



# St Felix deValois Parish

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## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 19 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** - Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*In the place of sin, you give repentance.*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, our sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
you who alone are God. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me. **R.**

## **Second Reading** - Romans 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
*The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel** - Matthew 13:24-30 (*short form*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Let them grow together until the harvest.*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

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.

## Catholic Weekly

The Catholic Weekly is available again. You  
may purchase your copy from the Church foyer for  
just \$2

## COVID-19 Safety Plan

\* The maximum amount of people allowed in our  
Church according to the 4m<sup>2</sup> rule is 110.  
\* If you are unwell please stay home and get tested.  
\* Sanitise your hands when you come into the  
Church.  
\* Always keep a distance of 1.5m although 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

***There are still Planned Giving envelopes  
to be collected 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:** Maria Vu Thi Toa;  
**Anniversary:** Michele Suriano; Joe Eltarraf;  
Ruffa Maria Teresa;  
**Deceased:** Marcelino Nguyen Huu Phuoc; Malss  
Moyano; Dominic Nguyen Van Doi; Dominic  
Nguyen 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  
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.

Reflection

## Little things make a big difference.

Taken together, the parables found in today's Gospel offer both a sobering reminder about the Kingdom of God and words of encouragement. As the wheat and the weeds must grow together until the harvest, so we may not know whether our actions contribute to God's Kingdom until God's final judgment. With this word of caution in mind, we act always in prayer that our actions will be consistent with God's plans. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we hear words of encouragement. God can bring the Kingdom of Heaven from even the smallest of beginnings. Thus, we ask God to work through us for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Set aside some time this week to make bread with your family. Show the amount of yeast that is required to raise an entire batch of bread. Observe that little things can go a long way. After the bread has been baked, gather together as a family. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 13:24-43. Reflect together on what Jesus means when he teaches that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed and like yeast. In these parables, Jesus is teaching us that God can work wonders from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of God. This means that even the little things that we do can make a big difference in the lives of others. What are some of the little things that we can do in our family that help to make things better for others? Decide on one action to take together. Pray that God will use your action to make a difference in the world. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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### ROSTERS

	Sat 6pm	19 JULY	8am	10am	6pm
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
26 JULY					
Reader 1	Kalisiana Mar		Joseph Dang	Mary O'Hea	Anthony Tran
Reader 2	Patrick Abourizk		Thuy Linh Nguyen	Helen Vujevic	Nhung Bui
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)		An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Choir	SMMC		SSOG	St Felix	Youth 3

	19 July	26 July	<b>Notes:</b> <u>SSOG</u> : Singing Servants of God <u>SDMG</u> : Samoan Divine Mercy Group <u>SMMC</u> : St Mary Mackillop's Choir <u>Group 4</u> : Denice Severi, Phyllis Vujkovic, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Chris Kreltszheim, Eric Valencia, Bach Lam
Altar Society	Group 3	Group 4 ( <i>see notes</i> )	
Church Cleaners	Vinh Nguyen	Mai Hai	
SVDP	Thom Pham	J Obeid	

#### 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)