



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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September 6th, 2020 : 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm (St.F) Int. For the People
Sunday 9:30am (St.F) Int.+Frances Yelo (K&
11:00am (St.F) KW)

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
9:30am (St.F) Int. +Fred Bantick (FM)
Tuesday FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
**11.0am FUNERAL MASS FOR BETTY
RYLES RIP**
Wednesday FERIA
9:30am (St.F) Int. +Fr.Denis Brophy (FM)
Thursday FERIA
No Mass today
Friday FERIA
Noon (St.F) Int.
Saturday THE MOST HOLY NAME
OF MARY
9.30am (St.F) Int.
6:00pm (St.F) Int.

**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, AND FRIDAY

The Daily Office

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesdays at 4.0pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request

The Rosary Friday at 11.15am

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 11.0am Funeral Mass for Betty Ryles RIP, followed by Cremation at the Crematorium of the Seven Hills.
Thursday 10.30am Fr.John attends a Meeting of Deans at Poringland.

Saturday THE SPONSORED STRIDE
Our Parish Party leaves St.Felix at 10.15am, following the 9.30am Mass, to visit seven churches in total. Do please take part. It is not too late to collect a sponsorship form from the back of church, and to ask friends to sponsor you. We should complete our circuit by 11.30am.

Saturday 3.0pm Baptism of Karolina, daughter of Tomas and Anna Madej.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Helen Gorham (2016), Pamela Russell (2009), and Sr.Genevieve Devereux (2019). May they Rest in Peace.

Condolences To Stephen Badcock, our Parish Council Chairman, whose Mother, Olive, died a few days ago. She was a dear soul, living at

St.John's Court, and although not a Catholic I felt that she was very much part of the St.Felix family. We will remember her, and Stephen in our prayers.

Money Matters Last Sunday £372.55 was given at the offertory, and £73.55 for CAFOD.

First Holy Communion in 2021 Preparation for First Holy Communion will begin in a few weeks time, and already thought is being given to how we can best do this in view of distancing, etc. Children must be in Year 3 or above to begin preparation. If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion in next Summer, please ask Fr.John for a registration form. He will arrange a meeting with Parents before the Course begins, and the parents of candidates must complete the form and attend the meeting before preparation commences.

Our Lady of Ipswich Pilgrimage The annual Ecumenical Pilgrimage walk will take place on Sunday 13th - next Sunday, starting at 3.0pm from St.Peter's on the Quay, Ipswich. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for details.

Parish Council It seems to be a very long time since we last met, and the Chairman and I both feel that it would be good to have a meeting in the fairly near future, to discuss the present situation in the parish, and to look towards the weeks and months ahead. Obviously such a meeting will have to be socially distanced, and the Hall, I'm told, can only hold twelve to fifteen people at present. As you know, our meetings are open to all parishioners, and what I would like you to do is to tell me as soon as possible if you would like to attend this meeting. Then when a date has been fixed, the first ten or fifteenth people who have expressed interest will receive an invitation to attend. I think this is fairest way to do things.

AN INVITATION

In just a months time I will be celebrating my Silver Jubilee of Priesthood - I was ordained priest at Lowestoft on October 7th (Feast of the Holy Rosary) in 1995. I'd planned a big celebration for the event, a Mass attended by Bishop Alan, to which I'd hoped to invite you my parishioners, friends from away, and some representative parishioners from the other parishes in which I've served, as well as the Deanery clergy. There was going to be a Mass, and then I had planned to give you all a good buffet lunch in the Hall, with plenty to eat and drink. The Team Felix ladies had most kindly agreed to prepare the food.

But now, of course, my plans like those of so many other people - for every kind of event - are in disarray. The Hall can't be used for a crowded gathering, and only 60/70 are allowed to be in church here for a Mass. I've been tempted to say that there won't be a celebration - that I'll wait until my Golden Jubilee. But as I would be one hundred years old then, this might not be realistic!

And so I think we will do what is possible. Bishop Alan is still prepared to come for a Mass, although he says that it is proper that I should celebrate it - he will be 'in Choir'. It will be at 11.30am on Wednesday, October 7th. I would like the limited seating to be for you, my parishioners - no visitors from away - although the Bishop says that I must invite the Deanery clergy, since I'm their Dean. And so I'm inviting you very warmly to come to the Mass in a month's time, although I feel badly about not being able to give you a good lunch afterwards. Maybe I'll be able to provide a lunch at my Golden Jubilee - if things are back to 'normal' by then! I do hope that you can be present on October 7th.