



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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December 8th, 2019 : SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
9:30am (St.F) Int.+Alan Deveney BVM
10.30am (Con) Int
Tuesday BLESSED MARTYRS OF EAST ANGLIA
9:30am (St.F) Int. +Winnifred Palmer (100yrs)
Wednesday ADVENT FERIA
10:30am Con) Int.
Thursday ADVENT FERIA
12:00 noon (Con) Int.
Friday ST.LUCY
11:00am (St.F) Int. +Agnes Curley
Noon (Con) Int. Sr.Lucy RJM
Saturday FERIA
9. 0am (St.F) Int. +Louise Mary Lazell (FM)
6:00pm (St.F) Int. For the People

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

The Rosary Friday at 10:15am

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.85 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.32 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass <i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i> (<i>Angelus</i>) Hymn	Eucharistic Prayer 2 Parish Mass Book p.16 94
At the 9.30am Mass <i>Kyries</i> <i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i> Hymns :	Eucharistic Prayer 2 Hymn Book 516 Parish Mass Book p.16 94, 983, 873, 110
At the 11.0am Mass <i>Kyries</i> Hymns	Eucharistic Prayer Hymn Book 516 110, 94, 87

THIS WEEK

Monday As today is a Solemnity, please note that there will be a 9.30am Mass at St.Felix, in addition to the usual 10.30am Mass at the Convent.

2.30pm The Prayer Group meets at the Presbytery.

Tuesday 11.30am The monthly Service at the Mill Lane Care Home.

7.0pm The Global Healing evening in the Hall.

Friday Sr.Lucy celebrates the Silver Jubilee of her Profession today. Mass at St.Felix will be at 11.0am today, rather than the usual time of twelve Noon.. The Jubilee Mass at the Convent will be at Noon. Our Congratulations and good wishes to Sr.Lucy.

Saturday 9.0am Saturday Club, for young people of Primary School age, at St.Felix.

3.0pm The Christmas Tea for Senior Parishioners, in the Hall.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Cyril Doran (1999), Brenda Davison (2004), Josie Bones (2007), Dorothy Veitch (2015), Phyllis Garrod (2006), Mary Sutcliffe (2017), Catherine Spencer (2008), and Tony Byrne (2001). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £563.99 was given at the Offertory, and £94.88 for CAFOD. Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for the Dependent Priests Fund.

Global Healing Stephen writes 'This film, subtitled 'How our faith helps us to care for our common home' will be shown in the Hall next Tuesday evening at 7.0pm. It is a new film produced by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration film company), and sponsored by the Bishops. Join us for a free and inspiring evening of film, refreshments, and fellowship, responding together to Pope Francis' call to care for creation and to pass on a healthy planet to our children's children.'

Next Sunday Stephen continues 'And do come along to the Parish Family Advent Celebration in the Hall next Sunday lunch time, beginning at 12.30pm. Bring food to share, and enjoy the various entertainments which are being planned.'

Ladies Monica writes 'Monica Macdonald would like to invite the ladies who were members of the CWL to meet up on Wednesday 11th December for a cuppa, a piece of cake, and a chat. Please just come along about 2.30pm to 22 Beatrice Avenue, it would be lovely for all of us to get together again.'

A Reminder Please can contributions for the Newsheet arrive at the Presbytery before 9.0am on a Wednesday morning, which is when, most weeks, Teresa very kindly comes to type the Newsheet out.

YEAR OF THE WORD

I think this special Year got off to a good start in Felixstowe last Sunday. All of the free copies of St. Matthews's Gospel and of the 'floppy' *The God who Speaks* were taken, and I think most people

took the first of the weekly sheets which say which chapter of the Gospel we are reading that particular week. These sheets will appear each Sunday, and I do hope that you will continue to take them and read them. I trust that you will find it convenient to have the 'key passage' of the chapter printed out there, and that you will find the 'points for consideration' helpful. When we read Holy Scripture we should always stop to think about what we are reading, and about its implications for our own life. The 'Points' aim to assist with this.

There was, however, one rather unfortunate piece of translation in last week's chapter. The gospels we have been given are not a Catholic translation, and the words which in the Jerusalem Bible (the one we use at Mass) are translated *Joseph took his wife to his home, and though he had not had intercourse with her, she gave birth to a son* are translated in the gospel you were given last week *he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son*. This new and i.felicitous translation suggests that Joseph DID have marital relations with Our Lady after the birth of Jesus. But the age-old teaching of the Church is that Mary remained a virgin - we call her 'Blessed Mary, ever-virgin'. The thinking of the Church has always been that the womb in which Mary carried God the Son for nine-months was too holy a place to house any ordinary child. This doctrine of the Perpetual Virginity of Our Lady remains the teaching of the Catholic Church. Hopefully we won't encounter any further dodgy translations!

THE POSADA

Last Sunday also saw the beginning of the Advent journey around the parish of the Posada, the figure of Joseph and Mary making their way to Bethlehem for the birth of Our Lord. It is disappointing that there are so many empty gaps on the rota. We mustn't be like those Bethlehemites who didn't want Mary and Joseph to visit them! But there is still time - do put your name on the rota today and thereby invite the Holy Family into your home. It will be a source of blessing for you, and will bring blessings upon your home. (If there is a 'gap' after you, please keep the Posada until the next person on the rota)