



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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**July 5th, 2020 : 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm (St.F) Int. For the People  
Sunday 9:30am (St.F) Int. +Marion Gardiner  
11:00am (St.F) Int. +Henry Laxell (FM)

Each afternoon (except Wednesday and Thursday)  
from 4.0pm to 5.0pm. Benediction at 4.50pm

## Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA  
9:30am (St.F) Int. Sandra Mealy  
Tuesday FERIA  
9:30am (St.F) Int. +Olwen Allen  
Wednesday ST.WITHBURGA  
9:30am (St.F) Int. +Eliza Bantick (FM)  
Thursday FERIA  
  
Friday FERIA  
Noon (St.F) Int.  
Saturday FEAST OF ST.BENEDICT  
9.30am (St.F) Int. +Fr.Tony Hogarth (Golden)  
6:00pm (St.F) Int. For the People

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request, 'phone 282561

The Rosary Friday at 11.15am

**The Mass today :** Please remember

- \* To take care over Social Distancing - 1m+
- \* That we are not allowed to use the Mass books and hymn books..
- \* That singing is not permitted, to avoids droplets.
- \* That the Prayer of the Faithful is omitted.
- \* That there will not be an Offertory Procession.
- \* That your collection should be put in a dish
- \* available at the back of church at the end of Mass.
- \* That there will be no exchange of the Peace.
- \* That when coming forward to receive Holy Communion, you should be especially careful over distancing : a single line should approach the Altar (the usual double line would make correct distancing impossible).
- \* That at Communion, the priest will not say 'The Body of Christ' to each Communicant, and they will not say 'Amen'. Before the Communion begins, these words will be said collectively.
- \* The priest is not permitted to come to the Porch at the end of Mass to greet the people.
- \* Straight after Mass the church will be closed for cleaning.
- \* There will not be tea and coffee in the Hall.

ST.FELIX CHURCH IS NOW OPEN HALF AN HOUR BEFORE ADVERTISED MASSES  
IN THE MORNING  
AND EACH AFTERNOON (EXCEPT WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY)  
4.0PM TO 5.0PM

## The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) is said a quarter of an hour before the first Mass.

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

## PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries this week** Mary Clapham (2003) and Reginald Johnson (2009). R.I.P.

**Anne Porter RIP** It was sad to learn of Anne's death last week. Until her dementia developed in

recent years, she was at Mass almost every day - a most devout Catholic. Her Funeral Mass - these are now allowed - will be at St.Felix' on Monday July 13th at 2.30pm. We send our condolences to Frank and to their daughters.

**Readers at Sunday Mass** Would Readers please contact Fiona if thy are willing to read at Mass in the course of the next few weeks.

**Stewards/Welcomers** These are still needed when St.Felix' is open, to ask people to sanitise their hands, etc. The Rota is on the notice board in the church. We are most grateful to those who have been welcoming people during the past couple of weeks. Their ready assistance has been much appreciated.

**Live-Streaming** Many churches have been live-streaming their Masses during the lockdown, and this has been greatly appreciated. Sadly we were unable to do live-streaming of the Mass from St.Felix because we do not have the equipment for doing so. The Bishop has asked all parishes to consider such an installation. Quite apart from the benefit for parishioners who are unable to get to their parish church because of being housebound, there does seem to be an evangelistic element : during the lockdown , many people who are not churchgoers have been watching Masses - at the Cathedral, apparently, far more people have watched the Sunday Mass than ever come to it in person. It is hoped that some through this experience of the Catholic liturgy may be led into actually coming to the Church, and be drawn into its fellowship. At the Cathedral, at King's Lynn, and at Poringland, the cost of such an installation - around £7,000 - has been met by donations. Of course it is too much to hope that this will happen here. Or is it?

### THE SAINTS OF EASTANGLIA VIII ST.FURSEY

St.Fursey (or Fursa) lived in the first half of the seventh century. Irish by birth, he became a monk in that country, but left for East Anglia in about 630. He was well received by King Sigebert (who also welcomed St.Felix), and was given by him the old Roman fort of Cnobheresburg as a centre for his monastic and evangelistic activities.

This Roman fort is almost certainly Burgh Castle, near Great Yarmouth. When Sigebert was killed in battle by the pagan Penda, King of Mercia, Fursey left for France, where he was given land and founded another monastery at Lagny-sur-Marne. St.Bede records that Fursey was granted a vision of the after-life, and in a trance saw heaven and hell, angels and devils.

Fr.John writes :

Dear Parishioners,

How eagerly we have looked forward to the day when the Mass is once more available in our churches! And now at last that day has come. You've read overleaf the various restrictions and procedures which we are required to observe. The Mass will seem rather different from the old normal, and we don't know entirely what to expect. But the Mass is the Mass, and its return 'live' is an occasion for great rejoicing.

I suppose non Catholic people would be surprised by our delight : "Why does it matter?" they might ask, "What's all the fuss about?" And we would have to explain to them that for a Catholic, the Mass is at the heart of their spiritual life. For it is there that we encounter the risen Lord, whose disciples we are, and who gives meaning to our life. In the course of the Mass, He becomes miraculously present, as through the action of the priest the bread and wine which we bring to the altar are mysteriously transformed into the living Christ himself. And then at the Altar we hold Jesus and his saving work before the Father, and say - in effect - here, Father, is your Son, who lived and died and rose again for us : in view of his saving work, please forgive us and accept us. And then, having offered the Christ to the Father, we receive him into ourselves in Holy Communion. This eucharistic action, which Our Lord gave as a gift to his Church, matters tremendously. It is to do with eternal life - an encounter, yes, with God the Son. And so it matters so much to us that once more we are going to be participating fully in this saving action.

Your friend and parish priest,  
Fr.John