



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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June 28th, 2020 : SOLEMNITY OF ST.PETER & ST.PAUL

Sunday Mass

9.30am Int. For the People

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA

9:30am Int. A Private Intention

Tuesday FIRST MARTYRS OF ROME

9:30am Int. Anita Brannon

Wednesday ST.OLIVER PLUNKET

9:30am Int. +Mary Mealy

Thursday FERIA

Friday FEAST OF ST.THOMAS

Noon Int. + Deacon Peter Coates

Saturday FERIA

9.30am Int. +Sheamus Mealy

6.0pm Int. For the People

The above - until Saturday evening - are all private Masses, since the Government will not allow public services to take place in churches until July 4th.

ST.FELIX CHURCH IS OPEN FOR
PRIVATE PRAYER
DAILY (EXCEPT WED. & THURS.)
11.0am - Noon 2.0pm- 3.0pm

**Next Sunday, Masses will be at
6.0pm (Sat), 9.30am and 11.0am.
All at St.Felix : the Convent continues in lock-
down for the time being**

Fr.John writes :

Dear Parishioners,

It was a great delight when, at the beginning of last week, the Bishops' Conference announced that there could be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the daily times of church opening for private prayer. But now we hear further that Mass can be said publicly from July 4th. And so next weekend, beginning with the Anticipatory Mass on Saturday at 6.0pm, Mass in public will recommence. There will, however, be certain requirements and restrictions, and I'm sure you will want to know what these are :

- * Social distancing must be observed.
- * The Priest must return to the Sacristy as soon as Mass is ended.
- * There will be no Mass Books or Hymn Books, and there cannot be any singing.
- * Holy Water will not be available in the stoups.
- * Initially, no Altar Servers or Lay Ministers will operate, and the Priest will administer Communion alone, in one kind.
- * The homily must be brief, to minimise the time during which the congregation is in church.
- * There will be no Prayer of the Faithful (Bidding Prayer).
- * There must be no Offertory Procession, and no taking of the collection. (On-line giving or standing orders are encouraged, but as you leave church there will be plates near the door).
- * There will be no exchange of the Peace.
- * As the congregation comes forward to receive Holy Communion, great care should be taken over distancing.
- * When giving Holy Communion, the Priest will not say 'The Body of Christ' to each Communicant, and the Communicant will not reply 'Amen'. Instead, before the Communion begins the Priest will say to all collectively 'The Body of Christ', and all will reply together 'Amen'.

Communion will then be administered in silence.
* There will be some kind of barrier between the Priest as he administers Holy Communion and the Communicant - probably a bench.

* Straight after Mass, the church must be closed whilst cleaning takes place - as after a period of opening for Private Prayer.

* There must not be refreshments after Mass.

I'm sorry if it all sounds rather daunting! I think the precautions are really fairly simple, and we will soon adapt to them. Don't be put off coming to Mass - as I'm sure the devil hopes that you will be! It will be wonderful to be back at the Altar together.

Your friend and Parish Priest,

Fr.John

THIS WEEK

Today (Sunday) 10.0am Mass of the Chrism, live-streamed from the Cathedral.

Wednesday 11.0am Fr.John hopes to take part in a Meeting of the Deans with the Bishop, by Zoom.

3.30pm Fr.John collects the newly-blessed Holy Oils for the Deanery from the Cathedral.

Friday 3.15pm Gardening Afternoon in the Memorial Garden

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Mary Newby (2003), Olive McElhinney (2014), John Ryan (2006), and Betty Adams (2004). May they Rest in Peace.

Confessions Many say that they are overdue for a haircut, and in the same way I think many of us are overdue to make our Confession. Confessions are now permitted, but by appointment. Just 'phone the Presbytery to fix a time, and then the Confessional will be used as normal, with laid-down precautions. It would be convenient if appointments could be made - if possible- at times when the church is open for private prayer.

CAFOD Boni and Kate Pinto write 'Thank you for your continued support of CAFOD during these recent weeks. It is greatly appreciated. You will see that a new CAFOD poster has appeared on the CAFOD notice board in the porch. Coronavirus is a crisis which affects us all. Please help families in poor communities to survive. Please give now to save lives. Thank you as ever for your support.'

St.Alban's School The following message has been received : 'I would like to offer you warm greetings from Sixth Form at St.Alban's Catholic High School. We are very much looking forward to welcoming new students to study A levels with us in September, and are busy making arrangements to ensure we will be able to offer face to face lessons each day from the start of term. If you or members of your family and friends have not made up your mind where to study for A levels, and would like to find out more, please take a look at the poster at the back of the church or visit

<https://www.st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk/sixth-form-virtual-induction/>.

The site will be live from 23rd June and we will be holding our enrolment day on Tuesday 30th June. Or visit

<https://www.st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk/Sixthh-Form-Current/> for more information.'

Gardening Afternoon Teresa Doran, Barbara Lamberton, and myself do our best in the Memorial Garden, but we could do with a little extra help in sorting out the long border in the part of the Garden which lies behind the east end of the church, which is getting rather overgrown. If anyone could join me for an hour's blitz on it next Friday afternoon, at 3.15pm, I'd be most grateful.

THE SAINTS OF EAST ANGLIA

VII ST.WITHBURGA

Last Tuesday we kept the feast of St.Ethedreda, whom we've already mentioned in this series. And now this week we come to one of her sisters, St.Withburga, who died around 743. They were both daughters of Anna, King of East Anglia, and were both drawn towards the religious life. At first Withburga lived as a solitary, at Holkham, on the North Norfolk coast ; the mediaeval church in Holkham Park stands on the site of her hermitage. And then she moved to East Dereham, where she founded a Community. Her well is still in the churchyard there. In 974, her incorrupt body was taken to Ely, to lie alongside her sister Etheldreda. Her symbol in art is a doe, which she is said to have protected from huntsmen : lovers of animals will appreciate the fact that this EA saint was an animal-lover!