



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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August 16th, 2020 : SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm (St.F) Int. +Karen Thomson
Sunday 9:30am (St.F) Int. Kenneth Baker
11:00am (Con) Int For the People

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
9:30am (St.F) Int. +Tim Newman
Tuesday FERIA
9:30am (St.F) Int.
Wednesday FERIA
9:30am (St.F) Int.
Thursday ST.BERNARD
No Mass today
Friday ST.PIUS X
Noon (St.F) Int.
Saturday THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY
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.**

**Members of the congregation are required to
wear face-masks during Mass at present : the
Celebrant must wear a face-mask when
administering Holy Communion.**

ST.FELIX CHURCH IS OPEN
HALF AN HOUR BEFORE ADVERTISED
MASSES
AND ALSO 4.0pm to 5.0pm
ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, & FRIDAY

The Daily Office

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 4.0pm to 5.0pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation By request

The Rosary Friday at 11.15am

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week June Gilson (2001),
Bridie Burns (2015), and William Demko (2008).
May they Rest in Peace.

Betty Ryles RIP We were saddened to hear of the death in the Ipswich Hospital of Betty Ryles, who was a well-known and much loved parishioner, and who had reached a great age. Throughout my time here - more recently with Sr.Susan - I have taken Holy Communion to her home, and it was always a pleasure to visit her. She was a faithful supporter of the Together Club at the Convent, and of the monthly Lunch Club here at St.Felix. She will be greatly missed. We send our sympathy to her family. Her Funeral Mass will be on Tues., September 8th, at 11.0am.

Frances Yelo RIP Frances too died recently, cared for at her daughters home. She used to attend St.Cecilia's Church at Trimley. Her funeral Mass will be on Monday August 31st, 2.0pm at St.Felix.

Money Matters Last Sunday £517.05 was given at the Offertory, and £75.30 for CAFOD.

CAFOD Beirut Emergency Appeal

Kate and Boni Pinto write 'We were incredibly

shocked & saddened when we heard the news of the explosions from our colleagues in Beirut, & saw the dramatic footage that followed. The disaster has only added to an existing social & economic crisis in Lebanon. Under the strain of coronavirus, hospitals and doctors across the country were already reporting shortages of vital medical supplies and PPE. The explosions in Beirut have put them under even greater strain. Thankfully you can help. Your support of our Beirut Emergency Appeal will provide the people of Beirut with the things they need to survive - medical supplies, emergency food, hygiene kits and shelter. Through the work of local experts across our Church network, we can reach survivors and their families. Please donate to the "Beirut Emergency Appeal" & continue to pray for everyone affected by this terrible incident.'

The 2020 Sponsored Ride and Stride

Teresa Duran, our Parish Organiser for Ride & Stride, writes : 'The Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride is going ahead on Saturday 12th September. Some churches will not be manned, but papers will be available to sign yourself in. There will be no refreshments or toilets available this year. Fr. John is anxious for St. Felix to take part as usual, and sponsor forms and guidance information are available on the table in the church porch. (as with any other papers, please take them with you if you touch them, so that no infection is transmitted.) The church porch will be open, and although we do not have to sign sponsor forms it would be good if we had someone in the porch to welcome those who are striding or riding. A list will be on the notice board for you to sign your name next to the time when you will be available, if you are able to help. Thank you, Teresa.'

Fr. John adds : Last year I invited you to walk with me to the various churches in the town on Ride & Stride day, but so very few people responded that I thought perhaps I wouldn't bother another year. But I think perhaps it would be good after all to try to get up a party this year, for two reasons. First, because with our parish income having been so reduced by the lockdown, we could really do with the money that the sponsorship brings in (you remember half of the sponsor money we get from people goes to the Suffolk Churches Trust, and half to our own

church.) Last year our parish finances were helped by several hundred pounds, and it would be good if that could happen again. Then second, as there seem to be so few ways in which we can come together and share in parish activities these days, it would be really good if we could co-operate on this : a distanced hour or two together in the open air would be enjoyable, and very welcome. What I've got in mind is for a group of us to walk together to just half a dozen churches in the town this time. Will you take part? I do hope that you will. Please begin to think about getting your sponsorship! Further details later.

SEVEN THINGS WHICH ARE DISTINCTIVE ABOUT ROMAN CATHOLICISM

V. We are deeply aware of the necessity of the Sacraments in God's plan of Salvation.

One reason why priests are necessary to the life of the Church, and not optional, is that they celebrate the Sacraments. And we believe that the Sacraments play a crucial part in God's plan for our restoration and ability to enjoy eternal life. In **Holy Baptism**, sin (which cuts us off from God) is washed away, and we first receive the gift of eternal life. In **Confession** those sins which we commit after Baptism, and which would prevent us from enjoying the life of heaven, are forgiven, and we are cleansed and re-united with the Source of grace. In **Holy Communion** the life of the risen Christ is built up within us, and we are empowered for our pilgrimage towards heaven. In **Ordination** and in **Holy Matrimony** we are given the strength and the capacity to undertake the two vocations which they relate to. And in the **Anointing of the Sick** we have made available to us grace to bear sickness, and if it be God's will to recover from it. Through the Sacraments the saving work of Our Lord Jesus Christ is applied to us. This is how God has chosen to arrange things. The Catholic is aware of this, and eager to avail him or her self of the riches of grace made available to us in this way. Yes of course faith, and good works, and courage and uprightness of life all matter. And the Sacraments are not automatic devices in which faith and endeavour are not necessary. But they remain vital in our being and becoming what God intends us to be and become.