



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## August 11th, 2019 : 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Sunday Masses

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

### Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA  
10:30am (Con) Int. +Catherine Shevlin  
Tuesday FERIA  
9:30am (St.F) Int.  
10.30am (Con) Int.  
Wednesday ST.MAXIMILIAN KOLBE  
10.30am (Con) Int.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45 pm.  
or by appointment.

The Rosary Friday at 11:15am

### The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.121 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.1038 of The Sunday Missal.

### At the 6.0pm Mass

*Sanctus & Benedictus*  
(*Angelus*) Hymn

**At the 9.30am Mass**  
*Gloria*

*Sanctus & Benedictus*  
Hymns :

**At the 11.0am Mass**  
Hymns

### Eucharistic Prayer 1

Parish Mass Book p.16  
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### Eucharistic Prayer 2

New Celtic  
New Celtic  
852, 972, 908, 933

### Eucharistic Prayer 3

962, 972, 967

Thursday, August 15th  
SOLEMNITY OF  
THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY  
( A Holyday of Obligation )

9.30am (St.F) Int. +Michael Orton  
11:00am (Con) Int. For the People  
7.30pm (St.F) Int. +Alan Deveney

Friday FERIA  
10.30am (Con) Int.  
Noon (St.F) Int. +Roy Fenton (FM)  
Saturday OF OUR LADY  
9.00am (St.F) Int.  
10.30am (Con) Int.  
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

Tuesdays at 10.0am Benediction at 10.30am

### THIS WEEK

**Today** 1.0pm The Annual Parish Barbecue, in the Presbytery Garden. (No tea or coffee in the Hall after the 9.30am Mass today.)

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

**Wednesday** No Mass today. Fr.John is having his day off today, as tomorrow is the Solemnity of the Assumption.

**Saturday** Saturday Club is on holiday.

### PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries this week** Eileen Stafford (2012), John Sullivan (2002), Sr. Angela Foody (2008), Lillian Hart (2000), Maria Cunnell (2008), Elizabeth Bartholomew (2011), and June Gilson (2001). May they Rest in Peace.

**Money Matters** Last Sunday £514.18 was given at the Offertory, and £97.83 for CAFOD.

**Goodbye** Last Tuesday at Mass we said Goodbye to one of our most faithful and reliable Altar Servers, Edwin Raphael. He and his parents have been regularly at Mass both on both Sundays and on weekdays, but now they are moving to Ipswich. A great loss to us. We wish them every blessing in their new home.

**Teddy Bears' Picnic** Emma and Ian write 'If you go down in the woods - or at least to Fr. John's garden on September 1st you will be in for a big surprise. The annual (free) Teddy Bears' Picnic is on Sunday September 1st between 3.0pm and 5.0pm. All children welcome. Please don't forget your teddy bears and favourite adults. Please let us know if you would like to come ; there is a sheet at the back of the church.'

### ADORATION

By happy chance, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord fell this year on a Tuesday - last Tuesday. Why was this good? Because on this feast we think of the three apostles Peter, James, and John, gazing upon Our Lord on the holy mountain suffused with light, even his clothing being 'brilliant as lightening', as St. Luke tells us : and on Tuesday mornings we have Exposition after Mass, when we gaze in adoration at the same Lord present in the Host contained within the Monstrance on the Altar. True, Our Lord in the Host is hidden, hidden under the outward form of bread. We don't see the outward glory which the apostles beheld as they gazed upon the transfigured Christ. But, hidden or not, it is the same Christ, ever worthy of our adoration, and we have the same privilege of looking upon him with hearts full of wonder, faith, and joy.

At the last Parish Council meeting I said how very sad it makes me that so few people come to this weekly Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, from about 10.05am to 10.30am each Tuesday morning. To gaze upon Our Lord, present upon the Altar in this wonderful way is a most obvious way of expressing - and indeed increasing - our love for Jesus. Do ask yourself whether it would not enhance your

spiritual life, and give glory to God, for YOU to come to Exposition, and there show your love for Jesus who has such a great love for you.

### A CHRISTIAN ALPHABET Y is for YES

Later this week we keep what is, I suppose, the major feast of Our Lady - the feast of her Assumption into heaven, the only feast of Mary which is a Holyday of Obligation, when all Catholics are required to be at Mass. One of the big banks used to have the slogan 'The Bank that likes to say Yes': Mary the Mother of the Lord is certainly the Woman who 'likes to say Yes'. It was her 'Yes' to God's invitation to give flesh to the incarnate Word which forwarded God's timeless plan for our redemption. 'Let it be done to me according to your word' - in other words 'Yes'. That 'Yes', which led directly to the saving incarnation of the Lord, represented a huge act of faith and of commitment on the part of Mary. She could not know at that time all that Motherhood of the Saviour would entail and mean. But trusting in the wisdom and goodness of God she said 'Yes' to Gabriel, the messenger. Whereupon God the Son became present in her womb in a wonderful and mysterious way.

Mary of course is our Mother, for we are made one with her Son through baptism. As a wise and loving mother she guides and teaches us her children, and there is no more important lesson which she teaches us than that of saying 'Yes' to God as she did. She teaches us to say 'Yes' to God by pursuing the spiritual life, and thereby allowing ourselves to be drawn into an ever deepening union with the God who made us for himself. And she teaches us to say 'Yes' to our neighbour in his or her need - to be available to other people, sensitive to them, and to how we can enhance their lives. We want to become like her in that readiness to say 'Yes', even when the consequences of our positive response are not yet clear.

On Thursday, when we keep the Solemnity of the Assumption, we will marvel at the great things which God has done for the Mother of his Son - exalting the lowly maid of Nazareth to be Queen of heaven. We must remember as we celebrate that all this came about because Mary with faith and humility said 'Yes' to God.