



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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July 19th, 2020 : 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
9:30am (St.F) Int. George Mealy
Tuesday FERIA
No Mass today
Wednesday FEAST OF ST.MARY
MAGDALENE
No Mass today
Thursday FEAST OF ST.BRIDGET OF
SWEDEN
No Mass today
Friday FERIA
Noon (St.F) Int.
Saturday FEAST OF ST.JAMES
9.30am (St.F) Int.
6:00pm (St.F) Int. For the People

**At present all Masses will take place at St.Felix:
the Convent continues in lockdown for the time
being.**

Fr.John will be away for a few days this week.

ST.FELIX CHURCH IS OPEN
HALF AN HOUR BEFORE ADVERTISED
MASSES
AND ALSO 4.0pm-5.0pm
ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

The Daily Office

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday and Saturday 4.0pm-5.0pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday By appointment. Phone 282561

The Rosary Friday at 11.15am

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Arthur Green (2006), Brian Tehan (2009), Maurice Simms (2004), and Charles Buckley (2018). May they Rest in Peace.

Palm Crosses We had gone into lockdown before Palm Sunday, and the Bishop told us then to keep the Palm Crosses until the churches were open again. Today you will find a basket of Palm Crosses at the back of church. Take what you want, but please take care not to touch other than those you are taking with you.

Holy Communion for the Sick Last week the Bishop send out a notice saying that Holy Communion can now be taken to the sick in their homes. At the Dean's Meeting last Wednesday he clarified this by saying that only priests are allowed to exercise this ministry at present - extraordinary ministers are not allowed to do so yet. If you are sick and would like me to bring the Blessed Sacrament to you, please let me know.

Retirement Mrs.Norah Pain, who has been housekeeper at the Presbytery for an incredible thirty years, has decided that the present disruption to our daily lives brought about by the Coronavirus, makes this an opportune moment for her to take a much-deserved retirement. Fr.John

has thanked her on behalf of himself and his predecessors for her long and faithful service. In view of the present financial constraints, he intends to look after the Presbytery himself - finding cleaning etc. a very good form of exercise!

Readers Fiona writes 'If anyone would like to read at Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning, please would they sign their name against the Mass they will be attending on the notice board in the Porch. One person is required per Mass, as he/she will need to do the First Reading, Psalm, and Second Reading (but there are no Bidding Prayers). Thank you'

CAFOD Boni and Kate Pinto, our CAFOD representatives, write 'CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirus to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family.'

NEW SERIES

SEVEN THINGS WHICH ARE DISTINCTIVE ABOUT ROMAN CATHOLICISM

I. We look to the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, as the Chief Shepherd of God's Church here on earth.

Yes, we are called the ROMAN Catholic church because we acknowledge the Bishop of Rome (the Holy Father's most ancient and venerable title) as our spiritual leader. We believe that the Church which Our Lord came to found - the context in which salvation is available, and in which the full and authentic Christian Faith is taught - that this Church was intended by Jesus to have a Head. And the head which he chose was Peter. To Peter alone did Jesus say 'you are rock upon which I will build my Church'. To Peter alone did Jesus say 'I give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven'. To Peter alone did Jesus say - after his Resurrection - 'Feed my sheep'.

From the beginning It has been believed that the charge which Our Lord gave to Peter was not given just to him personally, as an individual. We believe that what Jesus was doing was instituting an Office - an Office which Peter was the first person to fill. An Office which would continue as long as the Church exists . It has been occupied from apostolic times by Peter's successors as Bishops of Rome. An Office which was and is one element, one fundamental element, in the Church which Our Lord was setting up. And it is not difficult to see why Jesus should have done this. We know that every state needs to have a head, as does every business and every school. Quite simply, someone has got to be in charge, someone has got to be leader if the whole organisation isn't going to fall apart. The Head as a focus or centre of unity, providing the necessary function of holding the organisation together.

As head of the Church here on earth, the Pope is the chief Teacher of God's people - 'Feed my sheep'. And we believe that when he defines the teaching of the Church , he will be saved from error. The Pope exercises his role of teacher by issuing documents from time to time - Encyclicals, Apostolic Letters, etc. And when he does so, the Church receives them reverently, believing that his thought is guided by the Holy Spirit. He also exercises discipline in the Church, wisely guiding and governing God's People. He has been given authority, he is the chief bishop, to whom all the clergy and indeed the whole people of God owe a loving allegiance and obedience.

We are Roman Catholics, enjoying the gift which God has given to us of a Chief Shepherd. For us the Papacy is not an optional extra, one amongst various other possible ways of running the Church. Rather it is a vital constituent of the Church which Jesus came to found - part of what He intended it to be. It is said, rightly, that there is no Church without Peter. Recognition of this has caused many, myself included, to become Roman Catholic : we want to be part of the Church as Jesus intended it to be.