



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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September 15th, 2019 : 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday ST.CORNELIUS & ST.CYPRIAN
No Mass today
Tuesday FERIA
No Mass today
Wednesday FERIA
No Mass today
Thursday FERIA
No Mass today
Friday ST.ANDREW KIM TAE-GON
No Mass today
Saturday FEAST OF ST.MATTHEW
6:00pm (St.F) Int. For the People

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.30pm to 5.50pm

The Rosary Friday at 11.15am

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.136 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.1057 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	873
At the 9.30am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 2
<i>Gloria</i>	Hymn Book 527
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Parish Mass Book p.16
Hymns :	962, 820 627, 821
At the 11.0am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 3
Hymns	707, 865, 659

Later this afternoon Fr.John leaves for his annual holiday. He hopes to visit Cornwall and Somerset. He returns on Thursday October 3rd, and the weekday Masses will resume on Friday October 4th.

On the two Sundays when he is away, the Masses will be said by Fr.John Ablewhite. Fr.John, who until his retirement was on the staff of Westminster Cathedral, now lives at Ely, and assists in the parish there.

During the next two weeks Mass will be available at the Convent on most days, said by priests who are coming to stay there. The Mass times have not yet been settled, so if on any day you would like to attend Mass, please 'phone the Convent

Teresa has kindly agreed to be a contact point for anyone who wishes to arrange a funeral. She has a list of dates when I am available after my return. I have informed the Undertakers of this.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Michael Kay (2001), Annie O'Hagan (2003), Patrick O'Reilly (2000), William Keane (2009), Sheila Etherington (2017), Marjorie Atkinson (2002), Christine Searle (2013). May they rest in peace.

Sr.Genevieve RJM It was very sad to hear of the death of Sr.Genevieve at the Convent last week. She was in her mid-nineties, and was a much-loved member of the Community. Her funeral Mass will be on Friday, October 4th, 11.30am at the Convent.

Money Matters Last week £528.68 was given at the offertory, £80.61 for CAFOD and £126.62 for the Catholic Education Service. This weekend there is a retiring collection for Home Missions.

Cancellation Hayley writes 'Unfortunately the meeting of the AFJM at the Convent on Wednesday 18th September has had to be cancelled. The next meeting will now be at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 16th October.

Deanery Quiz The Annual Deanery Quiz will take place at St Mary's Church Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday 5th October. Teams of 4 plus any children. £5 per adult, children free. Free buffet provided. Bring your own drink. Charity is Mary's Meals. See notice board for further details.

Our work with children Childrens' Liturgy recommenced after the Summer holidays last Sunday, and is now up and running. I'm so glad that we can offer this facility at the Parish Mass each week, and we are grateful to those who organise and produce Childrens' Liturgy week by week.

At the time of writing, there don't seem to be any candidates for First Holy Communion next year. To prepare, children have to be in Year Three at Primary School. If there are in fact any children to be prepared, please will you tell me (and obtain an Application Form) or contact Pauline Mayes, our First Holy Communion Catechist as soon as possible.

The Saturday morning Childrens' Mass will recommence on Saturday October 5th . The Mass is from 9.0am to 9.30am, and is followed by half an hour of activities and instruction. I'm hoping very much that the children who made their First Holy Communion earlier in the year will continue to attend. May I remind Parents that if their children do not attend a Catholic school, then they are expected to take part in instruction in their home parish. Here, this effectively means coming along to our Saturday morning activities.

PREPARATIONS, PREPARATIONS

For me, the last few days seem to have been dominated by preparations for my annual holiday. As you well know, there are so many things to be seen to before going away for a couple

of week - clothes to assemble and wash, books to be gathered together, arrangements to be made - trying to foresee every possibility. We certainly prepare carefully for our holidays!

But we well know how important preparation is in many aspects of our life, and in the Christian life this is fully recognised. There needs to be, and is, careful preparation of those approaching marriage, and of parents wishing to have a child baptized. There is prolonged preparation by instruction for children getting ready for First Holy Communion, and teenagers minded to be Confirmed. And we were reminded by St. John Bosco in last week's Newsheet of the value and importance of preparing carefully to receive Holy Communion. Our Confession, too, needs to be prepared, or else we end up in the Confessional saying weakly "I don't know what I want to say", to which I always feel inclined to reply (but don't) "Well you should have thought about it before you arrived here".

A few days ago the Gospel reading at Mass led us to think about the importance of preparation. We heard of Jesus choosing the twelve Apostles, and read that before doing so he spent the whole night in prayer, by way of preparation. Who the Apostles were, what choice Jesus made, was of the greatest importance for the future well-being of the Church, and He prepared himself for it by this prolonged time in communion with the Father. It made me for one realise how often I rush into doing things and saying things without any reference to God - that is without proper preparation.. It is all too easy to do this, and I suspect that I'm not alone in doing so. Our Lord sets us a very necessary example by his whole night spent in prayer before choosing the Apostles We too should bring our decisions before God, seeking guidance and enlightenment from him. This is a wise form of preparation. How many blunders and mistakes could be avoided if we did this!