



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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January 20th, 2019 : 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm (St.F) Int. For the People
Sunday 9:30am (St.F) Int.
11:00am (Con) Int.

Weekday Masses

Monday ST.AGNES
10.30 am Convent
Tuesday ST.VINCENT
10.30 am Convent
Wednesday FERIA
10.30 am Convent
Thursday ST.FRANCIS DE SALES
10.30 am Convent
Friday FEAST OF THE CONVERSION
OF ST.PAUL
11:00am (St.F) Int.
Saturday ST.TIMOTHY AND ST.TITUS
6:00pm (St.F) Int.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.30pm

The Rosary Friday at 10:15am

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.127 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.971 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass Eucharistic Prayer 2
Sanctus & Benedictus Parish Mass Book p.16
(*Angelus*)

At the 9.30am Mass Eucharistic Prayer 3
Sanctus & Benedictus
Hymns : 477, 970, 913, 887

At the 11.0am Mass Eucharistic Prayer 1
Hymns 464, 956, 874

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

We are grateful to Fr.Michael Rear for saying the Masses today. There will be a 10.30 am Mass at the Convent Monday to Thursday this week.

Fr. Michael Rear's Phone Number: if anyone urgently needs a priest (e.g for anointing) Fr. Michael can be contacted on 01206 392695.

A Message from Fr. John

'Dear Parishioners, dear Friends I think most of you will have heard that I survived my triple bypass operation at Papworth, and, due to the excellent care which I'm receiving, I am now beginning to recover. I still feel very weak, very battered, and I've had a particular problem with insomnia - something quite new to me. But nevertheless, I'm beginning to feel that I've got a future.

Some of the staff on the ward at Papworth expressed surprise that I'd slept soundly the night before the operation and why wasn't I terrified when I was wheeled down to the theatre? To be - in the words of an ancient office hymn for Martyrs - 'torn asunder, rest in twain'? I know why I wasn't terrified: it was because I was being supported by your prayers, and the prayers of many other friends. Together, you called down God's grace upon me, which banished fear. I am deeply grateful to you all for this.

Two Sundays ago we celebrated the Epiphany of our Lord, and in the Gospel we heard those thrilling words 'the sight of the star filled them with delight'. These words took my mind back to Christmas Day when, a couple of days after my operation, the kind Polish priest from St. Ives

brought me Holy Communion. In the drab and darkened ward he removed the Host from the pyx and held it before me. It seemed intensely white, and indeed to be shining like a star in the darkness. I, like the Wise Men, was 'filled with delight', It was a very emotional moment. What wonder and joy there is in the Most Holy Sacrament, in which Jesus himself comes to us through the darkness! If my present progress continues, I hope to be back at the Presbytery early next month. The six weeks during which I'm meant to do absolutely nothing will be ended then. There follows a further six weeks in which I'm only to undertake light duties, but this will certainly, I hope, include saying the Masses. At the end of this time we will be embarking upon Lent, for which I've got some plans!

With renewed thanks for your care and concern and for every kindness'.

Your Parish Priest, Fr. John

Anniversaries this week: Mary Ward (2011), Martin Amey (2000), Myrtle Shevline (2004), Michael Backler (2011), Patricia West (2011), Kenneth Doubleday (2016), Eileen Whitlum (1996). May they rest in peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £512.21 was given at the offertory, £56.01 for CAFOD and £176.12 for the annual White Flower Appeal.

CAFOD Boni Pinto writes 'Kate and myself wish to thank everyone for their continuing support of CAFOD, not only for the twice yearly family fast days but also for the weekly donations received. Please find in the porch this year's envelopes for those who have requested them. For anyone new who would like to receive envelopes please ring Kate or Boni . Information of CAFOD's work can be accessed at cafod.org.uk. Thank you for all you do to ensure that our poorest brothers and sisters are not forgotten'.

Apostleship Of the Sea Barbara Lamberton writes 'Our Port Chaplain, Pat Ezra, has asked if we could collect any spare rosaries which she would like to distribute to Catholic seafarers. The rosaries need to be undamaged but can be any size or colour. There is a box on the table in the porch. Thanks in advance'.

Suffolk Refuge Support Barbara Lamberton writes 'Many thanks for the very generous support for the Giving Tree. Please see the thank you letter from Rebecca on the porch notice board'.

Race Night Phil Hills writes 'Many thanks to the sponsorship of these amazing local businesses: The Alex & Bencotto (Yeo Group), The Fludyers, The Orwell Hotel, Richardson Builders, Landguard Fort, The Maple Osteopathic Clinic, Scott Beckett Estate Agents & parishioner Barbara Lamberton & awaiting confirmation on one more. As a result we have been able to kick start our fantastic fundraising event. In order for this to be as successful as last year we need your support & participation on the night. We have eight fantastic filmed races, you place your bets on one of the eight horses in each race. It is great fun. Tickets available from weekend 26th/27th January after Masses or telephone Phil. £5 per person, includes food but bring your own drink. Children are free'.

Lunch at The Ferry Boat Teresa Doran writes 'Just a reminder to the ladies who have booked lunch at the Ferry Boat Inn Monday. Please arrive between 12 noon and 12.15 pm. Lunch will be served at 12.30 pm in the Garden Room which you can access direct without going through the bar'.

Wednesday Lunch Club Jenny writes 'Our next lunch is on 6th February at 12.30 pm. The menu is chicken casserole, bakewell tart and tea/coffee, all for only £5. If you are new to the parish, it is a good way to meet people or perhaps you are now free on a Wednesday. You do not need to come every month but you do have to pre-book by contacting Jenny. We look forward to seeing our regular diners and meeting new ones'.

A Message from Tony Pittaccio 'I had the pleasure of visiting Fr. John last week and I was glad to see that he is making a steady but good recovery from his operation. He is looking forward to being active again and to say Mass at St Felix. However, he must live within his symptoms - an advice I was given - and must not ignore them. I think we are so fortunate in Felixstowe to have such a wonderful convent, inhabited by devoted and caring nuns, who are taking such good care of Fr. John and, I understand, also of Fr. David'.