



# St Felix deValois Parish

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## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Yr A - 14 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 - 14 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.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament  
have left us a memorial of your Passion,  
grant us, we pray,  
so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body  
and Blood

that we may always experience in ourselves  
the fruits of your redemption.

Who live and reign with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### First Reading - Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

*He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.*

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart - whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

**R.** Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
he has blessed the children within you. **R.**

He established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. **R.**

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees. **R.**

## **Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

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

*Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel - John 6:51-58**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another:

'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,

if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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: Let us ask God, our guide and  
protector, to be mindful of us in our need..

That those who lead the churches will help us live  
as the one body of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

That national and local government officials will  
satisfy the human hunger for peace and justice, let  
us pray to the Lord:

That those who suffer in body and spirit will be  
gladdened by many signs of divine and human  
love for them, let us pray to the Lord:

That the dead, will be raised up to sing God's praise in heaven, let us pray to the Lord:

*Celebrant:* God our Father, as you fed your people with manna on their desert journey, hear our prayers for new life in him, this day and every day, both now and for 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.

This weekend we are able to commence the duties for Altar Society and Church cleaners. Thank you for your assistance.

|                 | 14 June       | 21 June     |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Altar Society   | Group 2       | Group 3     |
| Church Cleaners | Charbel Karam | Vinh Nguyen |

**ROSTER:**

**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

## Jesus is present to us..

Our faith teaches us that when we gather to celebrate Mass, Jesus is present to us. The bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ. This is what we mean by the word transubstantiation: Jesus makes himself present to all who receive the Body and Blood of Christ. If there are children in your family who have already celebrated their First Holy Communion, invite them to share their memories of this special day. If there are family photos taken on this occasion, bring them out and share them together. Adults in the family may also share memories or photos that they have of their First Communion. Then read together today's Gospel, John 6:51–58. Reflect together on what Jesus means when he calls himself the "living bread." Recall that every time we receive the Eucharist, Jesus keeps the promise he made in today's Gospel—those who eat his flesh and drink his blood will remain forever connected to him. Perhaps family members can share what it means for them to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Together thank God for this gift of Holy Communion. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.

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### Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Ken Myers; Perfecto Mabini Gabut

**Anniversary:** Joseph Nguyen Van Thu

**Deceased:** Charlie Nuner; Jess Nuner; Steve Nuner; Brad Fenech; Mary Nuner; Carmen Nuner, Giuse Hoang Xuan Trung

**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?

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.