



St Felix deValois Parish

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 20 September 2020

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

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

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday - 8.00am

Wednesday - 8.00am

Thursday - 9.00am

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

Adoration & Benediction:

Tuesday 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Saturday 7.00am - 8.00am

Vietnamese Divine Mercy Prayer:

6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

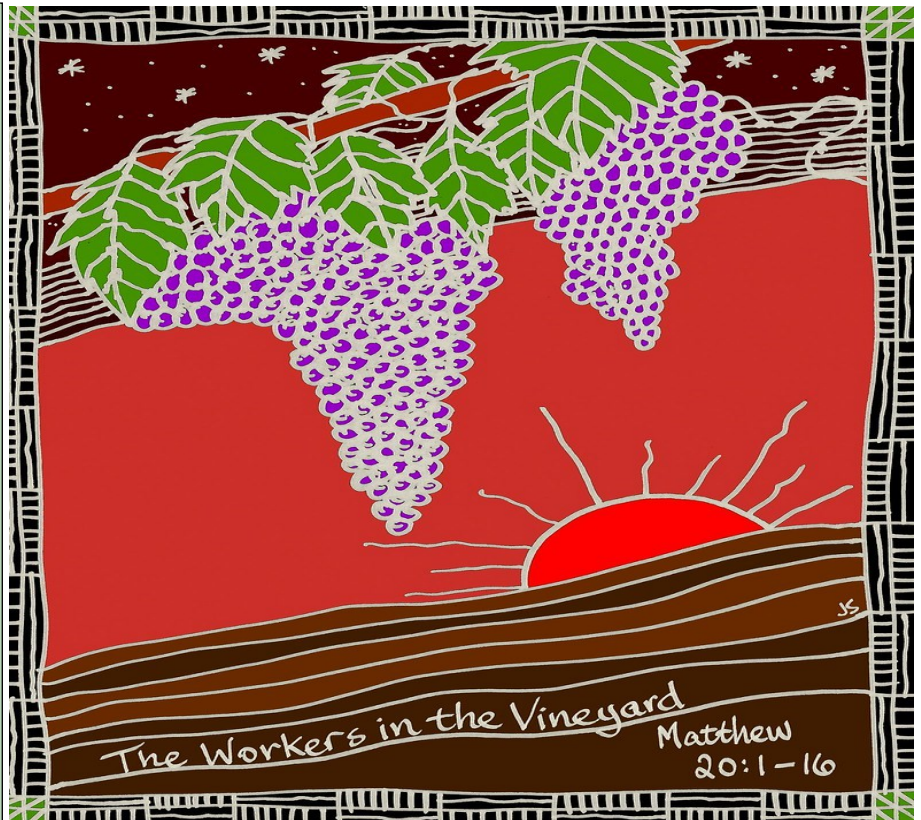
Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

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.**

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TO STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS.**

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 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will
take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

Second Reading - Philippians 1:20-24, 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my
life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ,
but then death would bring me something more;
but then again, if living in this body means doing
work which is having good results - I do not know
what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma:
I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would
be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in
this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would
be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of
heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak
to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an
agreement with the workers for one denarius a
day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at
about the third hour he saw others standing idle in
the market place and said to them, "You go to my
vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So
they went. At about the sixth hour and again at
about the ninth hour, he went out and did the
same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went
out and found more men standing round, and he
said to them, "Why have you been standing here
idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they
answered. He said to them, "You go into my
vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the
vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and
pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals
and ending with the first." So those who were hired
at about the eleventh hour came forward and
received one denarius each. When the first came,

they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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.

First Reconciliation 2020

Registrations for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation are now open to all baptised children in Year 3 or above. The Sacrament will be celebrated this year on 4th November and *completed registration forms must be returned to the Parish Office by Monday 12th October.* Blank registration forms may be found in the Church foyer.

New Adoration time

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held each Tuesday night from 7.30pm-8.30pm. Exposition on Saturday morning from 7.00am-8.00am has also resumed

Altar Society Volunteers

New volunteers are needed to help with the cleaning of the Altar and Sacred Vessels. You would be required for approx. 1 hour once a month. We particularly need someone to help in the second week each month. Cleaning is generally done after the 8am Mass on Saturday mornings but you can be flexible. Please contact the Parish Office if you are available to help.

Return & Earn Container

The Parish has a new Blue bin at the side of Church. You are welcome to place your **uncrushed, unbroken** Aluminum cans, plastic bottles, cardboard poppers and drink containers for recycling. The Parish gets 10 cents for each container returned. A small way to support the Parish and protect the environment at the same time.

Holy Lands Appeal

Please remember to return your donation envelope to the Parish Office by the end of this week.

Mass Intentions:

Deceased:

Anniversary: Maria Ngo Tuyen; Paul Trong Phan.

Deceased: Jacques Seklawy; Mary Mun; JB Nghi; Mary Ngo; Therese Nga; Rose Nguyet; Phero.

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

God's generous mercy

The workers in this parable sound very much like squabbling children, comparing what they have each been given and making complaints to the parent. Among children there is a tendency to equate love with gifts and material things. This tendency can devolve into a spirit of entitlement, which runs counter to the spirit of gratitude. Any effort we make to overcome this tendency, to keep love from being entwined with gifts and possessions, will enable our children to accept completely the love that God gives freely and generously.

Observe together any tendency within your family to make comparisons. Are children sometimes heard saying that another child received a greater portion of a favourite food at dinner or dessert? Does one person complain that a parent spends more time with one child over another? Ask if such comparisons are helpful. Discuss together why such comparisons are made. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 20:1-16. Consider these questions: Why do the workers grumble? Is the landowner's assessment accurate? Unfortunately, we are sometimes like these workers when we make the comparisons we discussed earlier.

Conclude in prayer together remembering that love cannot and ought not to be measured. Sit quietly together acknowledging God's great love for each person as individuals and for your family. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 145, or the Lord's Prayer.

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The NSW Government has recommended parishioners wear face masks when attending religious services as an additional safeguard to help combat the spread of COVID-19.



ROSTERS

	Sat 6pm	20 SEPTEMBER	8am	10am	6pm
Reader 1	Emmanuel Icard	Kiara Asuzu	Thu Ha Kim	Anthony Tran	
Reader 2	Gabrielle Nguyen	Maxwell Asuzu	Anthony Rowe	" "	
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	St Felix	Elias	
27 SEPTEMBER					
Reader 1	Kalisiana Mar	Joseph Dang	Mary O'Hea	Anthony Eltarraf	
Reader 2	Patrick Abourizk	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Helen Vujevic	" "	
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	Jess	
	20 September	27 September	Notes: <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 (see notes)			
Church Cleaners	Vinh Nguyen	Mai Hai			
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.

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.

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