



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:

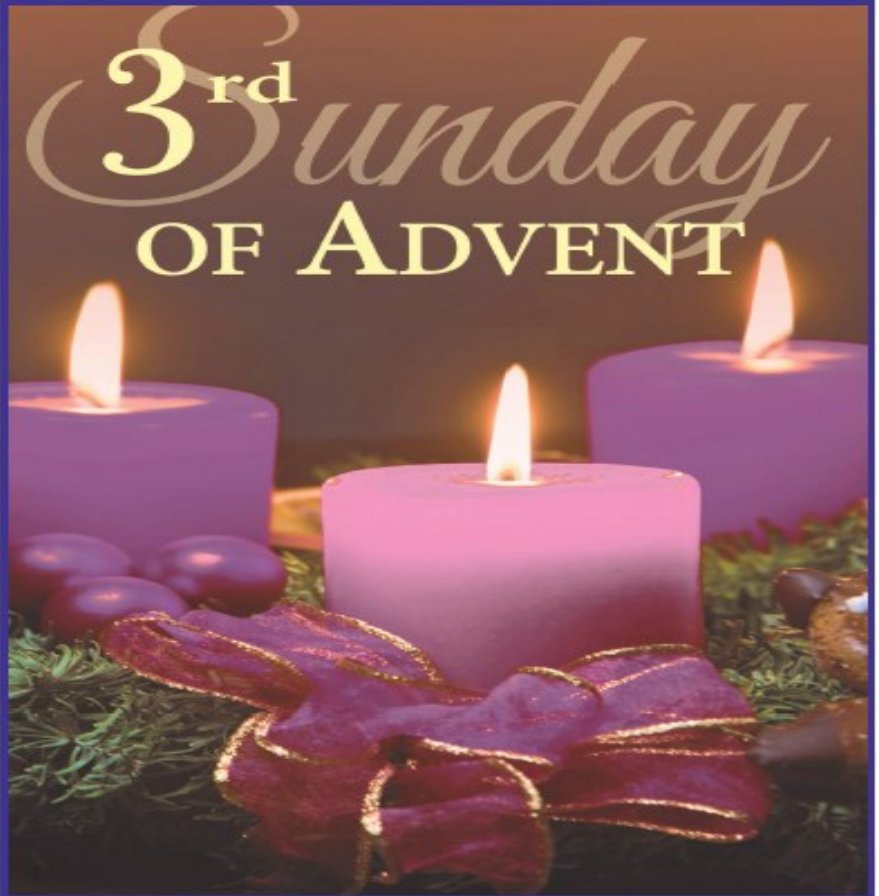
Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

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



Responsorial Psalm

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia

Comm Antiphon:

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

This weeks readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7;
Luke 3:10-18

Next Weekend: 4th Sunday of Advent - Year C

Readings: Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-44

Third Sunday of Advent - Yr C - 12 December 2021

Reflection

Waiting and preparing

The theme of the season of Advent is sometimes described as a period of waiting for the birth of Jesus. However, today's Gospel reading suggests something different. John the Baptist did not tell the crowds to wait for the Messiah. He told them to prepare for the Messiah through acts of repentance. If Advent is a time of waiting, it is not the sitting in the doctor's office kind of waiting. It is a busy time of preparation, more like the waiting we might do when preparing for dinner guests. Our challenge is to not make this season a frenzied time, but rather a time of joyful anticipation and making ready for God who comes to dwell among us and changes our lives with the gift of salvation. As you gather as a family, talk about the preparations your family is making during the season of Advent. Reflect together on these activities, not only on what you are doing but why you are choosing to do these things. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 3:10-18. Consider how Advent is a time for making ourselves ready to receive Jesus in our lives. Could your family make some changes in your Advent activities so that each person is well prepared to celebrate the gift of salvation at Christmas? Conclude in prayer together that your family will be able to live the spirit of Advent. Sing together an Advent song, such as "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" or pray together today's second reading, Philippians 4:4-7, as you light the third candle on your Advent wreath.

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SVP Piety Stall

Piety Stall is selling Christmas Greeting Cards @ \$10 (pack of 10), 2022 Josephite and Columban Calendars also \$10.00 each.

