



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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January 5th, 2020 : SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday CHRISTMAS FERIA
10:30am (Con) Int. Sean Waldron
Tuesday CHRISTMAS FERIA
9:30am (St.F) Int.
Wednesday CHRISTMAS FERIA
10:30am (Con) Int.
Thursday CHRISTMAS FERIA
9.30am (StF) Int.
Friday CHRISTMAS FERIA
No Mass today
Saturday CHRISTMAS FERIA
9.0am (St.F) Int.
6:00pm (St.F) Int. For the People

The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) is at 9.15am on Tuesday
& Thursday.

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.115 of the Parish
Mass Book, and on p.124 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass Eucharistic Prayer 3
Sanctus & Benedictus Parish Mass Book p.16
(*Angelus*) Hymn 166

At the 9.30am Mass Eucharistic Prayer 2
Gloria
Sanctus & Benedictus
Hymns : 167, 150, 145,
Procession 166

At the 11.0am Mass Eucharistic Prayer 1
Hymns 166, 150, 145

THIS WEEK

Monday 2.30pm The Prayer Group meets
at the Presbytery.

Friday 9.30am-4.0pm Fr.John has to
attend a mandatory Safeguarding Training Day for
clergy at Newmarket. No Masses today, but there
will be a 9.30am on Thursday.

Saturday 9.0am Saturday Club, for young
people of Primary School age, resumes after the
Christmas break. Parents are reminded that the
Church requires that children who do not attend a
Catholic School should attend whatever catechesis
is provided in their parish - our provision being
Saturday Club.

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Baptism of Our
Lord, and marks the ending of Christmastide.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Adrian Cotton (2013),
Johanna Pope (2001), Lynn Goulden (2005), and
John Kaziow (2011). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Christmas Offering £1608.04;

last Sunday £482.19 was given at the Offertory, and £96.82 for CAFOD.

Mary's Meals Philip Hills writes 'We raised an amazing £1084.38 during Advent and Christmas for Mary's Meals, which means that 78 children will be fed for the next year somewhere in the world, in some of the most impoverished areas imaginable. On behalf of those children, thank you on a job well done.'

Wednesday lunch Club Jenny writes 'The next lunch is on the 8th of January at 12.30pm. The menu is Chicken Casserole and Bread & Butter Pudding, plus Tea/Coffee. Still only £5. Any queries or to book please contact Jenny.'

Association of the Friends of Jesus and Mary Haley writes 'At the next AFJM meeting, at 2.30pm at the Convent on Friday 17th January, we will welcome Jean Johnson, the Bishop's representative on the subject of The Year of the Word, to talk to us about the programme inspired by Pope Francis entitled 'The God who speaks'. We are of course already engaged on a weekly study of St. Matthew's Gospel, and we are sure she will have very interesting things to say about our study of the gospel. All are welcome.'

The Year of the Word

The weekly sheets recommence today after the Christmas break. Do please take part in this venture. The sheet, available at the back of church, tells you which chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel we are reading this week, besides having a print-out of the key passage, plus three points that you might like to consider. This is an exercise which demands very little of our time, and which can only help us in our endeavour to grow in understanding of God's word, and to conform our life to the teachings of Jesus. We have just, at Christmas, considered the wonder of His gift to us of his very self. A reading of sections of the Gospel represents some small response to his love for us.

HERE WE GO AGAIN

This is the first Newsheet of the New Year. An opportunity, maybe, to reflect on the nature and purpose of the Newsheet, which seems to be a constant and irreplaceable feature of Catholic

parish life. I sometimes feel that all that a parish priest is required to do is to say a Sunday Mass and produce a Newsheet! He wouldn't be missed unless he failed to do these two things!

First, the name. Some people call it The Bulletin. I feel that this is melodramatic. One associates a bulletin with some life-or-death report. A 'bulletin' given on the state of a desperately sick person, for instance. The Newsheet is not really in this category. In the best way it is more mundane - certainly less dramatic. Then others call it The Pew Sheet. Maybe this is because people often read it whilst sitting in a pew waiting for Mass to begin. I must admit that I can think of better ways of spending the time before Mass - namely in quietly thinking about the wonder of what is about to take place, as we are caught up in the worship of Almighty God in fellowship with the angels and saints. Or maybe in prayerfully looking at the readings which we will be hearing. Or then again maybe it is sometimes called the Pew Sheet because the expectation is that we will leave it behind in the pew where we have been sitting. Whereas my hope is that people will take the Newsheet home with them - so that they have the times of the weekday Masses to hand, and so, maybe, that they can pass on the Newsheet to someone else. On the whole, I think that Newsheet is the most satisfactory name, which is why it is the name I always use. But it can, of course, be questioned. Is the material it contains really 'newsworthy'? Isn't that claiming or suggesting too much? Aren't Mass times and advertisements for parish meetings somewhat less than 'news'? Maybe 'Newsheet' is just the best of an unsatisfactory group of names.....

What I do feel to be important is that a parish Newsheet is more than just a list of services and forthcoming events. It IS widely read, and thereby presents an opportunity to be an organ - however limited - of Christian teaching. The fact that this opportunity is rarely found to be taken by the Newsheets of other parishes is, I believe, a matter for regret. I certainly try, in however feeble a way, to see that our own Newsheet contains at least some element of instruction. Otherwise an opportunity is wasted.

And so on we go. another year, another fifty-two Newsheets. A daunting prospect for us all! I wonder what will be contained in them? Only time will tell.