



# 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



*"And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son,  
the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'"*

*Luke 3:22*

## Responsorial Psalm

R. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;  
He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

**Alleluia**

## Comm Antiphon:

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

## This weeks readings: Baptism of the Lord - Yr C

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

## Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

# The Baptism of the Lord - Yr C - 9 January 2022

Reflection

# The Baptism of the Lord

Every family has a unique identity that is defined by the behaviors, attitudes, and expectations that govern a family's daily life. This identity is influenced by the family history of the parents, but each family's expression of this history is unique. In today's Gospel, we learn that Jesus' behavior, attitudes, and expectations were governed by his identity as God's beloved Son. In our Baptism, we were made children of this same heavenly Father. This identity as members of the family of God, and as brothers and sisters of Jesus, also shapes our family's daily life.

As you gather as a family, identify some of the expectations and behaviors that govern your family life by answering the question, "What are some of the things that make our family life unique?" Celebrate these things about your family life. Read today's Gospel, Luke 3:15-16,21-22. Observe that Jesus' identity as the Beloved Son of the Father governed his behaviors, attitudes, and expectations. Recall that at our Baptism we were made children of this same heavenly Father. How does this identity as a member of the family of God govern and shape our family life? Conclude in prayer together that we will remain faithful to our baptismal identity as children of God and as brothers or sisters of Jesus. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

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## Baptisms:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

*Nick James Drennan, Veronica Minh Anh Latimer*

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

## Wedding Congratulations:

*Tien Tai Uong and Elizabeth Kim Ribeiro*

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

## 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.**

## 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: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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

*When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.*

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.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## 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.

## Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Giuse Hoang Xuan Ta; Joseph Kim Chuc Pham; Matta Truong Thi Ca.

**Deceased:** Maria Mun; JB Nghi; Maria Ngo; Theresa Nga; Rosa Nguyet; Philippe; D'Angelo, Pizzrusso and Vece families; Fahme Abdul Ahad.

**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

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

16 JANUARY				
Reader 1	Gloria Booby	Kiara Asuzu	Emanuela Viner	Anthony Tran
Reader 2	Emmanuel Icard	Maxwell Asuzu	Mary O'Hea	" "
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	St Felix	Elias

	9 January	16 January	<b>Notes:</b> 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	ElShaddai Group	Vinh Nguyen	
SVDP	J. Obeid	A. Nguyen	



**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)