



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## March 3rd, 2019 : 8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm (St.F) Int. +Karen (Anniv.)  
Sunday 9:30am (St.F) Int. Jayna Lucia and her Family  
11:00am (Con) Int. +Alan Deveney

### Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA  
10:30am (Con) Int.  
Tuesday FERIA  
9:30am (St.F) Int.  
Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY  
9:30am (St.F) Int. For the People  
11.0am (Con) Int.  
7.30pm (St.F) Int. +Agnes Curley  
Thursday LENT FERIA  
No Mass today  
Friday FEAST OF ST.FELIX  
Noon (St.F) Int. For our Parish  
5:00pm (Con) Int. For our Bishop  
Saturday FERIA  
9.0am (St.F) *Childrens' Mass*  
6:00pm (St.F) Int. For the People

### The Daily Office

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

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays at 10.0am Benediction at 10.30am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

The Rosary Friday at 11.15am

### The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.145 of the Parish

Mass Book, and on p.995 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	725
<b>At the 9.30am Mass</b>	<b>Eucharistic Prayer 2</b>
<i>Gloria</i>	Sacred Heart
<i>Sanctus &amp; Benedictus</i>	Schubert
Hymns :	724, 694, 627, 846
<b>At the 11.0am Mass</b>	<b>Eucharistic Prayer 1</b>
Hymns	851, 600, 801

### THIS WEEK

**Tuesday** 7.30pm The Confirmation Group meets at the Presbytery.

### ASH WEDNESDAY The beginning of Lent

9.30am Mass with the Imposition of Ashes (St.Felix)  
11.0am Mass with the Imposition of Ashes (The Convent)  
7.30pm Mass with the Imposition of Ashes (St.Felix)

Today is one of the two days of Fasting and Abstinence in the Church's year.

We should abstain from meat today, and reduce whatever other foodstuffs we eat.

**Friday** FEAST OF ST.FELIX, OUR PATRON  
Mass will be at Noon, as it will be on each Friday in Lent, and will be followed by a simple lunch in the Hall in aid of CAFOD  
**Saturday** 9.0am Saturday Club, for children of Primary School age, beginning with Mass.

## PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries this week** Kathleen Dillon (2002), Karen Thomson (2016), Helen Hurry (2017), Brian Evans (2017), Dennis Haylock (2003), Leslie Hart (2006), Elizabeth Baston (2011), Anne-Marie Bayles (2014), Hellen Weal (2001), Janina Droury (2004), Mary Read (2008), Helen Lawrence (2015), and Sr. Sebastian RJM (2016). May they Rest in Peace.

**Money Matters** Last weekend £583.08 was given at the Offertory, and £93.70 for CAFOD. Lent begins on Wednesday, and part of our keeping of Lent is Almsgiving. The official diocesan charities this Lent are Aid to the Church in Need (for work in Iraq and Syria) and the Cambridge Nazareth Trust. Please put money in the wall safe in the Porch at St. Felix marked 'Lent Alms'.

**Race Night** Philip Hills writes 'Last Chance for you to get Involved in this Fun Event on Saturday March 9th - next Saturday! £5 per head, Children free inc. food, bring your own drink. It would be wonderful for the Parish to get behind this worthy event, and future events in order to support all the hard work involved. Tickets available after Mass, or Ring Phil.'

## A CHRISTIAN ALPHABET - D IS FOR DEATH

"How awful of him to write about death in the Newsheet! How depressing! No wonder nobody reads it.....". The world might say that, but the Church takes a positive view of death, and has much to say on the subject. There's a long section under 'Death' in the index of *Catechism of the Catholic Church* - that official summary of what Catholics believe.

We would centre our view of death - as of everything else - on Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Christ who himself entered into the state of death after his crucifixion. We look at what He has said, and at what He has done.

What He has said is recorded by St. John, in

The fourteenth chapter of his gospel : Jesus says that he will 'come again and take us to himself, so that where He is, we may be too'. This is a wonderful and very clear promise which He makes to his faithful people. And we believe on the basis of it that at the moment of our death, Jesus will come and take us to himself. If we accept that Jesus' word is to be trusted - and we've every reason for doing so - then death certainly isn't the end, but rather a means by which we come closer to God.

And what he has done, is to have not only survived death, but to have triumphed over it. Our Lord most certainly entered into death, so that when we come to die, we will be following in the footsteps of Jesus. But the new life with which Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Day was not something to be kept to himself. Loving us profoundly, He wants to share with us his own new and endless life. The way that He has chosen to do this is through the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. But further, Jesus has shown us how to die : please God our own death won't at all resemble the terrible death which Jesus endured on the Cross. But please God our attitude at the moment of death will be inspired by his, and we too will say with complete assurance, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit'.

It is, then, because of what Jesus promised, and what He accomplished that we Christians do not see death as something to dread, and certainly as something not to talk about. And so that most eminent Christian St. Francis of Assisi was able to write

'And thou most kind and gentle death,  
Waiting to hush our latest breath,  
Thou leadest home the child of God  
Along the path the Saints have trod.'

In a few weeks' time we will be celebrating the dying and the rising of Our Lord : we always do those two things together, because they are inseparable. And for us, too, death and new life go together, because we have been joined to the Christ who has both died, and who is risen.