



# St Felix deValois Parish

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## The Most Holy Trinity - Yr A - 7 June 2020

### COVID-19 Update

From 1 June, up to 50 people are allowed to attend Mass or private prayer in a church, following social distancing rules - in line with clubs, restaurants, pubs and other venues. Up to 50 people can now also attend baptisms and funerals and 20 attend weddings.

This is a welcome development and Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP would like to personally thank the tens of thousands of people who signed a petition asking the NSW Government to ease restrictions on places of worship. You'll find a copy of Archbishop Fisher's Pastoral Letter here <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/casys/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID19-20.05.29.pdf>

All parishes must ensure that their churches are not left unattended when their doors are open and they must keep written records with names and contact details of everyone who comes into the church at any time and these records must be kept for at least 4 weeks.

If a confirmed case of COVID-19 occurs in a parish, every person who has registered as an attendee of the parish will be contacted notifying them of the diagnosis and the date and time the infected person attended the church. No other details will be provided.

Parishes that request access to the contact details of their parishioners will need to undertake to comply with privacy requirements and ensure parishioners are given the option to unsubscribe from any email lists.

**We can assure our Parishioners that all requirements and regulations are being adhered to here at St Felix and we thank everyone for their continued support and understanding in these difficult circumstances.**

### LIVE STREAMING OF HOLY MASS

Sunday - 7 June - 10.00am.

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

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.

God our Father, who by sending into the world  
the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification  
made known to the human race your wondrous  
mystery,  
grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith,  
we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory  
and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.  
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 - Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus.

*The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.*

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses  
went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning  
as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord  
descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses  
stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord  
passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a  
God of tenderness and compassion, slow to  
anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And  
Moses bowed down to the ground at once and  
worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour,  
Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg.  
True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us  
our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your  
heritage.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

**R.** Glory and praise for ever!

Blest your glorious holy name.

**R.** Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

**R.** Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

**R.** Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

**R.** Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the firmament of the heaven.

**R.** Glory and praise for ever!

## **Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

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

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with you all.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel - John 3:16-18**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*God sent his Son to save the world through him.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much

that he gave his only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost

but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world

not to condemn the world,

but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,

because he has refused to believe

in the name of God's only Son.'

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: God's Holy Spirit now leads us into prayer, and gives us the assurance that God will hear our petitions.

For the Christian churches, that they be one in the unifying love of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord:

For civil authorities, that they intensify their efforts to establish peace and justice throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord:

For the homeless and the hungry, the sick and the dying, that they have lasting joy in the God who saves, let us pray to the Lord:

For this assembly, that we welcome the

transforming love of God in this Eucharist, let us pray to the Lord:

For those who have died, that they share the glory of the Triune God, let us pray to the Lord:

Celebrant: Lord God, have mercy on us and answer our prayers in the name of Jesus, your Son, who celebrates life with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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 the Lord bless you and keep you. Amen.

May he let his face shine upon you  
and show you his mercy. Amen.

May he turn his countenance towards you  
and give you his peace. 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.

As of next weekend we are able to commence the duties for Altar Society and Church cleaners.

### **ROSTER:**

	<b>14 June</b>	<b>21 June</b>
Altar Society	Group 2	Group 3
Church Cleaners	Charbel Karam	Vinh Nguyen

### **ALTAR SOCIETY**

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

**Group 3:** Youth Group, Samoan Divine Mercy Group, Tram Vu (*Florist*)

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## 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

## God sent his Son to save the world.

Because of God's great love for us, he sent his Son, Jesus, to save the world. Jesus, in turn, sent the Holy Spirit so that our faith in God and his love would be strengthened. The nurturing experiences of family life also help us to understand and have faith in God's love.

Create a family poster together showing all the ways in which your family experiences God's great love. Use symbols, pictures, and words to show how you have seen God at work in your family life and in our history. Then read together today's Gospel, John 3:16-18. Pray together, thanking God for his gift of love. Conclude by praying the *Glory Be to the Father* or today's Psalm.

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### Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Maryanne Weir

**Anniversary:** Carmela Pulitano; Giuse; Bernard Danh; Eugenie Thien Tai Tran; Phaolo Minh Truc Le; Jean Marie An

**Deceased:** Benjamin, Marian, Ramon & Gil Tonel; Maria Portia Mariano

**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.