



# 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

Also see Christmas Schedule

## 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.** Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done.

**Alleluia**

## Comm Antiphon:

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

**This weeks readings:** Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-44

**Next Saturday:** *The Nativity of the Lord (day)*- Year C

**Readings:** Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18.

**Next Sunday:** *Holy Family* - Year C

**Readings:** 1Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; 1John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52

# Fourth Sunday of Advent - Yr C - 19 December 2021

Reflection

## Recognise God's presence

In the encounter between Mary and Elizabeth described in today's Gospel, we learn that other people can help us recognize God's presence and action in our lives. Mary travelled to see Elizabeth because Elizabeth's pregnancy was a sign that everything the angel told Mary would truly happen. Elizabeth recognized Mary as the mother of her Lord because her unborn child, John the Baptist, leapt at the sound of Mary's greeting. Elizabeth and Mary rejoiced together at the wonderful things God was doing in their lives. We too are blessed when we have people who help us recognize God's action in our lives. We pray that our family can be this for one another.

As you gather as a family, work together on a word search or hidden-picture puzzle. Help one another until everyone has found each of the words or pictures in the puzzle. Talk about this experience, noticing how some people found words or pictures more easily than others and how easy it was to see the word or picture once someone else pointed it out. Observe that sometimes we need the help of others to recognize God's presence and action in our lives. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 1:39-45. Ask: What did Elizabeth recognize about Mary? (that she was to be the mother of Jesus, the Lord) How did Elizabeth know this? (Her baby, John the Baptist, leapt with joy at Mary's greeting) Pray together that as we share our faith together as a family, we may help one another recognise God's presence and action in our lives. Pray together the Hail Mary.

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### SVD 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.

### Baptism

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

*Thomas An-Khang Nguyen*

*Joseph Oyola Nguyen*

*Mia Catherine Nguyen*

*Luka Eleison Chehab*



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](mailto: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:** Micae Lai Dinh Trung Michael

**Anniversary:** Saide El-Sissi

**Deceased:** Maria Mun; JB Nghi; Maria Ngo; Theresa Nga; Rosa Nguyet; Rosy D'Souza; Frederick D'Souza; Samir Ghattas; Hedley Adam

**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

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
26 DECEMBER				
Reader 1	Gabrielle Nguyen	Philip Castillo	Anthony Rowe	Harriet Owusu
Reader 2	Gloria Booby	Joseph Dang	Thu Ha Kim	“ “
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	Jess

	19 December	26 December	<b>Notes:</b> SSOG: Singing Servants of God SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 4: Margaret Eastburn, Denise Ashe, Eric Valencia, Bach Lam (Florist)
Altar Society	Group 3	Group 4 (see notes)	
Church Cleaners	Vinh Nguyen	Mai Hai	
SVDP	D Rodrigues	Andrew Nguyen	

## **GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-44**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.**

*Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?*

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day**

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

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](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 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)