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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 28 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 - 28 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
- 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 through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light,
grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.

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 - 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as
the heavens. **R.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

Second Reading - Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not

lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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: Loving God, mindful of our call to give
generously to others, we bring these prayers to
you:

For the leaders of churches that they may be
models of the generosity and hospitality of God to
all of creation, we pray to the Lord:

For the nations of the world to come together in
unity to seek peace and justice for all peoples, we
pray to the Lord:

For children in the world who suffer the evils of
poverty including hunger, malnutrition and
homelessness, we pray to the Lord:

For all of us here present to carry out the mission
of hospitality that Jesus asks of us, we pray to the
Lord:

For our dearly departed that they may enjoy the reward promised to the righteous, we pray to the Lord:

Celebrant: Gracious God, we offer these prayers relying fully on your help in effecting the good we desire and strive for. We ask this through Jesus, your Son. **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

Bow down for the blessing.
May the Lord bless you and keep you. 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.

ROSTER:

| | 28 June | 5 July |
|-----------------|---------|--------------|
| Altar Society | Group 4 | Group 1 |
| Church Cleaners | Mai Hai | Polish Group |

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group 4: Denice Severi, Phyllis Vujkovic, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Chris Kreltszheim, Eric Valencia, Bach Lam (*Florist*)

Group 1: Gloria Walker, Margaret Chan, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Dorie Encarnacion, Hien & Vu Bui (*Florist*)

Planned Giving Envelopes 2020/21

The new sets of Planned Giving envelopes are now available for collection in the Church foyer. **Please ensure you check your name with corresponding address and you pick up the correct one.**

Instead of Envelopes you could opt for periodic deduction using your credit card or direct debit from your account, which is more economical and efficient. If you would like to make this change please contact the parish office.

If you are not a member of Planned Giving, you may contact the parish office to join the Planned Giving Program.

This year we will maintain our tax deduction of 30%.

Receipts for your contributions for the end of this financial year will be issued at the beginning of July.

We would like to thank all contributors for your financial support of the parish. In addition to the financial benefits, your offering enhances the fellowship of the parish as well.

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 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

Hospitality

One can tell a lot about a family by the way they welcome others into their home. Despite parental efforts to elicit the best behaviour from their children, family efforts to entertain guests are sometimes difficult. Practicing a spirit of Christian hospitality within the family can be an occasion to reflect upon the importance of this virtue. A family spirit of hospitality is a sign of faith.

When your family gathers, ask each person to consider the following questions about manners: What does it mean to be a good host? What does it mean to be a good guest? Invite each person to share their thoughts and experiences about being a guest or a host. When they have finished, read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 10:37-42.

Ask family members to describe what Jesus says about hospitality extended to his disciples. (Those who receive Jesus' disciples also receive Jesus himself; hospitality to Jesus' disciples will be rewarded.) Then encourage family members to talk about what it means to be a good guest or a good host. You might also talk about ways in which your family's hospitality might be improved upon. Conclude in prayer together that your family grows to be one in which Christian hospitality is experienced by all. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.

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Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Vincenzo LaBarbera, Margaret Goodwin; Andre LeBreux

Deceased: Jamilie Lahood

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.

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

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

Would you like to join our Planned Giving Program?

We are asking Parishioners to make their donations via credit card or direct debit in order to reduce costs and help the Parish to function. Please send an e-mail with the following details to Marie at admin@stfelixparish.org.au

Name..... Telephone No.:

Address:.....

Email :

Current Envelope Number:..... OR

I would like to commence Planned Giving payments via credit card or direct debit