Become a Catechist or Helper in 2022

Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools. Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2022. Starting off as a helper, you'll receive easy step-by-step lessons and hand out activity books in primary schools. Find out more about the work catechists do here, whether at primary or secondary level: <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/> "Being a catechist is the most spiritually fulfilling thing I've done"- Rose. Talk with Fr Van or Fr Ronnie or contact our Catechist Coordinator Bev Lamaro on 0409 710 703.

Wedding Congratulations:

Steven Vinh An & Sheryl Huixian Zhang

are married at St Felix this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.



Baptism

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

*Luna Giselle Tully
Arya Maria Tran
Jayden Nguyen*

May they always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout their life.



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 CONTRIBUTE VIA DIRECT DEBIT

Christmas Reconciliation Program

Reconciliation will be on Tuesday evening from 7.30pm - 8.30pm. Normal time for Saturday Reconciliation from 4.30pm—5.30pm remains unchanged.

Volunteers for Christmas Masses

We are looking for Readers, Altar Servers and Acolytes for our various Christmas Masses. Please add your name on the roster in the Sacristy if you are available. Thank you.

Christmas Day Luncheon

You're invited for lunch on Christmas Day at St Luke Parish Hall 1 Beaconsfield St Revesby. December 25, 2021 from 11:30AM onwards. No Costs.

Please consider joining us for a lovely meal, great company, kids craft table, entertainment, singing and much more. Individuals and families welcome. No one should be alone on Christmas day. Want to know more - Call 9773 9065.

Bookings Essential via <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/833733>.

Fight poverty with your used stamps!

We are helping Mary MacKillop International collect used postage stamps to help with poverty overseas. If you have some mail with used stamps on them please cut off the stamp, leaving a generous margin of the envelope all around the stamp and bring them in to the Parish Office. We will be collecting until the end of January.

Mass Intentions Recently Deceased: Thomas Nguyen Van Thanh; Giuse Tran Van Thach

Anniversary: Ken Goodwin; Debra Randall; Lino Pasion; Antonio Pasion; Joseph Chien Nguyen; Do Thi Lieng

Deceased: Maria Mun; JB Nghi; Maria Ngo; Theresa Nga; Rosa Nguyet; Phaolo Hung Nguyen; Vincente Quoc Nguyen; Fahme Abdul Ahad; deceased relatives of the Monteleone, Halloun and Alasmar families.

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; Lagi Amoa; Clarence Ally; Jane Aquino; Connie Naumanen; Glory Bereira; Gladys Broudou; Jenny; Hoa Mai; Wayne Waters; Rosa House; Nivea Wanigesekera; Annick Duval; Henriette Tam Tinh Lam; Phyllis Vujkovic; Sandra Whaites

Weekly Rosters

12 DECEMBER				
Reader 1	Gloria Booby	Ligaya Castillo	Emanuela Viner	Nhung Bui
Reader 2	Patrick Abourizk	Philip Castillo	Mary O'Hea	“ “
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	Amelia & Kathleen	Elias
19 DECEMBER				
Reader 1	Patrick Abourizk	Maxwell Asuzu	Helen Vujevic	Anthony Tran
Reader 2	Emmanuel Icard	Kiara Asuzu	Emanuela Viner	“ “
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	St Felix	Elias

	12 December	19 December	Notes: SSOG: Singing Servants of God SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 3: Youth Group, Tram Vu (<i>Florist</i>)
Altar Society	Group 2	Group 3 (<i>see notes</i>)	
Church Cleaners	El Shaddai Group	Vinh Nguyen	
SVDP	A Nguyen	D Rodrigues	

GOSPEL: Luke 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

What, then, must we do?

When all the people asked John. 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Lights of Christmas 2021, St Mary's Cathedral forecourt, 9-25 December

Join in Sydney's favourite free Christmas tradition, uniting families, locals and tourists with a display of digital storytelling projected onto St Mary's Cathedral.

Find out more: <https://lightsofchristmas.com.au/>



Christmas Mass times



Friday 24th December

Christmas Vigil Mass - 6.00pm and 8.00pm. Polish Mass - 10.00pm,
Christmas Carols 11.30pm & Midnight Mass

All children are invited to dress as Shepherds and Angels for the 6.00pm Vigil Mass.

Saturday 25th December - Christmas Day

Masses 8.00am, 10.00am & 6.00pm. Polish Mass - 12.00pm.

Sunday 26th December

Masses 8.00am, 10.00am & 6.00pm. Polish Mass - 12.00pm

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;
Archdiocesan Website: www.sydney.catholic.org.au