.org/terms-and-conditions/#collection](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/terms-and-conditions/#collection).

Livestreamed Mass on Sunday at 10am will continue.

The priests of the parish are continually available for Confession at any time. You may wish to ask the priest who is celebrating your booked Mass for the chance to go to Confession as well.

This program will be subject to change as we receive further instructions from the Archbishop and the NSW Government.

You can read the Archbishop's directive for Churches and Liturgies via the link: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/casys/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Archbishops-5th-Pastoral-Letter-on-COVID-19.pdf>

## Update on parish financial situation

Dear St Felix Parishioners,

The COVID-19 crisis has presented many challenges to our society on many different levels. Our parish has shared in these challenges as we have not been able to gather together to worship, to support each other through community events or conduct many activities that make up our pastoral care of the people of Bankstown.

One of the significant challenges we have experienced has been the parish's financial situation. Like many families and businesses, the parish's usual financial arrangements have been disrupted by the crisis.

Most of the income that allows our parish to function comes from your donations during our collections at weekend Masses. The First Collection goes to an Archdiocesan common fund, which is for the upkeep of the priests in the Archdiocese. A donation to the First Collection is not tax deductible.

The Second Collection goes towards our St Felix Church Account which is for the running and maintenance of our parish. From this account the parish pays for all pastoral programs, liturgical expenses, building insurance, wages, utility rates and general maintenance for all the buildings and facilities. A donation to the Second Collection can currently receive a 30% tax deduction. For some time, St Felix has had a Planned Giving Program in place where all regular donations provided belong to the Second Collection account mentioned above.

Not being able to gather has presented challenges to maintaining our income to run the parish. With this in mind I am asking if you would prayerfully consider contributing to the parish in some way during this time. You may consider joining the Planned Giving Program and replace what you would usually contribute to the Second Collection through online giving. The ease of this online payment could also be continued once we are able to gather in the Church again. If you are already on the Planned Giving Program you may consider switching your usual envelope planned giving donations to online direct debit or credit card donations instead.

This request comes with an awareness that some people's own financial circumstances are changing as a result of the pandemic too, and we would not want anyone in those circumstances to feel pressured. However for those who are able this would be a process of simply continuing to support the parish even though we cannot gather together on Sunday.

If you would like to commence Planned Giving or make a donation please contact the parish office at [admin@stfelixparish.org.au](mailto:admin@stfelixparish.org.au) or 9790 1933.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you, all the volunteers and those who have contributed to the life and material needs of our parish. We are blessed to have our beautiful parish, because of our predecessors and all of you who have given your time and money to allow us to enjoy St Felix as it stands today. We pray that we may be soon able to gather again to worship God together and support each other in following Him.

Fr Van

Reflection

# Pentecost

Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. The Gospel for Pentecost reminds us that the Church begins with the command to forgive. Within the family, the domestic Church, we learn how to forgive and how to accept forgiveness. The gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to do both. Today is a fitting time to share a family celebration of reconciliation.

As you gather together as a family, sit quietly for a few minutes, inviting everyone to reflect upon their need to forgive and to receive forgiveness. If there is a situation or an issue within the family that needs attention, spend some time reflecting on how your family might address it. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-23. Talk together about how Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us in the work of forgiveness and to bring us peace. Pray together today's Psalm or the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking that the Holy Spirit help your family. Share with one another a Sign of Peace.

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## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Peter Baulman; Ronald Bacon; Melita Seumanu

**Anniversary:** Bill Galvin

**Deceased:** Phero & Maria

**Sick:** Marie Abi-Saab, Tom Quilty, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Marian Periera; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Teresita Martinez; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Madelyn Nicole; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet; Maria Bui Thi Don; Josette Ackad; Nivea Wani; Diana Emilie Perez; Billy; Ginette Sharok.

## A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime 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;  
**Youth:** Aurora Doueihy 0428 755 022; **Pastoral Council:** Patrick Abou-rizk 0416 035 993;  
**St Vincent de Paul:** Diago Rodrigues 9791 5209 ; **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;  
**LaSalle Catholic College:** 9793 5600 Mr Michael Egan - Principal;  
**Archdiocesan Website:** [www.sydney.catholic.org.au](http://www.sydney.catholic.org.au)

## PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

### Would you like to become a credit card contributor to the Parish?

Especially now with the Church forced to close, we have no weekly envelopes to keep us going.

We are asking Parishioners to make their donations via credit card in order for the Parish to function. please send an e-mail with the following details to Marie at [admin@stfelixparish.org.au](mailto:admin@stfelixparish.org.au)

Name..... Telephone No.: .....

Address:.....

Email : .....

Current Envelope Number:..... OR

I would like to commence Planned Giving payments via credit card.