



# St Felix deValois Parish

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## 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 12 July 2020

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** 6pm (Vigil),

**Sunday:** 8am, 10am  
6pm, 12noon (Polish).

### THIS WEEK'S MASSES

**Tuesday** - 8.00am

**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.

### Polish Mass

6 pm - 1st Friday of every month  
plus every Friday during Lent, May,  
June, October and November.

### DEVOTIONS

**Benediction:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
of the Month at 8.30pm.

**No Benediction 7am Saturday until  
further notice.**

**Vietnamese 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:** Ring for an appointment



### 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.**

**First Reading** - Isaiah 55:10-11

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**R.** The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

**Second Reading** - Romans 8:18-23

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** - Matthew 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew

*A sower went out to sow.*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots,

they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

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.**

## Congregational Singing Forbidden

Please be advised that due to COVID-19  
restrictions, congregational singing is forbidden by  
the Archdiocese. This regulation has been  
temporarily imposed by the Government  
therefore, for our Church to remain open we must  
abide by this temporary regulation.

Following these guidelines, **all Mass parts  
including 'Alleluia' will be recited only, and  
hymns are to be sung by the choir or cantor  
only.** We appreciate your co-operation during this  
difficult time.

**Live streaming of  
St Felix Masses will no longer be available  
online.  
See the Archdiocese website for other  
online Masses**

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

We thank you for supporting us online.

## COVID-19 Update for Masses

There is no need to book beforehand to come to  
Mass. According to the 4 square metre rule for  
indoor gatherings which became effective this month  
we can fit up to 110 people inside the Church and an  
overflow is allowed outside. We ask that you come  
early as we still need to record your contact details.  
Entry inside the Church will be on a first come first  
serve basis. **Families can sit together but must  
still keep a 1.5m distance from others.** We thank  
you for your patience and support during this time.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Confession time has returned to normal. Every  
Saturday between 4.30 - 5.30pm or by appointment.  
We ask that when you come to confession you  
observe the distancing rules and use the hand  
sanitiser provided.

## 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%.*

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.

## Tax Receipts 2019/2020

Tax Receipts for contributions made last  
financial year are now available.

## Mass Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Aldo Troncoso; Phanxico Xavie  
Tran Vi;

**Deceased:** Marcelino Nguyen Huu Phuoc; Malss  
Moyano; Dominic Nguyen Van Doi; Dominic Ngu-  
yen Thien Thanh

**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 Arce-  
nas; 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.

Reflection

## "Good soil"

Today's Gospel reminds us that in order for God's Word to take root in us and produce abundant fruit, we must endeavour to be like good soil. Families, in particular, hold the responsibility for "preparing the soil" so that the seeds of God's Word can grow strong. There are many ways in which families do this—family traditions in which faith is celebrated, prayer and reading of Scripture, and instruction on the faith. In these ways, parents fulfill the promises they made at their child's Baptism.

Gather together as a family and reflect together on the Sacrament of Baptism. Tell the story of the Baptism of each child, showing any pictures that were taken. If you have your child's Baptism candle or gown, share these as well. Recall together that one of the promises that parents make at their child's Baptism is to bring them up in the practice of our faith. Talk together about the importance of this promise to your family. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 13:1-23. Reflect together on the ways in which your family practices your faith (daily prayer, Mass attendance, religious instruction, etc.). Remind one another that we do these things as a family so that God's Word can take root in our lives and produce abundant fruit. Conclude in prayer together by praying today's Psalm, Psalm 65.

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### ROSTERS

	Sat 6pm	12 JULY	8am	10am	6pm
Reader 1	Gloria Booby		Philip Castillo	Henrietta Owusu	Anthony Tran
Reader 2	Jessica Vujevic		Ligaya Castillo	Emanuela Viner	Nhung Bui
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)		An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Choir	St Anne's		SSOG	St Felix	Youth 1
19 JULY					
Reader 1	Emmanuel Icard		Kiara Asuzu	Thu Ha Kim	
Reader 2	Gabrielle Nguyen		Maxwell Asuzu	Anthony Rowe	Anthony Eltarraf
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)		An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Choir	St Anne's		SSOG	Youth	Youth 2

	12 July	19 July	Notes:
Altar Society	Group 2	Group 3 ( <i>see notes</i> )	<b>SSOG:</b> Singing Servants of God <b>SDMG:</b> Samoan Divine Mercy Group <b>SMMC:</b> St Mary Mackillop's Choir <b>Group 3:</b> Youth Group, Samoan Divine Mercy Group, Tram Vu ( <i>Florist</i> )
Church Cleaners	Charbel Karam	Vinh Nguyen	
SVDP	Andrew Nguyen	Thom Pham	

#### 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)