



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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October 27th, 2019 : 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday FEAST OF ST.SIMON & ST.JUDE
9:30am (Con) Int.
11.0am (St.F)) *FUNERAL MASS FOR WINIFRED GOULBORN RIP*
Tuesday FERIA
9:30am (St.F) Int.+Winifred Goulborn (C&PR)
Wednesday FERIA
8:30am (Con) Int. +Mary Bernadette Hockley
Thursday FERIA
No Mass today

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.155 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.1080 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
600

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Hymn Book 527
Parish Mass Book p.16
762, 694, 662, 862

Eucharistic Prayer 3

807, 721, 659

THIS WEEK

Monday 11.0am *FUNERAL MASS FOR WINIFRED GOULBORN*, followed by cremation at the Crematorium of the Seven Hills. Note that the Convent Mass is at 9.30am today.
2.30pm-3.30pm The Prayer Group meets at the Presbytery.

Wednesday 10.30am Fr.John attends a Deans' Meeting at Poringland.

Thursday 2.0pm- 4.0pm The Together Club meets at the Convent. Bingo. All are welcome

Friday ALL SAINTS DAY

Saturday ALL SOULS DAY

9.0am Saturday Club, for young people of Primary School age, resumes after the half-term break.

Friday November 1st
SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
A Holy Day of Obligation

Noon Mass St.Felix
5.0pm Mass Convent
7.30pm Mass St.Felix

Saturday November 2nd
COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

9.0am Mass St.Felix
10.30am Mass Convent

The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) is said a quarter of an hour before the first Mass at St.Felix Tues.& Fri.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays at 10.0am Benediction at 10.30am

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

All Souls Day It falls this year on a Saturday, not the most convenient day of the week. I discussed with the Parish Council what we should do, and the feeling was that the normal 9.0am Childrens' Mass should take place as usual, with the theme of praying for those who have died (something, I've found in the past, which children readily understand, and have no problem with.) For those who feel more comfortable with an 'adult' Mass, there will be a 10.30am at the Convent. I don't think that 'Lists' will be read out, though, at the 9.0am Mass. Instead, they will simply be placed on the Altar.

Anniversaries this week John O'Brien (2002), Michael Brookes (2009), Mary Cooper (2013), May Bantick (2001), Mary Hockley (2004), Angela Waterhouse-Taylor (1999), and Walter Shaw (2008). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £522.77 was given at the Offertory, and £71.66 for CAFOD. £234.03 was given in the retiring collection, which was for the Foreign Missions. Next weekend there will be a retiring collection for the Diocesan St. Edmund's Fund, for social needs in East Anglia.

Quiz Night Jenny writes 'Thank you to everyone who supported the Quiz. We made a profit of £155 for Parish Funds.'

TEN REASONS WHICH ARE SOMETIMES GIVEN FOR ABANDONING THE PRACTICE OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH (Continued)

7. My being a Catholic seemed to cause contention at home

Our Lord did say that his teaching, or rather adherence to Him, would bring division within families - religion and politics both arouse strong feelings, which is why some people prefer not to discuss them. He also taught that we must be ready as his disciples to put him first in our lives, - to make our loyalty to Him come before all else. And so that contention which the Faith can bring about in a family, or any other form of community, is to be expected, and yes, must be borne as a part of accepting the Cross. But again tact and sensitivity can, I think, ease the situation

within the family, and if we are careful to show those family members who are opposed to the Faith that we still love them and respect them, then conflict can hopefully be reduced.

8. Some of the people I met at church seemed to be neither friendly nor charitable

I'm afraid the fact is that none of us are perfect. All of us are 'works in progress', as we hopefully grow in charity and understanding. As it is, all of us are capable to being selfish and uncharitable. The Church is yes, a divine society, but it is also a human society - it contains good and bad, the kind and the unkind, just like any other grouping of people does, and indeed as each individual does. So if we expect everyone in a congregation to be perfect all the time, we are being unrealistic. Just as we have to recognise that we ourselves are not always perfect in word, thought, or action.

9. I couldn't stand the Parish Priest.

Yes, I know. But I think we have to distinguish between the Man and the Office. We may find the man uncongenial - we can't take to everyone - but we must respect and love the Office, the priesthood. It's one reason why every priest at the Altar wears the same clothing (vestments) as any other priest, and why away from the Altar the priest wears black : namely to say that this is A Priest, and not so-and-so. Just a priest, one who shares in the priesthood of Christ.

But I know it can be difficult. It may be helpful to make a point of praying for the priest you find difficult, and also to focus on his good points, which all of us, thank goodness, have.....

10. They always seem to be wanting my money.

Yes, it can seem like that. But we have to remember that in the Catholic Church each parish has to be self supporting (there are no central endowments, as there are in the Church of England) and the expenses of running our schools and maintaining the structure of the Catholic Church have to be provided for, to say nothing of maintaining the parish church, presbytery, hall, and the priest himself. And all those 'retiring collections' - well those are for good causes, and we are and should be a giving Church. I think we should try to see our giving in a positive light : an opportunity to give to God, and to those in need