



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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November 1st, 2020 : SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday COMMEMORATION OF ALL
THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
9:30am (St.F) Int.
7.00pm (St.F) Int.
Tuesday ST.WINIFRIDE
8.0am (St.F) Int. +John Hatchett (FM)
Wednesday ST.CHARLES BORROMEO
9:30am (St.F) Int. +Charles Garratt (FM)
Thursday FERIA
No Mass today
Friday FERIA
Noon (St.F) Int. +Nora & Alban McTighe
Saturday FERIA
9.30am (St.F) *Children's Mass*
6:00pm (St.F) Int. For the People

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 AND HOUR BEFORE ADVERTISED
MASSES
AND ALSO 2.0pm - 3.0pm
ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, & FRIDAY

The Daily Office

The Office is said a quarter of an hour before Mass on weekdays.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

On request

The Rosary Friday at 11.15am

THIS WEEK

Monday All Souls Day, the day in the year when we pray especially for all who have died. This year, restrictions mean that the usual lists for the names of those whom you would like to be remembered at Mass cannot be left at the back of church, and also there is currently no Prayer of the Faithful at Mass. The important thing is to come along to one of the Masses yourself and pray privately for your loved ones who have died. Mass will be offered today at both 9.30am and 7.0pm.
Monday 2.30pm Distanced Meeting of the Parish Council, in the Hall. (A few weeks ago, I asked people - in two consecutive Newsheets - to tell me if they would like to attend a Parish Council Meeting, and about ten people responded. Today's meeting will be restricted to those people ; distancing does not allow for a great number to meet in the Hall)

Tuesday 11.0am Fr.John attends a meeting of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission at Poringland. Please note that Mass is at 8.0am.

Saturday 9.30am Preparation for First Holy Communion begins. Because of restrictions, will children please bring their own pencils and colouring pens. We begin with Mass in church.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Walter Shaw (2008), Terence Butler (2008), and Patrick Kelly (2009). May they Rest in Peace

Money Matters Last Sunday £428.80 was given at the Offertory, and £40 for CAFOD. The collection today goes to the Parish Priest in lieu of the Easter Collection, which was not taken this year.

Change-over Alan Lamberton, Chairman of the Parish Finance Committee, has retired as our Gift Aid Officer. We are most grateful to him for having fulfilled this necessary role so efficiently for a number of years. His place is being taken by George Babbington, to whom we are very grateful for being prepared to take on this work.

Red Boxes Barbara writes 'Thanks to all those who handed in their red missionary boxes - your generosity is much appreciated. If anyone still has a box they would like emptying, please bring it to church or call me. Every little helps, as they say. Make sure your name is on the box, please.'

Clarification Last week I wrote about how a Catholic priest is paid, and a parishioner has enquired as to whether the priest still retains the Mass stipends, and the money which is given at Baptisms, Weddings, and funerals - sometimes called 'stole fees', as he used to do. No. For the last few years the Mass stipends and the stole fees have gone into parish funds, and instead the priest is paid a monthly salary, the amount of which is fixed by the diocese, and which rises with inflation. The salary currently stands at £416 per month.

Repository Diana writes 'In the present circumstances we are not opening the Repository as normal, but we have available Advent calendars, Christmas cards, some candles, and a very few diaries. We will display the above in the cabinet over the next few weeks. If people wish to purchase, please either 'phone Diana or Philomena and we will either arrange to meet you when the church is open, or deliver to you if that is more convenient.

DARKNESS AND LIGHT

I do hope that none of you was listening to Radio Suffolk just before seven o'clock last Sunday morning. If you had been, then you would have heard me being interviewed! I think they

were rather scraping the barrel, and having seen in the East Anglia diocesan news that I had recently celebrated a Silver Jubilee of priesthood, they decided to 'do' a five-minute interview.

I was rather nervous before it, and rather disappointed afterwards. The lady who originally contacted me - and who questioned me closely for about forty minutes! - suggested that I would be asked about Hallow'een, which I would have been very pleased to talk about. But in the event it was nearly all about why I had decided to become a Catholic, umpteen years ago. Rather old news.

But why would I have liked to give a Catholic view on Hallow'een? Because this decidedly odd celebration which has become so widespread and so dominant is, I think, something which the Catholic cannot be wholly comfortable with. Yes, I know that a lot of it is harmless fun. But underlying it is something rather dark, and the devil always seeks to operate in the darkness. It strikes me that Hallow'een with its witches and ghosts, its fears and superstitions, provides the kind of scenario in which the devil can easily get a toe-hold. I'm sad - but rather more than sad - that the people who enter so enthusiastically into Hallow'een are unaware or neglectful of All Saints Day (or 'All Hallows' in old English) which we are celebrating today. They seem to be preferring the darkness to the light. The realm of darkness is the realm of the Adversary, the realm of light is that of God, and of the Saints who rejoice in his presence. All Saints Day is about light - about love, courage, heroic virtue, joy : whereas Hallow'een is about the darkness - fear, death, horror, ugliness, etc. There is the eternal choice between darkness and light, and some seem to be choosing the former. And further, All Saints Day is about Truth, about fact : about heroic lives and noble deeds actually lived out, about love, peace, and joy actually experienced. Whereas Hallow'een is about things that only have reality in the shadows, in twisted and fearful minds and in the powers of darkness.

There is a popular modern hymn which has a chorus 'Walk in the Light'. That is certainly where inner happiness and peace of mind are to be found. May we, all of us, always 'walk in the light' - in the Light of Christ.