



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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June 2nd, 2019 : SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm (St.F) Int. For the People
Sunday 9:30am (St.F) Int. A Private Intention
11:00am (Con) Int.

Weekday Masses

Monday ST.CHARLES LWANGA AND
COMPANIONS
10:30am (Con) Int. +Fred Bantick (FM)
Tuesday EASTER FERIA
9:30am (St.F) Int.
Wednesday ST.BONIFACE
10:30am (Con) Int.
Thursday EASTER FERIA
No Mass today
Friday FERIA
Noon (St.F) Int. +Dennis Brophy, Priest
5:00pm (Con) Int.
Saturday FERIA
9.00am (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
Sunday 9.0am to 9.20am
or by appointment.

The Rosary Friday at 11.15am

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.281 of the Parish

Mass Book, and on p. 499 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 3
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Parish Mass Book p.16
<i>(Regina Coeli) Hymn</i>	283
At the 9.30am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 2
<i>Gloria</i>	New Celtic
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	New Celtic
Hymns :	807, 644, 278, 465
At the 11.0am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 1
Hymns	465, 271, 607

AT THE END OF SUNDAY 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

Monday 7.30pm The Parish Prayer Group meets at the Presbytery. All welcome.
Tuesday 7.30pm The Confirmation Group meets at the Presbytery.
Thursday 2.0pm The Together Club meets at the Convent for card bingo.
Saturday 9.0am Saturday Club/First Holy Communion Group resumes after the half-term break, beginning with a Childrens' Mass.

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Pentecost, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. **A week tomorrow - Monday 10th is the Parish Confirmation, at 7.0pm. Please put it in your diary. We should all be there, to welcome our bishop and to support the candidates.**

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Peter Love (2009), Sr.Bridget Carbery (2017), Joan Hazell (2004), and Sr.Clarie Cook (2005) R.I.P.

Thanks Chris Watts writes 'Chris, Rebecca and Sarah would like to thank Fr.John, Team Felix, and the whole parish for their support, prayers, and cards during the recent illness and death of Vernon.'

Money Matters Last Sunday £501.81 was given at the Offertory (without the Convent collection), and £47.41 for CAFOD. Today there is a retiring collection for the Catholic Communications Network.

Wednesday Lunch Club Jenny writes 'A reminder to those who have booked - our next lunch is on this Wednesday at 12.30m. The menu is Beef Goulash and Rice, Lemon Meringue Pie, Tea/Coffee. Cost only £5. All welcome, but you must pre-book by contacting Jenny.'

A Date for your diary Jenny also writes 'On Saturday 20th July we will be holding a Strawberry Tea, and also drawing our Grand Summer Raffle. More details will follow soon. Organised by Team Felix.'

A CHRISTIAN ALPHABET

O is for HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION

Attendances at the Masses for Ascension Day last week - a Holyday of Obligation - were so very poor that I wondered whether there is some uncertainty or misunderstanding about just what a Holyday of Obligation is, and why we have them.

So what is a Holyday of obligation? The Church names certain major holy days in the course of the year 'holydays of obligation': they are Christmas Day, Epiphany, Ascension Day,

St.Peter & St.Paul, the Assumption, and All Saints. These are major feast days which do not necessarily fall on a Sunday (all Sundays count as Holydays of Obligation). On these days when we recall the mighty acts of God (each Sunday we recall the glorious resurrection of the Lord), the Church tells us that we ought to be at Mass - indeed that we have an 'obligation' to be there.

Why? For two reasons I think. First because it is right and proper that we respond to God's love and mercy, shown in the people and events we commemorate, by coming together to give Him praise and thanksgiving (Eucharist means 'Thanksgiving'). God merits our devotion and service. It is always polite to say thank-you. We have an 'obligation' to offer thanks and praise to God for his goodness shown in the events and people we recall on these special days, and we do that supremely at the Altar. Coming to Mass on those greater holydays is an 'obligation' laid upon us not just by the authority of the Church, but by our sense of what is proper. Then second, the Church as a wise and loving Mother urges us to be at Mass on those special days because it is for our own benefit : by keeping those great days together, as the people of God gathered in prayer and praise around the altar, we deepen our faith by contemplating the wonders which God has done. And celebrating together helps us to grow in union with one another within the Body of Christ. So in appointing these holydays of obligation, and in laying upon us the obligation to be at Mass, the Church is concerned both for the glory of God, and for the benefit of our souls.

But why should we take any notice of the Church when it lays this obligation upon us? Well the Church, besides being the Bride of Christ, is also the Mother of God's people. We sometimes refer to 'Mother Church'. A good Mother does not give directions to her children in any capricious and senseless way. She is deeply concerned for the well-being of her children. If we have a good Mother, it makes a lot of sense to do as she tells us. Again, it is important that we, the people of God, move together, supporting and inspiring one another. Keeping the rules of our Church makes for unity, and for the up-building of the Church. The Catholic doesn't say 'I know best', but rather 'I am a loyal son or daughter of the Church'