



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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August 4th, 2019 : 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
10:30am (Con) Int. +Michael McGuire (FM)
Tuesday FEAST OF THE TRANSFIG-
URATION OF THE LORD
9:30am (St.F) Int. +Agnes Curley
Wednesday FERIA
10:30am (Con) Int. +Rosemary Chase (FM)
Thursday ST.DOMINIC
No Mass today
Friday FEAST OF ST.TERESA
BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS
Noon (St.F) Int. +Alan Deveney
5:00pm (Con) Int.
Saturday FEAST OF ST.LAWRENCE
9:00am (St.F) Int.
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.118 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.1034 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 3
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Parish Mass Book p.16
(<i>Angelus</i>) Hymn	934
At the 9.30am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 2
<i>Gloria</i>	
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	
Hymns :	837, 865, 913, 960
At the 11.0am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 1
Hymns	977, 721, 982

THIS WEEK

Monday 6.0pm Planning Meeting for the Barbeque in the Cooper Room. All potential helpers welcome!
7.30pm The Parish Prayer Group meets at the Presbytery.
Saturday Saturday Club is now on holiday, as is Childrens' Liturgy. The 9.0am Mass is now an ordinary Mass, not a Childrens' Mass, during the holidays.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Enid Egan (2017), Dennis Jones (2000), Peter Newman (2006), William Corbett, and John Ashe (2008). R.I.P.

Money Matters Last Sunday £541.58 was given at the Offertory, and £104.17 for CAFOD

It's Next Sunday! What? The Parish Barbecue of course. To be held in the Presbytery garden, it commences at 1.0pm. Donations of side dishes and desserts to complete the meal would be most welcome, as would offers of help for both before

and on the day -please come along to the planning meeting at 6.0pm on Monday this week if you can. Tickets will be on sale after the Masses today, £6.0 for adults, with children eating free. Tickets can also be booked by 'phoning Phil. It is always a most enjoyable occasion - do come along!

Wednesday Lunch Club Jenny writes 'A reminder to those who have booked that our next lunch is on Wednesday this week, at 12.30pm. The menu is Gammon, Homemade Quiche + salad, Fruit Terrine, Tea/Coffee, only £5. All welcome, but you must book by contacting Jenny.

A couple of dates : The SUFFOLK CHURCHES TRUST SPONSORED CYCLE AND WALK is on Saturday September 14th this year. I do hope that a group of us will again take part. More details later. The next MASS FOR THE SICK will be on Tuesday October 15th.

Electric Ride-on Scooter - free to a good home

Phil and Anne Dance write 'We have an electric mobility scooter which has hardly been used. Are you finding it difficult to get around, and would a scooter help you? If so, let us know, and you are welcome to have it for free.'

Michael Smith - Seminarian

I am studying for the priesthood at a seminary for older students – the Beda College in Rome. I am 55 years old and lived and worked in Cambridge for 20 years immediately prior to embarking on this new adventure. East Anglia had become my home over those years and that is why I applied to this diocese to train for the priesthood.

Originally I'm from Burnley in Lancashire - a born and bred Catholic and the youngest of four children (all boys). After school I went away to university to study science, but the thought gradually began to emerge that I might one day become a priest. A few years later I left my first job and entered the Carmelite Order just outside Oxford. After my novitiate I began studies for the priesthood in Dublin, but felt unsure about my vocation and chose to leave. My Carmelite experience, however, has been a great inspiration and guide for my prayer life ever since.

I left Ireland and ended up working in Cambridge for the Royal Society of Chemistry. I enjoyed this period of my life, made good friends and also got involved in my local parish of St Laurence's where I sang in the music group. The thought about priesthood never left me, however, and I was surprised and delighted to learn that even in my 50s I was not too old.

It is important to note that I do not presume anything about my future – it is all in God's hands. This said, I have two more years of study and, if God wills, I would hope to be ordained a priest for this diocese in 2021.

If anyone, of any age, feels they would like to investigate the possibility of priesthood or religious life for themselves my advice would be to talk to someone about it. Our diocese has a vocations team if you would like to explore ideas further. It may be God is calling you to serve the church in one of these ways.

I would also like to say a big thank-you for your support for the Alive-In-Faith campaign in the Diocese which has helped to support the training of priests (including the 5 new priests ordained for our diocese on 6th July).

I very much look forward to meeting you over the coming days and thank-you for the warmth and encouragement I have already received. With all best wishes and prayers, Michael.

A CHRISTIAN ALPHABET X is for St.Andrew's Cross

St.Andrew is patron saint of Scotland (as of Russia and Greece) and his cross - properly called a Saltire - appears on the flag of Scotland.

It is said that when St.Andrew came to be put to death for his Christian witness and conviction, he said that he was not worthy to die on the same kind of Cross on which the Lord had died, and so asked for a saltire-shaped cross. In the same way, when St.Peter was put to death in Rome, he is said to have asked to crucified upside down, for just the same reason.

Sometimes an X represents a kiss, a sign of love. The X-shaped cross expresses St.Andrew's love for Jesus, for whom he was ready to die