



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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August 18th, 2019 : 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
9:30am (St.F) Int. +Kevin Duran
10:30am (Con) Int.
Tuesday ST.BERNARD
9:30am (St.F) Int. The Church in Ireland
10.30am (Con) Int.
Wednesday ST.PIUS X
9:30am (St.F) Int. +John Sullivan (FM)
10:30am (Con) Int.
Thursday THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY
10.30am (Con) Int.
Friday ST.ROSE OF LIMA

**11.30am (Con) FUNERAL MASS FOR
SR.MAUREEN RJM**

Saturday FEAST OF ST.BARTHOLOMEW
9.00am (St.F) Int.
10.30am (Con) Int
6.00pm (St.F) Int. +Sr.Maureen (MF & 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

Tuesday at 10.0am Benediction at 10.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45 pm
Sunday 9.0am to 9.20am
or by appointment.

The Rosary No Rosary this Friday - we resume next week

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.125 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.1042 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 2
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Parish Mass Book p.16
<i>(Angelus)</i> Hymn	366
At the 9.30am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 3
<i>Gloria</i>	Hymn Book 527
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Parish Mass Book p.16
Hymns :	955, 969, 938, 910
At the 11.0am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 1
Hymn	887, 970, 940

THIS WEEK

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

Wednesday Michael Smith leaves Felixstowe at the end of his Parish Placement.

Friday 11.30am Sr.Maureen's Funeral Mass at the Convent ; no Noon Mass at St.Felix' today.

Saturday Saturday Club and Childrens' Liturgy remain on holiday.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Bridie Burns (2015) and William Demko (2008). R.I.P.

Sr.Maureen RJM RIP All who knew her were saddened by the death of Sr.Maureen last week. She was kindly and much loved person, and in the course of her long life had worked for a considerable time in Pakistan. She had a great

devotion to the Divine Mercy - as well as to Padre Pio - and was delighted when the Divine Mercy windows were installed at St.Felix. May she Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £567.79 was given at the Offertory, and £100.78 for CAFOD.

The Barbeque Elizabeth writes 'Many thanks to everyone who helped at the Barbeque in any way, and to those who supported it. The weather was kind and the 100 or so people who turned up enjoyed themselves, - also the food. We had not intended it to be a profit-making occasion, but we nevertheless raised £140 on the raffle alone, and will have details of the final amount next week. Thank you again to all who came, and were so generous.'

Teddy Bears' Picnic Don't forget that our special event for children and young families is coming up on Sunday, September 1st - in a fortnight's time. Presbytery Garden, 3pm to 5pm

Goodbye Michael our Seminarian has nearly completed his four week placement here : today is his final Sunday before he leaves on Wednesday this week to take part in the diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. It has been a real pleasure to have him with us : I will miss his companionship in the Presbytery, as well as the help which he has given me in the parish. I think that he has made a very good impression here, and a number of people have remarked on what a good priest they think he will make. We will follow his future path with great interest, and if, as we hope, he comes to Ordination in a couple of years time, I think that a number of us will be off to the Cathedral! Meanwhile we wish him well as he continues his studies in Rome, and hope that we will see him here again from time to time.

A CHRISTIAN ALPHABET

Z is for ZEAL

When as a boy I was in the church choir, I used to attend choir practice each Thursday evening. We stood around the large Victorian organ, and week after week I used to read the brass plaque attached to it : it gave the name of the man in whose memory the organ had been given,

and concluded with the words 'Who, if in this life, would have zealously advocated the gift'. I remember the wording still - the phrase 'zealously advocated' both intrigued and puzzled me ; I'd no idea what either word meant.

Later of course I learned what the verb 'to advocate' meant, and rather later, I suspect, I discovered the meaning of 'zeal'. Perhaps a good synonym for 'zeal' would be 'enthusiasm'. Strong, burning, enthusiasm.

Zeal is a strength, a characteristic, which should be found in every Christian. A zeal for God and for the things of God, and zeal for the ending of all that is opposed both to his will and to the welfare of his people. But sadly it is a characteristic which seems to be a short supply today. So many Christians are what St.Paul called 'Look-warm, neither hot nor cold'. So many opt for an easy-going religion, a religion to be practiced at one's convenience, and without very much conviction or enthusiasm. 'We might go to Mass if we're not doing anything else on Sunday' ; 'no one goes to Confession these days do they? No need to bother' ; 'Oh I've not got any time for prayer, too many other things to do'.

A Christian lacking in zeal for their Faith and its practice, a Christian without enthusiasm, isn't either attractive or challenging, and small wonder that we make so little impact on society these days. A Christian without zeal is not going to be taken very seriously, no one will want to throw in their lot with a Faith that seems to matter so little to its adherents. Until we Catholics recover our zeal, our enthusiasm for the Faith, it will languish and so will we. St.Paul says that what is neither hot nor cold is only fit to be spat out. Pray God that this will not be true of us. For the truths of our Faith, concerning the love of God expressed in our creation and redemption, and in the future what is so freely offered to us, is infinitely worthy of being received with enthusiasm. We are called to offer the world what it most needs - hope, and a sense of purpose, centred upon a living relationship with a loving heavenly Father, upon companionship with a victorious and ever-present Saviour, and with a Holy Spirit who is always there for us to guide and to comfort. A Faith to proclaim, and to embrace with zeal.