



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## December 22nd, 2019 : FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm (St.F) Int. Brian & Jenny  
Coates  
Sunday 9:30am (St.F) Int. +John Battersby  
11:00am (Con) Int. For the People

### Weekday Masses

Monday ADVENT FERIA  
10:30am (Con) Int. Sr.Lucy (G)  
Tuesday ADVENT FERIA  
9:30am (St.F) Int. Bernadette Keith

Friday FEAST OF ST.JOHN THE  
APOSTLE  
10.0am (Con) Int.  
Noon (St.F) Int.  
Saturday FEAST OF THE HOLY  
INNOCENTS  
9:00am (St.F) Int.  
6:00pm (St.F) Int. Will. & Margaret Robinson

### The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) is said a quarter of an hour before the first Mass at St.Felix on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm ;  
Sunday 9.0am - 9.20am.  
Or by appointment

The Rosary Friday at 11.15am

### The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.91 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.41 of The Sunday Missal.

<b>At the 6.0pm Mass</b>	<b>Eucharistic Prayer 2</b>
<i>Sanctus &amp; Benedictus</i>	Parish Mass Book p.16
<i>(Angelus)</i> Hymn	100
<b>At the 9.30am Mass</b>	<b>Eucharistic Prayer 2</b>
<i>Kyries</i>	Hymn Book 516
<i>Sanctus &amp; Benedictus</i>	Parish Mass Book p.16
Hymns :	113, 112, 607, 100
<b>At the 11.0am Mass</b>	<b>Eucharistic Prayer 3</b>
<i>Kyries</i>	Hymn Book 516
Hymns	113, 112, 100

### THIS WEEK

**Monday** The Prayer Group will not meet this

### *CHRISTMAS EVE*

**6.0pm** The Childrens Mass, and Blessing of  
the Crib, St.Felix  
Int. For the People  
**8.0pm** The Mass of Midnight and Blessing of  
the Crib, Convent  
Int. + Kathleen & James Dunne  
**10.0pm** The Mass of Midnight, St.Felix  
Int. +Jim and Dorothy Kearny

### *CHRISTMAS DAY*

**9.30am** Mass of the Day, with Procession  
to the Crib, St.Felix  
Int. +Alan Deveney  
**11.0am** The Mass of the Day, Convent  
Int.

### *FEAST OF ST.STEPHEN* *(Boxing Day)*

**9.0am** Mass of the Feast, Convent  
Int.  
**10.0am** Mass of the Feast, St.Felix  
Int. +John McNeillis

week or next.

**Saturday** Saturday Club is on holiday until January 11th. The 9.0am Mass this Saturday will be an ordinary Mass.

## CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

**Monday, December 23rd**

11.30am, 2.0pm

**Christmas Eve**

10.0am, 2.0pm, 4.0pm

## PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries this week** Joseph Grace (2003), Heather Campbell (2001), Patricia Schwan (2015), Sr.Barbara Brent (2014), Malachy Hodgen (2016), Michael Sutcliffe (2017), Emily Duck (2000), and Charles Colson (2013). R.I.P.

**Money Matters** Last Sunday £481.63 was given at the Offertory and £82.15 for CAFOD. The retiring collection for the Dependent Priests' Fund brought in £244.42.

**Mary's Meals** Philip Hill writes 'Many many thanks for all your support this Advent. If any last minute jars can be returned before or by Christmas Day I would be extremely grateful. On behalf of all The Children, have a Happy and Blessed Christmas.'

**The Family Advent Celebration** Stephen writes 'Many many thanks to all those who helped to make our Family Advent Celebration so enjoyable last Sunday. We were able to make some new friends and share food, fellowship and carols.

Special thanks to Austina, Monica, and Phil who together with the children put on a wonderful Advent Play.

Perhaps this could become a regular event on our 'Advent Calendar'?

**An Appeal** Fr.John writes 'My friend Donal Hannon, whom some of you know, is going out to Jamaica for three weeks next month, as a volunteer worker with the Missionaries of the

Poor, who look after desperately deprived people there. He has persuaded British Airways to let him take six big suitcases on board free of charge, which he hopes to fill with items which the Missionaries have told him they need for those very poor people. He has asked whether we, as well as others, might be able to help. If you can donate any of the items below, please let me have them.

Vitamins : Omega 3, Multivitamins for Adults and Children, B12 or B-Complex  
Bathing Soap, Body Lotion, Tooth Paste, Shampoo, Body Oil, Deoderant,  
2nd-hand T-shirts, Men's Shorts, 2nd-hand Sports Shoes, 2nd-hand Sandals. '

## THE CHOICE

Christmas is now very near, the long weeks of waiting and expectation are coming to an end. In a couple of days time the festivities will begin, as we move from Advent into Christmastide.

Maybe it is good as we stand on the threshold of Christmas to ask what this very special time is going to be for us. Is it going to be just a time of self-indulgence, when we concentrate all our attention on eating and drinking , sleeping and socialising? Or is it maybe going to be more than that. Is it also going to be a time when we reflect upon the love of God seen in the Incarnation and Birth of Our Lord, and when we return God's love by giving him our attention and worship? Is our true focus going to be on the Manger and the Altar, or on the dining table? Will we seek to learn those lessons in humility, gentleness, and self-giving which Our Lord teaches us from his Crib? Is our Christmas going to be a time of spiritual joy and growth in faith, or is it merely going to be a time of excess and indulgence? The choice is ours.....

## YEAR OF THE WORD

No weekly paper today - there is a two week break over Christmas, the next paper will be Sunday January 5th.

Meanwhile, of course, we will be listening to Holy Scripture as it is read at the Christmas Masses, and pondering upon the wonderful things which are revealed there.