



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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June 23rd, 2019 : SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - CORPUS CHRISTI

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY
OF ST.JOHN THE BAPTIST
9:30am (St.F) Int.
10:30am (Con) Int.
Tuesday FERIA
9:30am (St.F) Int. +Winifred Barnes
Wednesday FEAST OF THE DEDICATION
OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
10:30am (Con) Int.
Thursday FERIA
No Mass today
Friday SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST
SACRED HEART OF JESUS
No Mass today
Saturday IMMACULATE HEART OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9.0am (St.F) *Childrens' Mass*
6:00pm (St.F) Int.

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.
Sunday 9.0am to 9.20am
or by appointment.

The Rosary Friday at 11.0am

The Mass today The readings can be found on p.84 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.1105 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 1
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Parish Mass Book p.16
(<i>Angelus</i>) Hymn	663
At the 9.30am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 3
<i>Gloria</i>	New Celtic
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	New Celtic
Hymns :	659, 663, 662, 945
At the 11.0am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 1
Hymns	659, 663, 627

THIS WEEK

Monday Because today is a Solemnity, there will be Masses at both St.Felix and the Convent.

7.30pm The Parish Prayer Group meets at the Presbytery. All welcome.

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

Friday Fr.John has to be in hospital for a procedure. It is most unfortunate that this has fallen on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart (which is NOT a Holyday of Obligation). His attempts to find a supply priest have proved fruitless. But Friday next week is a First Friday, and a Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart will be said then.

Saturday 9.0am Saturday Club. There will be a rehearsal for the First Holy Communions tomorrow.

Next Sunday First Holy Communions at the 9.30am Mass. It will be the Solemnity of St.Peter and St.Paul, a Holyday of Obligation.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Janet Mitchell (2000), John Milford (2006), Halina Schoeberl (2016), Austin Ryan (2006), Mary Newby (2003), Olive McElhinney (2014). May they Rest in Peace

Money Matters Last Sunday £491.32 was given at the Offertory, and £46.79 for CAFOD. The retiring collection, for Catholic Life Charities, brought in £140.59. Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for Peter's Pence.

Chris Nelson RIP It was a sadness to hear of the rather sudden death early last week of Chris Nelson, a devout and loyal member of the Church, and one of our Lay Ministers of Holy Communion. We will miss him very much. We send our sympathy to his two sons, and the assurance of our prayers. At the time of writing, we don't yet know when Chris' funeral Mass will be. May he Rest in Peace.

The Grand Summer Raffle Jenny writes 'The Raffle will be drawn during our Strawberry Tea on Saturday 20th July. We are handing out books of raffle tickets at the moment : please try to sell as many as possible to family and friends. Profit from the Raffle is for parish funds. The cost is still only £1 a book. Please return cash and counterfoils either to a member of Team Felix or through the Presbytery letter box. The first prize is £100, plus at least 15 other prizes. We would be very grateful if you can donate a raffle prize. There is a list in the porch at St.Felix and at the Convent. Support from the parish is always appreciated.'

Strawberry Tea Jenny also writes 'This will be held on Saturday 20th July at 3.0pm in the Presbytery garden. Tickets will cost £5 (children under 12 are free), and will be on sale from the 6th of July or by contacting Jenny. Profit from the afternoon tea will be donated to Centrepoint - a charity which for the last 50 years has been supporting homeless young people between 16-25, with practical and emotional support, and help to find a job and live independently. HRH the Duke of Cambridge has followed in his Mother's footsteps in being their Patron. All Welcome. Organised by Team Felix.'

CORPUS CHRISTI

The final hymn at the Parish Mass today will be *Now thank we all our God*, reminding us that

this Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ is above all else a great Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and for all the wonderful graces which flow from it. What greater sign could there be of Our Lord's love for his people than the giving to us of his very self at the Altar, hidden under the outward form of bread and wine? A cause indeed for profound thanksgiving.

It is also it a time for reflection upon how this great Sacrament should lie at the very heart of our lives. Because it is through this Sacrament that week by week and day by day Our Lord communicates to us the endless life which he has won for us. Here we encounter Jesus as truly as his first disciples encountered Him after his resurrection. Here indeed is the Bread of Heaven and the Food of Immortality. To the outward eye, a mere wafer of bread and a drop of wine. But truly Our Lord and Our God, coming to us with a wonderful humility and a profound love.

But maybe too Corpus Christi is a time to ask ourselves whether we pay the attention we should to this wonderful and life-enhancing gift which is so readily available to us. Are we eager to received Holy Communion? Do we seek to grow in awareness of how wonderful a gift this is? Do we seek to prepare ourselves for this reception of the Lord? And do we remember to give thanks afterwards for the precious gift entrusted to us?

A CHRISTIAN ALPHABET R is for REJOICE

It's also for Repent, and Redemption, for Rosary and Ritual, but perhaps on this joyful Solemnity of Corpus Christi it is most appropriate to focus on Rejoice. The people of God have much cause for rejoicing, surrounded as they are by the love and goodness of God. St.Paul bids us in his letter to the Philippians 'Rejoice in the Lord always ; again I say, rejoice'.

Since joy is one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, no one could be accounted a saint who did not have this note of joy in their life, for a Saint is one who conspicuously manifests the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. 'Rejoice in the Lord', St.Paul says : yes, it is in Jesus, in all that he has done for us and offers to us, that we find the true cause of our rejoicing. Never more so than at Corpus Christi.