

PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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September 18th, 2016 : 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.0pm (St.F) Int. For the People
Sunday 9.30am (St.F) Int. M & B Families 11.0am (Con) Int. +Finnbarr
Murphy

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
5.0pm (Con) Int.
Tuesday THE KOREAN MARTYRS
5.0pm (Con) Int.
Wednesday FEAST OF ST.MATTHEW
5.0pm (Con) Int.
Thursday FERIA
10.0am (Con) Int.
Friday ST.PIUS OF PIETRELCINA
5.45pm (Con) Int.
Saturday FEAST OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
6.0pm (St.F) Int. For the People

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15 to 5.45 p.m. or by appointment.

The Rosary

Friday at 10.15am

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.140 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.1061 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass **Eucharistic Prayer 3**
Sanctus & Benedictus Parish Mass Book p.16 (*Angelus*) Hymn : 807

At the 9.30am Mass **Eucharistic Prayer 2**
Gloria Belmont
Sanctus & Benedictus Belmont
Acclamation B
Hymns : 720, 735, 753, 938

At the 11.0am Mass **Eucharistic Prayer 1**

THIS WEEK

*Fr.John is hoping to take his summer holidays this week and next. He plans to go to Cornwall, to visit gardens, read, walk, sketch historic buildings, andsleep!
There are Masses at the Convent on as shown in the column opposite, and next weekend Fr.Michael Rear will be saying the weekend Masses at St.Felix and at the Convent. In an emergency, it would probably be best to contact our Dean, Fr.Russell Frost at St.Mary Magdalen Ipswich, on 01473 741975*

Thursday 1.45pm-3.45pm The Together Club meets at the Convent

Saturday 8.50am Childrens Activities at the Convent.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Marjorie Atkinson (2002), and Christine Searle (2013)
R.I.P.

Money Matters Last Sunday £517.65 was given at the Offertory, and £189.51 in the retiring collection, which was for Catholic Education Services. £86.34 was given for CAFOD.

I'm afraid that I failed to announce that there is a retiring collection again this week - they don't usually follow one after the other. Today is being kept as Home Missions Sunday, and so there is a collection for that. And then the following Sunday, the day after the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, there is a one-off collection for the development of the Walsingham Shrine. I can't remember thee being special collections on three successive Sundays before - we seem to be making up for the break during the summer!

Sponsored Cycle Ride A parishioner told me that he nearly ran me over outside Lidl's, because I was wobbling so! But nevertheless I survived, and thoroughly enjoyed visiting the fourteen churches which I managed to get to. It is good to talk to the people manning the different venues, and many thanks to those who kindly manned our own church and welcomed the cyclists. This year there seemed to be quite a good number of cyclists taking part. It would be good for this event to become even more popular, as it has so much going for it. Perhaps more St.Felix people might take part next year? I think that my sponsorship money is almost all in now, and it comes to the incredible sum of £495.30. People really were extraordinarily generous. As you know, half of that money will go towards the repair of all the Suffolk Churches, and half will come back to our own church. Many thanks.

Congratulations to Hayley and Liz Dossor, who are celebrating their Golden Wedding today. We send them our love and good wishes.

Association of the Family of Jesus and Mary

Elizabeth writes 'Our next meeting is next Wednesday, at 7.30pm at the Convent, when I will talk about my Indian holiday.

Advance notice : our Christmas Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 19th November in St.Felix Hall. Please start collecting items for the Tombola - chocolate, toiletries. etc. - and for the Christmas Stall.'

Preparing for Adult Baptism and Reception

Fr.John writes 'I wonder whether there are any non-Catholic adults who would like to think about coming into the Church next Easter by Baptism or Reception next Easter? If so, please contact me as soon as possible so that we can talk about it. And again, adults, please say if you would like to be Confirmed when the Bishop comes here next May.

Our Lady's Light A blue lamp, or candle, burns in front of the statue of Our Lady in the Lady Chapel at St.Felix. It is there to honour Our Lady, and also to provide a flame for those wishing to light a candle. When using the lamp in this way, please will you do so carefully, as it is very easy to put the lamp out! This seems to happen several times each week.....

Weekend Retreat for Women

Annette writes 'May I draw your attention to the forthcoming *Beloved Weekend* being held at the Sion Community near Chelmsford 28th-30th October. This is always a grace filled weekend. There is a poster on the notice board, and you will find booking forms are nearby in the Porch.'

Helen's funeral It has been confirmed that Helen Gorham's funeral will indeed be on Tuesday, October 4th. Her body will be brought into church at 4.0pm on Monday 3rd ; the funeral Mass will be at 11.0am on the Tuesday morning, with Cremation at the Seven Hills Crematorium taking place in the afternoon at 3.0pm.

Looking forward.....

If like me you have the great good fortune to be able to have a summer holiday, then you too probably look forward to it with mounting excitement and anticipation, almost counting the days until it begins. And of course there is a flurry of activity as we assemble the things that we will need to take, and dread leaving anything vital behind! An old prayer speaks about an 'earnest looking forward', and yes, that's what we experience. But maybe we have misgivings : is it right to be so concentrated on something yet to come? My Mother, I seem to remember, called such anticipation 'wishing your life away'!

But on the other hand looking forward with eager anticipation seems not to be an un-Christian activity, for all of us are 'earnestly looking forward' to the coming of Our Lord in glory, whether that be his coming in glory at the end of time, or his coming to take us to our heavenly home at the time of our death. We should be full of joyful anticipation about this coming face to face with Our Lord. Yes, he is our judge, but also he is full of love and compassion, and our great joy in the future will be to gaze upon the vision of his glory.