



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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August 25th, 2019 : 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm (St.F) Int.Sr.Maureen (MF&BT)
Sunday 9:30am (St.F) Int. For the People
11:00am (Con) Int.+Sr.Maureen (B&KP)

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
9:30am (St.F) Int. +Albert
10:30am (Con) Int.
Tuesday ST.MONICA
9:30am (St.F) Int.
10.30am (Con) Int.
Wednesday ST.AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO
9:30am (St.F) Int. +K.M.Thomas
10:30am (Con) Int.
Thursday THE PASSION OF ST.JOHN
THE BAPTIST
10.30am (Con) Int.
Friday FERIA
10.30am (Con) Int.
Noon (St.F) Int.
Saturday ST.AIDAN
9.0am (St.F) Int.
10.30am (Con) Int.
6:00pm (St.F) Int. +Karen Thomson

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 11.15am

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.128 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.1046 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	810
At the 9.30am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 2
<i>Gloria</i>	Belmont
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Belmont
Hymns :	851, 956, 967, 880
At the 11.0am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 3
Hymns	880, 956, 921

THIS WEEK

Monday 4.0pm Meeting of the Parish Finance Committee, at the Presbytery.
7.30pm The Parish Prayer Group meets at the Presbytery. All welcome.
Tuesday 11.30am The monthly Service at the Mill Lane Home.
7.30pm The Quarterly Meeting of the Parish Advisory Council, in the Hall.
Saturday Saturday Club is on holiday, as is Childrens' Liturgy

NEXT SUNDAY

THE ANNUAL TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
in the Presbytery Garden, 3.0pm-5.0pm

Children, bring your Teddy Bears
and your parents and grandparents
for an afternoon of fun and games
and things to eat.

No charge or tickets, but helpful if you could
add your name to the list at the back of church.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week John Chapman (2005), Gerard Stattery (2001), and Sr.Margaret Mary Flynn (2000). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £523.81 was given at the Offertory, and £94.73 for CAFOD.

Fr.Sam Leeder Many of you will know Fr.Sam, who has been at St.Pancras, Ipswich, for nearly forty years. He is now retiring, and there is to be a 'Goodbye' Mass at St.Pancras' next Thursday evening at 7.30pm, at which everyone will be welcome.

Wednesday Lunch Club Jenny writes 'Our next lunch is on September 4th at 12.30pm. The menu is Sausage, Mash, and Vegetables, followed by Blackberry and Apple with Custard, Tea/Coffee. Only £5. All welcome, but you must pre-book by contacting Jenny. Organised by Team Felix in aid of two charities (chosen at the end of the year) and Parish funds.'

Childrens' Liturgy Monica writes 'Childrens' Liturgy at the 9.30am Sunday Mass at St.Felix will resume after the summer break on Sunday, September 8th.

Can you help? The team that provides Childrens' Liturgy at the 9.30am Mass at St.Felix every Sunday is in need of more volunteers. This would not be a demanding task. You would only be needed about once every 6 weeks, and there are plenty of books to help plan the session. Each session lasts about twenty minutes and you always work in pairs.

If you are 16 or over, male or female, and feel you could help, the current teams would be most grateful. Please speak to Monica Macdonald , Kathleen Waring or Fr.John. The Childrens' Liturgy Team needs you!!

A Note from Phil Dance 'Dear Friends, The Parish BBQ was a great success thanks to all who helped organise the event and especially those who helped on the day. It was great to hear that we had over 100 parishioners at the event including many children. The BBQ raised in total £450.25, much of which came from the raffle on

the day. Thanks for coming along and helping make the day special.

Dear Children, don't forget to get your Teddy Bears dusted off for the Teddy Bears picnic next Sunday, in Fr.John's garden. As usual there will be food, fun, and games for all, so bring those Teddys, and as many adults as you can find! The event is free and open to all. Please make sure we get your names on the list at the back of church so we can be sure of the numbers. See you next Sunday, September 1st, at 3.0pm.
Best Regards, Phil. '

OPEN DOOR POLICY

No fewer than three people asked me last week whether the church here is open in the daytime. Perhaps it wasn't the wisest question to ask me, because it is a subject about which I feel passionately, and about which I tend to 'get started'! I think it is of the first importance that God's people should have ready access to God's house. They have a right to be in their Father's house, to pray before the Tabernacle, to light a candle, and just to be quiet. Both the Holy Father and our Bishop have appealed for churches to be kept open, and I don't see how any priest can deny people easy access to a church.

Why are some churches kept locked? I suspect there are two reasons. One is that some priests and people are 'scared' of damage or theft. I know from my own experience that these things rarely happen. In nearly fifty years of presiding over open churches, I can only remember one theft. A small price to pay for all the benefits which people have derived from being free to come into God's house. We need a little more backbone and readiness to take risks. And second, there is a mistaken belief that insurance companies require locking. They don't and they can't. Of course insurance companies would prefer all church to be locked, but it is merely a preference.

As regards our own front door, I like it to be wide open except in the depths of Winter. A closed door says 'keep out', whereas an open door says 'come in'. Please try to ensure that the door is kept open. It is wise, though, to close the inner glass door, to prevent animals from wandering in.