



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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August 30th, 2020 : 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm (St.F) Int. +Rudolf Belsak
Sunday 9:30am (St.F) Int. +Patricia Egerton
11:00am (St.F) Int. For the People

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
2.0pm FUNERAL MASS FOR
FRANCES YELO RIP
Tuesday FERIA
No Mass today
Wednesday FERIA
No Mass today
Thursday FEAST OF ST.GREGORY THE
GREAT
No Mass today
Friday ST.CUTHBERT
No Mass today
Saturday FERIA
6:00pm (St.F) Int. +John Edwards, & Dorothy

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request

The Rosary Friday at 11.15am

**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.**

THIS WEEK

**Fr.John hopes to be away until Saturday, as the
first part of his Summer holiday. The main part
of his holiday will be at the end of the month.**

Monday 2.0pm Funeral Mass for Frances
Yelo RIP. (The family has requested their own
priest.)

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Sr.Margaret Mary
Flynn RJM (2000), Annie Logan-Mann (2010),
Terry Madden (2008), and Max Scott (2006). May
they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Over the last two Sundays, the
total amount given was £806.72 at the Offertory,
and £137.41 for CAFOD.

Correction Repository - I misread Diana
Thomas' telephone number when I put it in last
week's Newsheet :. So sorry.

Unfortunate

I'm told that at the 9.30am Mass last Sunday,
nineteen people who had come late stood outside
the church. From the door it had appeared to them
that there was no distanced-space for them to be
able to come in. But from where I was, I could see
plenty of space in the middle of the church - we
had by no means reached our distanced capacity of
60/70. I think that what must have happened is that
due to there being people seated at the **end**
of every row, it appeared from the door that the
church was full, when in fact it wasn't. Please
would you think seriously about occupying the
very end seats of every row, nearest to the aisle, at
Sunday Mass : Some people will be shy about
clambering over you to get to unoccupied seats in
the middle of the row, and sometimes, as last
Sunday, it will appear that the church is full when

in fact it is not. I'd be most grateful for your co-operation in this. It is so important that we make people feel welcome.

Also unfortunate I've heard indirectly that someone had a fall whilst working in the Memorial Garden recently, and had difficulty in getting home. Our Safeguarding Officers suggest that (i) it might be best not to work alone in the Garden, (ii) best to tell someone if you are going to do so, to which I would add (iii) it might be wise to carry a mobile 'phone in such a situation.

AN INVITATION

To take part in the Suffolk Churches Trust Sponsored Ride & Stride on Saturday, September 12th

Once again Fr. John invites you to join him on a Sponsored Stride around the various churches in Central Felixstowe.

We will begin at St. Felix at **10.15am**
(after the 9.30am Mass)

and walk at a moderate pace to six other churches,

2. St. Andrew's, St. Andrew's Road
3. The Salvation Army Citadel
4. Ranelagh Road Fellowship
5. Trinity Methodist, Hamilton Road
- 6.. Orwell Road United Reformed
7. St. John's, Orwell Road
8. The Convent, Orwell Road

I think we should have completed the circuit by
11.30am

This year, some of the churches will be closed, and we will just sign our own forms outside them.

Why should you bother?

First, because it is an excellent way of raising much-needed money for our own and other Suffolk Churches.

Second, because it will be good to be doing something safe with other people again.

Third, because like me you may benefit from a little light exercise!

What do you need to do?

Simply collect a Sponsorship form from the back of church, and then ask people you know to sponsor you.

Come on, you'll enjoy it! SEVEN THINGS WHICH ARE DISTINCTIVE ABOUT ROMAN CATHOLICISM

VII. We care passionately about Life and Social issues.

Catholics are deeply aware of the immense worth, and indeed the sanctity, of human life. We believe that all life comes from God, and belongs to Him. The Lord has given, and it is for the Lord to take away in his good time. Therefore we are fiercely opposed to Abortion, which we see as a disobeying of the commandment 'You shall not kill'. We believe that at the moment of conception a new life comes into being, and that it is ridiculous to say that it is not killing if a child has not yet been born, but only killing if it has been. That is totally artificial and dishonest. And we hate the falseness of speaking about a harmless-sounding 'termination' rather than of a killing, which is what it is. We can't help feeling cynical about the fact that all hell breaks loose if someone uses a racist word, and yet most people don't turn a hair at the mass-killing which is abortion. Similarly we are bitterly opposed to Euthanasia, because this no less is a destroying of human life - man presuming to take on the role of God in bringing a life to an end.

And because of our conviction as to the worth of the human person as created by God, we are bitterly opposed to all that mitigates against the right valuing and honouring of human life. We work for justice and fairness, and oppose all oppression and exploitation of people. We champion the rights of the downtrodden, the deprived, and those in poverty. We are aware that 'we are indeed our brothers keeper', and that to fail to come to the aid of those in need of help is to fail to come to the assistance of Our Lord himself. The Catholic church has in so many different countries and situations been the voice of those who are not listened to, and the champion of those who are down-trodden.

In this series we have focused on seven things which are distinctive about Roman Catholicism. I know that so much more can be said, and that there are other things too which make Catholicism challenging, worthy of respect, and the fully authentic form of Christianity..