



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 - 9.00am New Years day

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. Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia

Comm Antiphon: Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

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

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

This Sunday readings: *Holy Family - Year C*

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

Next weeks readings: *The Epiphany of the Lord - Yr C*

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - Yr C - 26 December 2021

Reflection

Holy Family

Today's Gospel describes a time of anxiety in the life of Jesus' family. We can imagine their panic and worry as they discovered that Jesus was not with the caravan returning to Nazareth. The Holy Family journeyed with family members and friends because traveling alone was dangerous. When they found Jesus at the Temple, Jesus spoke like a typical adolescent, unsympathetic to his parents' concern. Yet his words teach an important lesson about reducing anxiety in our family life. In essence, Jesus says, "If you had remembered who I am, you would have known where to find me." In their panic, Mary and Joseph had forgotten what had been told to them before Jesus' birth, that their son was the Son of God. Knowing a person well helps reduce our anxieties for them because we can better predict how they will behave, and we know their capacity to handle the challenges life might present to them.

As you gather as a family, have fun playing the game "How well do you know me?" Take turns trying to stump one another by asking family members questions about yourself, such as "What is my favourite memory of a family vacation?" "Given a choice, what dinner menu would I pick?" "If I could travel anywhere in the world, where would I go?" One member of the family might prepare and read the questions aloud as each person writes down the answers. Family members then take turns guessing the answers, playing this game as a quiz show. Observe that one thing about families is that we learn to know each other well.

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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.

SMDP 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.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men listening to them.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Volunteers are urgently needed in the following ministries.
Piety Stall, Altar Society, Ministers of the Word, Catechists or helpers.
Please come forward and help your Parish.
See one of the priests after Mass or contact the Parish Office.**

Mass Intentions Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Gioan Baotixita; Maria; Mariannina Tamburro; Dominco Nguyen Van An; Joseph Nguyen Van Thu; Bernie Goodwin

Deceased: Maria Mun; JB Nghi; Maria Ngo; Theresa Nga; Rosa Nguyet; Maria Bui; Paul Tran; Anna Mai; Micae Lai Dinh Trung; Lam Quan Tuan; Rustico Z Dela Pena

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; Gladyse Broudou; Jenny; Hoa Mai; Wayne Waters; Rosa House; Nivea Wanigesekera; Annick Duval; Henriette Tam Tinh Lam; Phyllis Vujkovic; Sandra Whaites

Weekly Rosters

26 DECEMBER				
Reader 1		Philip Castillo	Anthony Rowe	Anthony Eltarraf
Reader 2	Christmas	Joseph Dang	Thu Ha Kim	“ “
Acolyte	Schedule	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Choir		SSOG	St Felix	Jess
2 JANUARY				
Reader 1	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Mary O'Hea	Anthony Eltarraf
Reader 2	Patrick Abourizk	Imelda Dela Cruz	Helen Vujevic	“ “
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	Elias

	26 December	2 January	Notes: SSOG: Singing Servants of God SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 1: Gloria Walker, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Dorie Encarnacion, Hien & Vu Bui (<i>Florist</i>)
Altar Society	Group 4	Group 1 (<i>see notes</i>)	
Church Cleaners	Mai Hai	Polish Group	
SVDP	Andrew Nguyen	Thom Pham	

Merry Christmas

Reflection

Christ is born

At Christmas we celebrate the great mystery that God became flesh and dwelt among us. We call this mystery the *Incarnation* (the word means “to take on flesh”), and it changes everything. Today's Gospel reminds us that we can also look upon the Nativity from God's perspective to better appreciate the significance of the Incarnation. The mystery we proclaim at Christmas is that God, the very God who created all things from nothing and who is light itself, took on our humanity in order to transform us. Through his birth among us, we have seen the face of God and have become nothing less than God's own children. At this awesome mystery, we adore.

Gather as a family around your Nativity set. Keep this image before you and talk about how familiar we are with this scene. Invite members of the family to recall the details of Jesus' birth that we hear in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Observe that the Gospel of John invites us to consider Jesus' birth from a different perspective. Read together today's Gospel, John 1:1-14. John's Gospel reminds us that the image we see in our Nativity set is a most remarkable sight: God made himself at home with us by taking on flesh and becoming a human person. We call this mystery the Incarnation. What are some of the things that John's Gospel says happened for us because Jesus came to dwell among us? (Light overcame darkness; we see God's glory in Jesus; we became children of God.) Together thank God for this mystery of the Incarnation and the salvation that we received because Jesus was born among us. Sing together a Christmas hymn, such as “O Come, All Ye Faithful” or “Silent Night.”

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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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