



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## May 5th, 2019 : THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Sunday Masses

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

### Weekday Masses

Monday EASTER FERIA  
10:30am (Con) Int.  
Tuesday EASTER FERIA  
9:30am (St.F) Int. Damian Wallace  
Wednesday EASTER FERIA  
10:30am (Con) Int.  
Thursday EASTER FERIA  
No Mass today  
Friday EASTER FERIA  
Noon (St.F) Int.  
5:00pm (Con) Int.  
Saturday EASTER FERIA  
9.0am (St.F) *CHILDRENS' MASS*  
6:00pm (St.F) Int. Philomena Payne

### 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.266 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.471 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>(Regina Coeli) Hymn</i>	270
<b>At the 9.30am Mass</b>	<b>Eucharistic Prayer 2</b>
<i>Gloria</i>	New Celtic
<i>Sanctus &amp; Benedictus</i>	New Celtic
Hymns :	272, 279, 278, 465
<b>At the 11.0am Mass</b>	<b>Eucharistic Prayer 3</b>
Hymns	270, 287, 769

### AT THE END OF MASSES DURING EASTERTIDE - REGINA COELI

*Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, Alleluia  
He whom thou wast meet to bear, Alleluia!  
As he promised hath arisen, Alleluia!  
pour for us to Him thy prayer, Alleluia!  
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!  
R. For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!  
Let us pray  
O God, who by the resurrection of thy Son, Jesus Christ, hast vouchsafed to bring joy to the whole world, grant, we beseech thee, that aided by the prayers of his Mother the Virgin Mary, we too may be brought to the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen*

### THIS WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>
<b>THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM</b>
11.0am Confessions
Noon The Pilgrimage Mass, at the Shrine
3.0pm Rosary Procession from the Shrine to the Abbey Grounds for Benediction

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

**Saturday** 9.0am Saturday Club/ First Holy Communion Group resumes after the Easter break.

## PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries this week** Sr.Martha O'Malley (2002), Dorothy Real (2012), Alan Deveney (2004), Ann Button (2013), Kathleen Greaves (2000), Winifred Barker (2004), Kenneth Carter (1999), Sr.Bernadette (2001), and Audrey Flynn (2018). May they Rest in Peace.

**Money Matters** Last Sunday £482.02 was given at the Offertory, and £ 121.88 for CAFOD.

**Film : Apparition Hill** Philip Hills writes 'We have been fortunate to obtain a copy of this incredible film. It follows seven strangers as they investigate one of the greatest paranormal mysteries of the world - Medjugore. Daniel Klimek of the Huffington Post wrote "One of the most powerful films I have ever watched in my life." The film is showing in the Hall on Saturday May 18th at 7.30pm. No booking required. Tea/Coffee available.'

**Vernon Watts RIP** We were sad to hear of the death of Vernon, a gentle and much loved person, formerly deeply involved in parish life. We send our love and sympathy to Chris, and the assurance of our prayers.

**Gardening** I wonder whether anyone would like to help me with some gardening in the Memorial Garden next Friday afternoon, 2.0pm-4.0pm? There is quite a lot of tidying up which needs doing. If you can help, secateurs, shears, & forks would be useful.

**Association of the Family of Jesus and Mary** Elizabeth writes 'Our next meeting, our Marian Devotion, will be on Wednesday 15th May at 7.30pm at the Convent (NB : evening meeting). Reminder : BOOK NOW for our Retreat on Saturday 18th May, which will be led by Fr.Michael Rear - thinking about the life of St.John Henry Newman. Details on booking forms, available at the Convent and at St.Felix.'

**Churches Together in Felixstowe** Barbara writes 'The Forum incorporating the AGM will be

held at the Salvation Army, 7.0pm for 7.30pm, on Thursday May 9th. The AGM will be short, and then we will join together in prayer and song. Everyone welcome - do come.

## A CHRISTIAN ALPHABET - K IS FOR THE KINGDOM

The idea of God as King goes back, of course to the Old Testament, and the Kingdom in Jewish thought was associated with the coming of a new age which would be established on earth, with a Kingdom ruled by God himself or by his anointed one, The Messiah. This was the lively expectation of the Jewish people. In the New Testament the idea of the Kingdom becomes central : St.John the Baptist announces that the Kingdom is at hand, and Jesus himself said this at the beginning of his ministry. The disciples, even perhaps until the time of Jesus' execution on the Cross, had the idea that the Kingdom of which Jesus often spoke would be some kind of political, earthly rule. Although Jesus made it clear - most memorably before Pontius Pilate - that his 'kingdom was not of this world'. Jesus stressed that to enter his kingdom, sacrifices would be necessary, and great demands would be made on the individual. A total commitment would be expected, and rewards would not necessarily be forthcoming in this present life. His kingdom was more ethical than political.

Essentially, entrance into the kingdom means accepting the kingship, the rule, the authority of Jesus, and submitting oneself to that. Becoming, willingly, the subject, even the slave of the Lord. Living as a member of the Kingdom must involve abiding by the laws which Jesus gives us, fundamentally his commands that we should love God and love one another.

Is the Kingdom to be identified with the Church : is the Church the Kingdom? Not exactly. We become members of the Church by Baptism, and yes, at Baptism we ourselves, or else our parents and godparents on our behalf, do make a commitment to living under the rule of Christ, as part of the Kingdom. Yet many come to reject Christ and his teachings, and that being so, whilst they remain part of the family of the Church by Baptism, they can't exactly be said to be part of the Kingdom, accepting the Kingship of Christ and its consequences and demands