



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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September 20th, 2020 : 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday FEAST OF ST.MATTHEW
No Mass today
Tuesday FERIA
No Mass today
Wednesday ST.PIUS OF PIETRELCINA
No Mass today
Thursday SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY
OF WALSINGHAM
No Mass today
Friday FERIA
No Mass today
Saturday FERIA
6:00pm (St.F) Int. +Stephanie O'Mahony

The Rosary Friday at 11.15am

Fr.John is on his summer holiday, in North Norfolk. He returns at the end of next week. Today we welcome Fr.Chris Dobson, who lives near Woodbridge and has most kindly agreed to celebrate the Masses today.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Marjorie Atkinson (2002), Christine Searle (2013), and Maisie Symes (2018). May they Rest in Peace.

Please have in your diary Fr.John's Silver Jubilee Mass on Wednesday, October 7th at 11.30am. He would so much like you to be there.

THIS WEEK On Monday, the Feast of

St.Matthew. Matthew was the writer of the first of the four Gospel included in the canon of the New Testament, although he was not the first to write an account of the life & teaching of Jesus : that was St.Mark. So why is it that St.Matthew's Gospel appears first? Because it is the Gospel that has been used more than any other in the teaching ministry of the Catholic Church. It tells us about the birth of Jesus, which St.Marks & St.John's Gospel do not & it gives us a full account of the Passion & Death of the Lord & of his Resurrection. It also gives a considerable body of his teaching, most memorably, perhaps, in the Sermon on the Mount. It was written with Jewish readers in mind, & it stresses how Jesus is the Messiah which the prophets had taught God's chosen people to expect. The symbol of St.Matthew is the Man, shown winged, & this symbol appear on the front of the stone lectern in St.Felix.

On Thursday this week, the Solemnity of Our Lady of Walsingham, principal Patron of the Diocese of East Anglia. How fortunate we are to live in that part of the country where Our Lady appeared, back in the eleventh century! - an apparition which occurred so many centuries before those at Lourdes, Knock, & Fatima. Our Lady asked the visionary Richeldis to build a replica of the Holy House at Nazareth, the place where Mary said "Yes" to God's invitation, & the Incarnation took place. The Holy House to be a kind of visual aid to remind Christians of what took place so long ago, & how hugely significant it was. Richeldis Holy House has long since been destroyed, but the Shrine at Walsingham continues to be a place where we can resort, & standing on holy ground, rejoice in the Word made Flesh, & feel close to Jesus & his blessed Mother.