



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## May 19th, 2019 : FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Sunday Masses

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

### Weekday Masses

Monday EASTER FERIA  
10:30am (Con) Int. John Yelverton  
Tuesday EASTER FERIA  
9:30am (St.F) Int. +John King  
Wednesday EASTER FERIA  
10:30am (Con) Int. +Vernon Watts (AP)  
Thursday EASTER FERIA  
No Mass today  
Friday EASTER FERIA  
Noon (St.F) Int. +Elaine Fenton (FM)  
5:00pm (Con) Int.  
Saturday ST.BEDE THE VENERABLE  
9.0am (St.F) Int.+ Cuddon & Morris Families  
6:00pm (St.F) Int. For the People (FM)

### 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.271 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.480 of The Sunday Missal.

**At the 6.0pm Mass** **Eucharistic Prayer 3**  
*Sanctus & Benedictus* Parish Mass Book p.16  
*(Regina Coeli) Hymn* 268  
**At the 9.30am Mass** **Eucharistic Prayer 2**  
*Gloria* Belmont  
*Sanctus & Benedictus* Belmont  
Hymns : 271, 287, 607, 852  
**At the 11.0am Mass** **Eucharistic Prayer 3**  
Hymns

### 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

**Tuesday** 7.30pm The Confirmation Group meets at the Presbytery.  
**Saturday** 9.0am Saturday Club, for children of Primary School age.

### PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries this week** Lily Dunn (1998), Lloyd Fenton (2010), John King (2014), Bob Fisher (2018), Catherine Achow (1994), Elizabeth Negus (1998), William Strachan (2016), Elizabeth

Briton (1999), Loris Squirrell (2017), Robert Fisher (2018). May they rest in peace.

**Money Matters** Last Sunday £542.96 was given at the Offertory, £81.10 for CAFOD and £280.29 for the Diocesan Priests' Training Fund.

**Association of the Family of Jesus and Mary** Elizabeth writes 'Our Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 8th June when we raise funds for the missions of the RJM sisters all over the world. We welcome donations of items for the tombola (chocolates, toiletries etc which can be left at the Convent and St Felix) and offers of cakes. This is our only fundraising event during the year and we appreciate all the support we have received in the past years.'

**Together Club** Teresa writes 'We meet at the Convent on Thursday 23rd May at 2pm for one of Sylvia's games. If you would like an afternoon out you are very welcome to join us.'

**Change of Date** Jenny writes 'Due to Vernon Watts' funeral, which is to take place at 12.30pm on Tuesday May 28th, the Mass for the Sick will now be on Tuesday 18th June at 3pm.'

## A CHRISTIAN ALPHABET - M is for MARY

**M** is for Mary, and also **M** is for May, the month of the year when special devotion is paid to Our Lady. But most important of all, **M** is for Mother, which points us to the source and centre of Mary's uniqueness. It is as the one chosen by God to give a human body to the divine Son that Mary is pre-eminent. Hers is a privilege shared with no other. From her, the Word took flesh, the flesh in which He fought against the powers of darkness, and conquered : the flesh which hung upon the Cross, and which rose from the dead at the first Easter.

In the prayer which we make to Our Lady day by day, we echo the words of the Angel Gabriel *Hail Mary, full of grace*. We greet her as he did. And by using his words we recall that, unlike any other human being, she is 'full of grace'. Sin has no part in her, for from the moment of her conception she was kept free from all sin, so that she would be a vessel prepared to bear the Son of God in her womb. And then we go on to echo the words of Elizabeth *Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus*. We are saying that she is unique, blessed above and beyond all other women, and by mentioning

the 'fruit of her womb' we are reminding ourselves that Mary's blessedness stems from the fruit which she bears, the incarnate Word himself. Mary as Mother, Mother of God - we say that of her because we know that her child was indeed God, God the Son.

In a recent book on the *Hail Mary*, Pope Francis writes movingly about Motherhood, and about Mary as Mother : he says

*'Mary has given us motherly warmth, the kind that envelops us in the midst of difficulties; the motherly warmth that allows nothing and no one to extinguish in the Church's bosom the revolution of tenderness that her Son inaugurated. Wherever a mother is, there is tenderness. And Mary shows us with her motherhood that humility and tenderness are not virtues of the weak, but of the strong; she teaches us that there is no need to mistreat others in order to feel important . And the holy faithful people of God have always recognised and hailed her as the Holy Mother of God.*

*Celebrating Mary's maternity as Mother of God and our mother at the beginning of a new year means remembering one certainty that will accompany our days : we are a people with a Mother, we are not orphans.*

*Mothers are the most powerful antidote against our individualistic and selfish tendencies, against our isolation and indifference. A society without mothers would be not only a cold society but a society that has lost its heart, that has lost the "family feel." A society without mothers would be a society without pity, one that has left room only for calculation and speculation. Because mothers, even at the worst of times, know how to bear witness to tenderness, unconditional dedication, the power of hope. I have learned a lot from those mothers who, having children in prison or laid up in hospital beds or shackled by the slavery of drugs, come rain or shine, come what may, they do not give up and keep fighting to give their children the best they can. Or those mothers who, in the refuge camps or even in the midst of war, are able to embrace and bear without wavering the sufferings of their children. Mothers who literally give their lives so that none of their children may be lost. Wherever a mother is there is unity, there is belonging, the belonging of children. Mary is truly Mother to the people of God."*