



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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October 4th, 2020 : 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

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

Lauds (Morning Prayer) is said a quarter of an hour before Mass on weekdays.
Sacrament of Reconciliation by request.

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
9:30am (St.F) Int.
Tuesday FERIA
9:30am (St.F) Int.
Wednesday OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
11:30am (St.F) Int. In Thanksgiving
Thursday FERIA
9.30am (St.F) Int. +Winifred Goulborn
Friday ST.JOHN HENRY NEWMAN
Noon (St.F) Int.
Saturday OF OUR LADY
9.30am (St.F) Int.
6:00pm (St.F) Int. For the People

The Rosary Friday at 11.15am

**Fr.John invites you to join him for a
MASS OF THANKSGIVING
on Wednesday this week, October 7th,
at 11.30am,
on the occasion of his
SILVER JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD
1995-2020
to be offered in the presence of
Alan, Bishop of East Anglia.
Do please come!**

At present all Masses continue to be at St.Felix. 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 DURING THE
RESTRICTIONS
HALF AN HOUR BEFORE ADVERTISED
MASSES
AND ALSO 4.0pm - 5.0pm THIS WEEK
ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, & FRIDAY

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Jane Reid (2015), Fred Barnett (2006), and Joe Bonner (2006).
May they Rest in Peace

Money Matters Recent Collections : Sunday Sept.13th - Offertory £514.30, CAFOD £70.62, 2nd Collection (The Holy Places) £158.21.
Sunday Sept.20th - Offertory £525.35, CAFOD £44.40. Sunday Sept.27th - Offertory £333.30, CAFOD £22.45.

Today there is the postponed retiring collection for Peter's Pence, usually taken around the Solemnity of St.Peter & St.Paul on June 29th. It is for the maintenance of the Holy See. Next Sunday there is the usual Harvest Collection for CAFOD.

The Daily Office

Red Boxes Barbara writes 'Dear Red Box friends, sadly I was unable to collect your boxes because our church was closed. Now our church is open again, I am happy to say I shall be at all Masses on 17th/18th October, World Mission Sunday. If you are unable to attend any of these Masses and would like me to empty your box, please call me : Barbara Lamberton

CAFOD Boni and Kate Pinto, our CAFOD representatives, write ' Friday this week the CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day takes place, to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease - let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for those affected and donate online through the CAFOD website Cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of the CAFOD Fast Day envelopes ,which have Gift Aid slips on them. You can also give easily via text CAFOD to 70085, to donate £10. Thank you.'

RIDE & STRIDE 2020 Our Riders & Striders raised the splendid sum of £841 this year! Half of this comes to St.Felix, and half to help repair churches throughout Suffolk. Many thanks to all who took part, and many thanks to our very generous sponsors!

SO FAR THY GRACE.....

On Friday this week we celebrate the feast of St.John Henry Newman (1801-1890), one of the more recent of our English saints. Not least in his legacy to us is the poem, now often sung as a hymn, *Lead, kindly Light*, which contains the line

*So long thy power hath blest me,
Sure it still will lead me on....*

Newman wrote the poem on a sea voyage after a very serious illness, out in the far Mediteranean. He was a young man, but already he was able to look back & see how God had directed the course of his life so far, guarding, guiding & bringing him most recently through his dangerous illness.

I think all of us do well to follow Newman's example and reflect on our past, seeing God's love and care for us, perhaps over many many years. We have all of us been through times of difficulty, maybe times when we've felt

overwhelmed, and quite unable to cope. But somehow God has seen us through. He's never abandoned us, He's been with us in our difficult times. All of us are called, in one way or another, to share in the Cross, but this is something we never have to do alone. Our Lord is there at our side unseen, supporting us, and seeing that the journey and its pressures are not too much for us.

As I approach an important anniversary in my life this week, I have a strong sense of having been both led, and never abandoned. Twenty-five years ago I was ordained Priest at Lowestoft, where I was serving a curacy, and now after being Parish Priest at Bury St.Edmund's in Suffolk and East Dereham in Norfolk, I am back on the Suffolk coast, and have served for six years here at Felixstowe. Sometimes, like most other people, I've felt disheartened. I've had low times, as I'm sure you have had too. But somehow God never lets us get too low. He's always there to encourage us, and - maybe through the mouth of another person - give us the new hope and new vision which we need.

Sadly, we won't be able to sing any hymns at the Jubilee Mass on Wednesday. Singing in church is still forbidden. But I think that in my heart I will be singing Newman's words *So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on.*

FELIXSTOWE

I don't know whether you see the weekly magazine *Country Life*, which was voted best magazine of the year in 2019. I've been fortunate in that an old friend has given me an annual subscription as a Christmas present for now nearly thirty years. Currently the magazine is running a series called *Beautiful Britain - Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty*, and a couple of weeks ago it was *Suffolk Coasts & Heaths* which was featured. There was a rather splendid full-page photograph of the Felixstowe foreshore, and then the write-up began

'Felixstowe never sleeps, a constant mechanical hum of human excess, container after container being loaded and unloaded, protected by the curving sea defences. In stark contrast is the silence, a few miles north of the river Deben, of this AONB, some 170 square miles of estuaries, coasts, and communities.'