



# St Felix deValois Parish

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## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 26 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.**

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME.  
STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS  
DO NOT RECYCLE.**

## **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** - 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

A reading from the first book of Kings

*You have asked for wisdom.*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Lord, I love your commands.**

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold. **R.**

Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall live  
for your law is my delight. **R.**

That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways. **R.**

Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple. **R.**

## **Second Reading** - Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*He predestined us to become true images of his Son.*

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-46 (*short form*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

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

## LATEST COVID-19 Safety Plan

\* The maximum amount of people allowed in our  
Church is now **100**.  
\* 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.  
\* When coming to receive Holy Communion please  
be mindful to keep 1.5m distance from the person in  
front of you.  
\* Parishioners are discouraged from mingling before  
or after Mass.  
We thank you for your patience and support during  
this time.

## CWF Appeal

Next weekend we will be collecting for the  
quarterly Charitable Works Fund Appeal. All  
donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible.

## Mni Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP)

Vinnies is proud to announce the launch of the  
Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) for  
students in Years 4 – 6, who wish to undertake  
Social Justice Formation in their own time. For  
more information please go to  
<https://bit.ly/MVFPinfo>

The MVFP will nurture students, who undertake  
the project, to be a light in the world, inspired by  
the spirit of Blessed Frederic Ozanam and Gospel  
values.

## 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.***

## Tax Receipts 2019/2020

Tax Receipts for contributions made last  
financial year are available in the Church foyer.

## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Gioan Baotixita Pham Huu  
Nghie; Jenny Brenton

### Anniversary:

**Deceased:** Peter Baulman; Peter Van Muon  
Nguyen; John Baptist Viet Muc Nguyen  
**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 Magdalena  
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

## The kingdom of Heaven.

Like the person who found the buried treasure and the merchant who acquired the pearl of great price, we seek to find the signs of the kingdom of heaven in our lives. In fact, we even work to bring about God's kingdom in our actions and in our words. We pray that our family values reflect our pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. As Jesus' disciples, we place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

As you gather as a family, talk about what your family values. Make a list together of those things that your family considers most important, such as family, friends, faith, trust, and love. Place this list before you as you read today's Gospel in its shorter form, Matthew 13:44-46. In these parables, Jesus teaches us that it is worth giving up even valuable things in order to possess the kingdom of heaven. Look at the list your family made and talk about how these things are important to the kingdom of heaven. What has your family given up to make these values important in your life? As Jesus' disciples, we place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God. Pray together for God's kingdom by praying the Lord's Prayer.

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### ROSTERS

	Sat 6pm	26 JULY	8am	10am	6pm
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	
2 AUGUST					
Reader 1	Jessica Vujevic	Mary Buckley	Emanuela Viner		
Reader 2	Gloria Booby	Imelda Dela Cruz	Henrietta Owusu	Anthony Eltarraf	
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	Youth 1	

	26 July	2 August	<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 1</u> : Gloria Walker, Margaret Chan, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Dorie Encarnacion, Hien & Vu Bui
Altar Society	Group 4	Group 1 (see notes)	
Church Cleaners	Mai Hai	Polish Group	
SVDP	J Obeid	A Nguyen	

#### 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)