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THIS WEEK'S MASSES

**CHURCH IS CURRENTLY CLOSED
DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS**

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sunday: 10am online

Nursing Home Masses

NIL

Vietnamese Mass

NIL

Polish Mass

NIL

DEVOTIONS

NIL

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

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

To Whom
Shall We
Go?

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**Online Masses can be viewed via our Facebook page
or the Archdiocese website.**

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

Responsorial Psalm

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia

Comm Antiphon:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you
bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

This weeks readings:

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Ephesians 5:21-32;
John 6:60-69

Next Weekend: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8;

James 1:17-18, 21-22,27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 22 August 2021

Reflection

Words of eternal life

When a child is baptized, the parents speak on behalf of the child in professing the faith in which the child is to be baptized. The parents promise to teach their child this faith so that they may one day accept this faith as his or her own. In the example of Simon Peter, we learn that each person must also make his or her own profession of faith in Jesus as the one sent by God to save us. We pray for our children as they mature in the faith that they may learn that Jesus alone has the words of eternal life and that they may choose to follow the way of Christian discipleship.

As you gather as a family, talk about promise that parents make at their child's baptism to teach their child about Jesus and the faith of the Church. Talk about the importance of this promise to your family and about some of the things that you are doing to try to honor this commitment. In today's Gospel we hear Simon Peter speak about what he has come to believe about Jesus. Together read today's Gospel, John 6:60-69. Pray together that each person in our family will grow in his or her faith that Jesus is the one sent by God who alone has the words of eternal life. Pray together the *Apostles' Creed* or the *Nicene Creed*.

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Sign the No Euthanasia Petition to prevent state-sanctioned killing in NSW

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is urging all Catholics to sign an e-petition to prevent the NSW parliament passing laws that sanction the killing of vulnerable human beings. There is never a good time to introduce laws such as this, but to do so in the middle of a pandemic and amidst lockdowns adversely affecting the lives and livelihoods of millions is unconscionable.

Our sick and elderly have already suffered 17 months of increasing isolation and right now that is being intensified. Meanwhile, people are losing their jobs, businesses are going under, families are under the pressures of schooling and working from home, people's movements are severely restricted, and depression rates are up. The last thing we need to hear from our leaders in this situation is a pro-suicide message.

Please sign this petition, calling on the Government to keep us focused on the present challenges and once they have been met, let us focus on medicine at its best and not its most lethal.

https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/protect_life_nsw

Christian Based faith-SRE learning online

As the COVID-19 crisis continues to disrupt our schools, we know that many families are challenged in maintaining the continuity of their children's education. In agreement with the NSW Department of Education, Christian SRE are committed to supporting you through this time by providing access to useful resources that are aligned with the relevant and approved SRE curriculums. Explore resources including home lesson plans, faith stories, videos and much more at

<https://www.christiansre.com.au/learningfromhome>

Support your Archdiocese of Sydney newspaper – The Catholic Weekly

While our churches are closed at this time, the Catholic Weekly is producing a free digital flipbook edition. Sign up for updates directly to your email inbox here: www.catholicweekly.com.au/catholic-weekly-newspaper-online/.

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

Name..... Telephone No.:

Address:.....

Email :

WOULD LIKE ENVELOPES

WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE USING CREDIT CARD

WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE MY DONATION

GOSPEL: John 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions: Anniversary: Maria Nguyen Thi Lan; Amede Vella

Deceased: Mary Mun; JB Nghi; Mary Ngo; Therese Nga; Rose Nguyet; Ly Buu Tran;

Sick: 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; Cassandra O'Keefe; Lagi Amoa; Clarence Ally; Jane Aquino; Connie Naumanen; Glory Bereira; Gladyse Broudou; Jenny; Hoa Mai; Wayne Waters; Enid Sneddon; Rosa House; Nivea Wanigesekera; Annick Duval; Henriette Tam Tinh Lam.

COVID-19 Prayer resources

The Archdiocese of Sydney website has a dedicated page of prayer resources including links to popular podcasts in this time of pandemic. You'll find the webpage at this address:

www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/

Keeping COVID safe

You'll find information and updates here: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/>.

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.

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;

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