



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## February 17th, 2019 : SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm (St.F) Int. Fr.David Hennessy  
(J&BC)  
Sunday 9:30am (St.F) Int. +John B attersby  
(Horrocks)  
11:00am (Con) Int. For the People

### Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA  
9:30am (St.F) Int.  
10:30am (Con) Int.  
Tuesday FERIA  
9:30am (St.F) Int.  
Wednesday FERIA  
9:30am (St.F) Int.  
10:30am (Con) Int.  
Thursday FERIA  
No Mass today  
Friday FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF PETER  
No Mass today  
Saturday ST.POLYCARP  
6:00pm (St.F) Int.

### The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) is said a quarter of an hour before the first Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Tuesdays at 10.0am Benediction at 10.30am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45 pm or by  
Sunday 9.0am to 9.20am appointment.

The Rosary Friday at 10:15am

### The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.139 of the Parish

Mass Book, and on p.988 of The Sunday Missal.

<b>At the 6.0pm Mass</b>	<b>Eucharistic Prayer 3</b>
<i>Sanctus &amp; Benedictus</i>	Parish Mass Book p.16
<i>(Angelus)</i> Hymn	908
<b>At the 9.30am Mass</b>	<b>Eucharistic Prayer 2</b>
<i>Gloria</i>	Sacred Heart
<i>Sanctus &amp; Benedictus</i>	Schubert
Hymns :	707, 883, 795, 761
<b>At the 11.0am Mass</b>	<b>Eucharistic Prayer 3</b>
Hymn :	887, 883, 720

### THIS WEEK

**Monday** 4.30pm Meeting of the Parish Finance Committee, at the Presbytery.  
**Tuesday** 2.30pm Fr.John has his follow-up session at Papworth.

**THE PARISH AGM**  
**in the Hall at 7.30pm**  
**This annual meeting is an important event**  
**in our parish life,**  
**and all parishioners should seek to attend**

**Friday** Please note that there is no Mass today : Fr.John has been advised to have a couple of days away as part of his recuperation.  
**Saturday** Noon Baptism of Jayna Lucia Garnega.

### PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries this week** Joan Nelson (2014) - Correction. Daniel Mullin-Henderson (1999), Vera Histed (2018), and Pamela Evans (2008). May they Rest in Peace.

**Money Matters** Last weekend £573.20 was given at the Offertory, and £82.85 for CAFOD.

**Association of the Family of Jesus and Mary** Elizabeth writes 'Our next meeting is on Friday 22nd February, 2.30pm at the Convent. Martin Ellis will be speaking on Hymnody and modern developments in church music. All Welcome.'

**Race Night 9th March** Philip Hills writes 'Have you got your tickets for this fantastic evening? Tickets only £5 (Children free) and includes food.

Eight filmed races.

Money raised : 50% to St.Felix

25% to Rotary Roll Out The Barrel Trust, which provides water barrels to communities that have to carry it. Once you have carried your own water, you will quickly learn the value of it.

25% to Save The Young Girls Foundation in Freetown, Sierra Leone. So many children were made orphans after the civil war, and this orphanage helps them to grow into self-sustainable and confident young women.

See Phil or give him a ring.

**Lent Course** I'm hoping to lead a Parish Lent Course this year. It will take place in the Hall on Monday evenings, 7.30pm to 8.30pm The title will be *LOOKING AT JESUS WITH MARY* and in it we will look at the Rosary, and how this devotion presents with a series of 'snapshots' of Our Lord at certain vital moments in his incarnate life. It will be an opportunity to think afresh about the Rosary : maybe you are not familiar with it and are puzzled by it. Maybe you use the Rosary, but would like to rekindle your understanding of it. Whichever, do make a date for Monday evenings during those five weeks of Lent. I think that this 'looking at Jesus with Mary' will be a very good way of getting ready for our yearly celebration of the Saving Work of Our Lord.

**The Noticeboard in the Porch** Just a reminder that if you would like to display a notice on this noticeboard, please hand it to Fr.John. He likes to see that the noticeboard is always tidy : sometimes people stick up notices at odd angles, and it looks a mess. It is almost the first thing people see as they come into the building, and it is important that it gives a good impression. Priority will

always be given to events taking place in our own parish.

## **A CHRISTIAN ALPHABET - B : BAPTISM**

A few weeks ago we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, hearing of how Jesus went to John the Baptist at the River Jordan, and received the baptism which John was administering there. John the Baptist, we heard, was uncomfortable about baptizing Our Lord. And understandably so, because John's baptism was a ceremony in which people expressed their desire to turn away from their old life, with its many failures, and, washed symbolically with the water which John poured over them, begin a new life to be lived in accordance with God's will. (Jesus, we believe, who had no sins of his own to repent of, was undergoing this Baptism on behalf of sinful humanity.)

So John's baptism was simply a SIGN - a sign that those who underwent it were desirous of washing off their sins, and starting anew. By contrast, Christian Baptism is much more than a mere Sign, it is a SACRAMENT, by which grace is given. Nothing was bestowed by John's baptism, but wonderful gifts are lavished upon us in the Christian sacrament. The water speaks of washing away of sin which takes place in Baptism, washing away of both original sin and actual sin. We don't merely express a wish for that to happen, it DOES happen. And the water speaks too of the new and endless life, the life of the risen Christ, which is bestowed upon us at the font. Our Lord shares with us his Easter victory, as we are mysteriously joined with him through Baptism, and become his.

These gifts of forgiveness and eternal life are brought to us by God the Holy Spirit, and he remains with us. We become, St.Paul says 'Temples' of the Holy Spirit. He is there within us to guide us, inspire us, protect us.

Holy Baptism is the first of the seven sacraments of the Church, the foundation of life in Christ. Because it is so wonderful and so rich a sacrament, the font in a church should be substantial, as befits the second most important item in any church, after the Altar.