



# St Felix deValois Parish

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## 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

### 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



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## Responsorial Psalm

**R.** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

We have seen his star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

**Comm Antiphon:** We have seen his star in the East,  
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

**This weeks readings** - Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6;  
Matthew 2:1-12.

**Next Weekend:** *Baptism of the Lord - Year B.*

**Readings:** Isaiah 55:1-11; 1 John 5:1-9;  
Mark 1:7-11.

**The Epiphany of the Lord - Yr B - 3 January 2021**

## LATEST COVID-19 update

Restrictions on church attendance have changed again for this weekend. The following points are to be observed.

- Churches follow a four square metre rule. **Inside our Church, it is permitted to have a maximum of 110 people** according to this rule.
- More people may gather outside where a two square metre rule applies.
- Mingling before and after Mass is discouraged.
- Churches are required to keep records of all attending Masses for contact tracing purposes. Those sitting outside must ensure they also register their attendance.
- **NO** Congregational singing allowed.
- The NSW Government recommends that church-goers continue to wear face masks when attending Mass.
- Social distancing and strict hygiene are still required.
- Do not leave any printed materials or loose items lying around - please take them with you.

### Dispensation re-introduced

Given the new limitations, the Archbishop has granted all the faithful a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and on Christmas Day; this dispensation will continue until the 2m2 rule returns.

## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Greg Rassios

**Anniversary:** Phero Khoa, Mary Bernadette Roberts, Bernie Goodwin

**Deceased:** Mary Mun; JB Nghi; Mary Ngo; Therese Nga; Rose Nguyet; Maria and Giuse

**Sick:** Marie Abi-Saab, Tom Quilty, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Marian Periera; 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; Eugene Maulguet; Cassandra O'Keefe.

## Weekly Rosters

	Sat 6pm	3 JANUARY	8am	10am	6pm
Reader 1	Emmanuel Icard	Imelda Dela Cruz	Thu Ha Kim	Anthony Eltarraf	
Reader 2	Gabrielle Nguyen	Robyn Molloy	Anthony Rowe	" "	
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	Elias	
<b>10 JANUARY</b>					
Reader 1	Gloria Booby	Philip Castillo	Henrietta Owusu	Nhung Bui	
Reader 2	Jessica Vujevic	Ligaya Castillo	Emanuela Viner	Harriet Owusu	
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	Amelia & Kathleen	Elias	

	3 January	10 January	<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 2</u> : Robyn Molloy, Jeannette Chong, Anna Gabut, Margaret Chan, Hien & Vu Bui ( <i>Florist</i> )
Altar Society	Group 1	Group 2 ( <i>see notes</i> )	
Church Cleaners	Polish Group	Charbel Karam	
SVDP	D Rodrigues	Andrew Nguyen	

Reflection

## Magi

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Saviour. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Saviour in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings."

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## SVDP Piety Shop

Now selling 2021 Columban Calendars at \$9.00 each and Christmas Card Sets at \$7.00 come and visit us at the Piety shop after Mass.

## Go Make Disciples

On the 12th of December 2020, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP launched the New Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney. It is entitled, '*Go Make Disciples*'.

The title of the Mission came from Jesus himself, as he said to his disciples, 'Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.' (Matt 28:18-20).

Today we live in a different world compared to the time of Jesus, and it has been ever more evolving and changing. At the present times, we are facing many trials and challenges as a Church. In order to survive and grow, we need to go back to our roots. We need to re-evaluate, rediscover and renew our life and our mission as a community.

*Go Make Disciples* is an attempt to help us in achieving this. Basically it provides practical strategies and actions that Parishes may take up to renew their life. The document sets out five foundations for spiritual renewal, including evangelization, leadership, community, formation and worship.

Copies of the Summary Version of the Mission Plan is available at the back of the Church. You are encouraged to take a copy home, peruse and reflect. There will be opportunities for us to discuss the Mission Plan in the years ahead before implementation.

Meanwhile, could we ask you to continue to pray for the Church at this challenging time.

## 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.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*We have come from the East to worship the king.*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah  
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,  
for out of you will come a leader  
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**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.**



**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 Companions:** 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)

## PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

**Would you like to become a regular contributor to the Parish?**

If so, please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office. Otherwise send an e-mail with your details to Marie at [admin@stfelixparish.org.au](mailto:admin@stfelixparish.org.au)

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