



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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June 30th, 2019 : SOLEMNITY OF ST.PETER AND ST.PAUL

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm (St.F) Int. +Thos. & Mary
Sunday 9:30am (St.F) Int. Butler
11:15am (Con) Int. For the People

Weekday Masses

Monday ST.OLIVER PLUNKET
10:30am (Con) Int.
Tuesday FERIA
9:30am (St.F) Int.
Wednesday FEAST OF ST.THOMAS
10:30am (Con) Int. +Michael Hannon
Thursday FERIA
No Mass today
Friday OF THE SACRED HEART
Noon (St.F) Int. +John McNeillis
5:00pm (Con) Int.
Saturday ST.MARIA GORETTI
6:00pm (St.F) Int. +Chris Nelson (K&BT)

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.181 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.1159 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass Eucharistic Prayer 2

Sanctus & Benedictus Parish Mass Book p.16
(Angelus) Hymn 379
At the 9.30am Mass *There is a special leaflet for this First Holy Communion Mass*
At the 11.0am Mass **Eucharistic Prayer 3**
Hymns 379, 380, 862

TODAY IS FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY

The First Holy Communions will be made at the 9.30am Mass. The Candidates are:

CAMERON DUFFY
LUCY GARSTANG
OLIVIER KSIEZAREK
CONALL McMORROW
ROGER ROIG-MEYN
KAJETAN WYROSIK
DOMINIK ZATURSKI

Our Congratulations to them and to their families

THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday 7.0pm Fr.John attends Fr.Edmund Eggleston's Silver Jubilee Mass at St.Thomas', Woodbridge.

Saturday 11.30am Fr.John attends the Ordination of five new priests at the Cathedral. Because of this, there will not be the usual Children's Mass at 9.0am today.

Next Sunday The children who make their First Holy Communions today will receive their

Certificates at the 9.30am Mass.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week John Ryan (2006) and Betty Adams (2004). May they rest in peace.

Money Matters Last week £640.49 was given at the Offertory and £76.19 for CAFOD. There is a retiring collection today for Peter's Pence.

Chris Nelson, RIP We now have a date for Chris' Funeral Mass: it will be on Friday July 19th, at 2.30pm. We continue to pray for him.

Wednesday Lunch Club Jenny writes 'Just a reminder to those who have booked, our next lunch is on 3rd July at 12.30 pm. Any queries please contact Jenny.'

Strawberry Tea Jenny writes 'to be held on Saturday 20th July at 3pm in the Presbytery garden. Tickets are £5 (under 12s are free) and will be on sale after Mass from 6th July or by contacting Jenny. Organised by Team Felix in aid of Centre Point Homeless Charity.'

The Together Club Teresa writes 'The Together Club meet at the Convent on Thursday 4th July, 2pm to 4pm for Mary's Quiz. All welcome.'

A CHRISTIAN ALPHABET S is for SALVATION

I rather think that we don't in the Catholic Church talk about 'Salvation', and about Our Lord as 'Saviour' quite as much as happens in Protestantism. And yet the ideas which these words express are fundamental to all forms of Christianity. And of course for Catholics *Soul of my Saviour* is a favourite hymn.

What then do we mean by Salvation, and what are we saying about Jesus when we call him our Saviour? At the heart of these words is the verb 'to save'. So **who** is being saved from **what**, and by **whom**? Well of course it's us who are being saved, saved by Jesus, and what we are being saved from is the eternal alienation from God which would be the fitting punishment for our disobedience to God's wise and loving commandments. Disobedience does alienate. We can all

remember disobeying our parents when we were young, and how this caused there to be a rift between us - however briefly. Disobedience, or sin, is damaging, and when we do wrong, which we most certainly do when we disobey God, then our relationship with him is impaired - and unless something happens to mend it, that impairment will be permanent.

When we were young, if we'd behaved especially badly, then there would be some punishment - no pocket money, sent to bed, or in my day, a smack. Once the punishment had been administered, reconciliation could take place - if, that is, we expressed sorrow for what we'd done wrong. One of the things which Jesus was doing on the Cross was bearing a token of the punishment due to our sin, to our disobedience. '*He died*' we sing in a popular hymn '*that we might be forgiven*'. Jesus, out of love, bore our punishment, and so opened the way for God's forgiving of us. Now, we have no punishment to face; we only have to be truly sorry for what we've got wrong, and ask God's forgiveness in order for reconciliation to take place. Reconciliation is available to us through what Jesus has done. The gulf has been bridged. We are 'saved' from the punishment of eternal alienation from God, and from forfeiting the joys of heaven. This is Salvation, and Our Lord, through his saving work, is Our Saviour. And whenever we use that title for him, we are speaking of the great love which he has for us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY

It will be a joy and a privilege to share the 9.30am Mass with the children making their First Holy Communion. They will be excited, a little nervous, and full of expectation as Our Lord comes to them in this wonderful and extraordinary way - Jesus present in great simplicity and humility, under the outward forms of bread and wine.

It may be many years since we made our First Holy Communion. And over the years, receiving the Blessed Sacrament may have become a little routine, something which we do without a great deal of thought. May we today recapture our sense of wonder, even of excitement, as the Lord gives himself to us at the Altar. For wonderful it is : Emmanuel, God with us.