



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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March 24th, 2019 : THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm (St.F) Int. For the People
Sunday 9:30am (St.F) Int.+Fr.David Hennessey
11:00am (Con) Int (J&N)

Weekday Masses

Monday SOLEMNITY OF THE
ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
9:0am (St.F) Int.+Bridget Brady
10:30am (Con) Int.
Tuesday LENT FERIA
9:30am (St.F) Int.+Janet (HR)
Wednesday LENT FERIA
10:30am (Con) Int.
Thursday LENT FERIA
No Mass today
Friday LENT FERIA
Noon (St.F) Int. In Thanksgiving for baby
5:00pm (Con) Int. Thomas
Saturday LENT 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
Tuesday 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.160 of the Parish

Mass Book, and on p.217 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 2
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Parish Mass Book p.16
(<i>Angelus</i>) Hymn	600
At the 9.30am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 3
<i>Kyries</i>	Hymn Book 497
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Parish Mass Book p.16
Hymns :	720, 788, 748, 862
At the 11.0am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 3
<i>Kyries</i>	Hymn Book 497
Hymns	720, 788, 927

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Today - SUNDAY - St.Felix
4.30pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

MONDAY

7.30pm The Parish Lent Course, Hall
LOOKING AT JESUS WITH MARY
III - Some Momentous Moments in Life of Jesus

TUESDAY

THE DEANERY STATION MASS
at St.Mary's, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich
6pm-7pm The Bishop and Deanery Clergy
will be available to hear Confessions during
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7.0pm The Mass 8.0pm Refreshments

WEDNESDAY

5.0pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Convent

FRIDAY

12.30pm LENT LUNCH FOR CAFOD
Hall, following the Noon Mass

ALSO THIS WEEK

Tuesday 11.30am The Monthly Service at the Mill Lane Home.

Thursday 2.0pm The Together Club meets at the Convent, to celebrate Barbara's birthday

Next Sunday is *MOTHERING SUNDAY*

Posies will be blessed and given to the children for their Mothers at the 9.30am Mass at St.Felix.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this Week Donovan Stocker (2012), Norman Cawston (2018), Leslie Styles, and John Mitchell (2015). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £444.82 was given at the Offertory, and £95.52 for CAFOD.

APF Mission Red Boxes Barbara writes 'I shall be exchanging Red Boxes on the weekends of March 30th/31st and April 6th/7th. If you normally attend Mass at the Convent could you give your box to Carol and I will collect them from her. Please make sure your name is on the box, as I am required to issue a receipt. If you are unable to bring your box to Mass, give me a call and I will collect it from you. Many thanks. Barbara Lamberton.'

Wednesday Lunch Club Jenny writes 'Our next lunch is 3rd April, at 12.30pm. The menu is Somerset Pork Casserole, Treacle Tart, Tea/Coffee. Only £5. Everyone is welcome, & you do not need to come every month, but you MUST pre-book, by contacting Jenny. Organised by Team Felix in aid of parish funds & two charities which are chosen at the end of each year. We look forward to seeing our regulars & meeting new diners.'

Chrism Mass Tuesday, 16th April, 7.0pm at St.John's Cathedral. Norwich. Fiona writes 'The parish is planning to hire a coach to transport those who wish to attend this Mass - the great annual coming together of the diocese around the Bishop as he blesses the Holy Oils for the coming year, and as the priests of the diocese recommit themselves to priestly service. The coach will leave the Convent at 4.30pm, and return there at approx. 11.0pm. The cost of the coach per person

is ten pounds, to be collected on the day. If you would like a place on the coach, please sign the list on the notice board in St.Felix porch, or in the porch at the Convent by Sunday, 31st March.'

A CHRISTIAN ALPHABET - F is for FAITH

I think we need to distinguish between 'The Faith', and 'faith'. The Faith is the sum of what we believe as Christians - the truths that God has revealed to us about Himself, the Creation, and the work of Redemption brought about by his Incarnate Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. These truths are to be found in the Bible and in the living Tradition of the Church, which interprets Holy Scripture. The two go together, and together they present us with the Truth. To this Truth we give the assent of mind and heart. The Faith, the sum of Catholic teaching, is a precious gift from God.

And so too is 'faith', which is best thought of as 'trust'. This is the assent which we give to The Faith. Sometimes people equate faith with 'belief' - but that is only one element in it, and not the whole. The devil, St.James says, 'believes' in God, but we would not say that the devil has 'faith' in the way in which we properly use the word.

How does a person come to faith in God? How do we come to love and trust Him, and accept the Truth he has revealed to us? We do so, perhaps, by first using our minds - by making observations, and putting two-and-two together. We find that The Faith makes sense, that it offers the most reasonable explanation of all that is. Our faith should never be without foundation: our reason should be involved. But that process of thinking things through, and seeing what makes most sense, is rather like building a fire: it then needs to be ignited, and come alive. In true faith, our assent to God is more than just intellectual. It is something which grips our whole being. This 'ignition', our faith becoming 'real', is a gift from God. As is its increase and deepening. Jesus said 'Ask, and it will be given to you'. Do we feel that our faith - our trust in God - is weak? Then we must ask him to increase it. And we must do our part in making this happen. Most important here is our life of prayer. Without that living, personal, contact with God our faith will be weak, and may even simply fade away.....