



# 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



*".....We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."*

*Matthew 2:2*

## 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:** Epiphany of the Lord - Yr C  
Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12.

**Next Sunday:** Baptism of the Lord - Year C

**Readings:** Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

# The Epiphany of the Lord - Yr C - 2 January 2022

Reflection

# The Epiphany

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 Savior. 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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## The Epiphany Blessing

The ancient custom of marking the door of the home with blessed chalk is a way of incorporating the liturgical feast of the Epiphany as a domestic ritual into the prayer life of the family. Chalk was first blessed in the Parish Church at Masses for Epiphany and then people were invited to take some home and to mark the lintel of their front door as follows: 20 C+M+B 22. The letters C, M & B stand for the traditional names for the Three Wise Men who came seeking Jesus: Caspar, Melchior & Balthasar. The letters also represent the words *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (*May Christ bless this abode*). **ORDO**

## 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.

**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.**

## 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](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

## 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.**

## Mass Intentions Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Giuse Hoang Xuan Ta; Phero Khoa; George & Andreana Sultana; Patricia & John O'Connor.

**Deceased:** Maria Mun; JB Nghi; Maria Ngo; Theresa Nga; Rosa Nguyet; Joseph Binh Chanh LAM; Maria Thuc Trinh DANG; Dominic Tung Phuong LAM; Anton Sy Phuong LAM; LE Thi Nga; LE Thi Bich; Cyril Crouche; Rene Verrier; Roger, Maud, Jerome Lyonnet; Bernard Quirin; Micae Ng V Noi; John Field; Micae Lai Dinh Trung; Phero Vu Tan Chau

**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

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
9 JANUARY				
Reader 1	Emmanuel Icard	Philip Castillo	Thu Ha Kim	Nhung Bui
Reader 2	Gloria Booby	Ligaya Castillo	Anthony Rowe	“ “
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	Amelia & Kathleen	Elias

	2 January	9 January	<b>Notes:</b> SSOG: Singing Servants of God SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 2: Robyn Molloy, Jeannette Chong, Anna Gabut, Margaret Chan, Hien & Vu Bui (Florist)
Altar Society	Group 1	Group 2 (see notes)	
Church Cleaners	Polish Group	EI Shaddai Group	
SVDP	Thom Pham	J Obeid	



**HAPPY  
New Year**

## Covid Update

Some of the following guidelines that are relevant to our church have been updated:

- It is NOT necessary to verify whether an attendee is vaccinated or not.
- Covid Safe check-in using QR code is required.
- Masks must be worn indoors.
- Social distancing and sanitisation should be observed.
- Congregational singing is permitted while wearing a mask.
- Capacity of the church is now capped at 2sqm rule, giving our parish 220 people at each Mass with extra seating outside.
- Social gatherings whether indoors or outdoors are NOT recommended.

There is an extraordinary increase in numbers each day in NSW with Covid infections. We ask you all to adhere to the rules and especially wear a mask inside the Church, check-in with QR code and spread out to maintain social distancing.

We know it is difficult for some people but we ask you to follow the above rules in order to protect ourselves and others as an exercise of 'love of neighbour'.

**We hope to get through this difficult time together.**

**Thank you.**

## 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)