



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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November 8th, 2020 : 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Mass

Int. For the People

Weekday Masses

Monday DEDICATION OF THE
LATERAN BASILICA
Int. Jessica Stirling
Tuesday ST.LEO THE GREAT
Int. Linda & Chris Parkin
Wednesday ST.MARTIN OF TOURS
Int. +Etty Smith
Thursday ST.JOSAPHAT

Friday FERIA
Int. +Mary & Bartholomew Scanlon
Saturday FERIA
Int. +Finbarr & Hilda Murphy

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Exposition will take place every day when the
church is open, 11.0am to Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr.John will be available to hear Confessions each day when the church is open, during Exposition, 11.0am -Noon. Just approach him and tell him that you wish to make your Confession.

The Sick Fr.John is available to visit the Sick and Administer the Sacraments to them as requested.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Hilda Murphy (2017), Mary Russell (2003), Martin Gaffey (2005), Graham Conroy (2007), Edward Davison (2013), John Walsh (2001), Mary Hourihave (2005), Mary Holding (2011), Kenneth Pooley (2000), and James Reiley (2004). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £957.70 was given at the Offertory (Easter Collection), and £57.00 was given for CAFOD.

Thank you Fr.John is most grateful to those who contributed so very generously to his belated 'Easter Offering'. Your kindness is much appreciated, and gives encouragement.

Ink Cartridges A parishioner has some unused Epson ink cartridges, which he would be pleased to give to anyone. They would suit Stylus Photo using E80 cartridges.

No public worship may take place during the coming month. Mass will be offered privately each day (except Thursday) at St.Felix, at 9.30am, and Intentions can still be requested.

St.Felix will be open for private prayer every day (except Thursday) from 10.0am to 2.0pm.

When entering the church you will be asked - in addition to sanitising your hands - to collect a 'wipe' from the table in the Porch, and on leaving to use it to sanitise the place where you have been sitting. The 'wipe' should then be placed in the black sack in the basket at the back of the Nave seating.

CAFOD Boni & Kate Pinto write 'We have been asked by our CAFOD head office to thank our St.Felix' parishioners for their very generous donations of £3447.28 over the year 2020. Your great support, passion, and commitment are making a great difference to the lives of so many people living in poverty and seclusion, especially now due to the Coronavirus. Through the work of our partners you are reaching the poorest and most vulnerable communities and helping to enable everyone to have life in all its fullness. Thank you once again and stay safe.

NB If anyone requires more CAFOD weekly donation envelopes please call us.

Parish Council The Parish Council met in the Hall last week, and although it seemed very odd to be only a dozen people, spaced out in a very wide circle and all wearing masks, it was nevertheless deemed to have been very worthwhile.

One of the things discussed, of course, was Christmas. We recognised that any plans have to be provisional, but it is hoped that there will be Masses at 5.0pm and 7.0pm on Christmas Eve, and at 9.30am and 11.0am on Christmas morning. Tickets will be available from the beginning of December - the ticket system being chiefly necessary in order - in view of distancing - to see that numbers are spread out over the four Masses. An extra Mass could take place on Christmas Eve if necessary : I want to ensure that everyone who wishes to attend a Christmas Mass will be able to do so.

The Council also looked at our procedures for ensuring Covid safety in church, and how these might be strengthened.

The Council looked at a leaflet which has been produced for giving-out to those who wish to arrange a burial of Cremated Remains in the Memorial Garden. The Council agreed that this would be useful.

The matter of whether we should be live-streaming the Mass from St.Felix was raised, and it was agreed that this should be looked in to. A number of other churches in the diocese are following the lead of the Cathedral in doing this, and whilst - hopefully- the public celebration of Mass might have returned before we could get such a system installed, it might still be useful for sick and housebound parishioners - and others - to

have this facility available. I wonder what YOU think about this? I'd really like to know.

THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

Our Lord becomes present in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar for three purposes :

1. That we may offer Him, together with his saving work, to the Father. Christ on the Altar in the Mass is the Holy Sacrifice, the offering of which leads to our reconciliation with the Father.
2. That we may then feed on the Sacrifice : in Holy Communion we receive Christ the Bread of Life, who comes to strengthen us on our pilgrim way.
3. That we may adore Him, present in the Holy Sacrament, giving him our love, our worship, as we gaze upon Him, hidden under the outward appearance of Bread.

In this present situation, when the Mass cannot be celebrated publicly, where do we stand?

1. Although the Mass may not be celebrated publicly, it is nevertheless offered privately each day at St.Felix', and so the Sacrifice is made day by day. We may not be able to be physically present, but we can join ourselves to the priest in heart and mind each day, and benefit from the sacrifice which is made by him on our behalf.
2. We are not able to receive the Blessed Sacrament in the normal way, but we are able to make an act of Spiritual Communion each day. At the back of Church you will find a leaflet enabling you to do this. It will be especially good if you can do this when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the Altar.
3. Happily during this present lock-down our churches can remain open for private prayer : St.Felix is open for four hours each day, and for one of those hours, 11.0am to Noon, Exposition will take place. And so the third reason for Our Lord being present in the Holy Sacrament can be fully realised. My hope is that people will use this wonderful opportunity for prayer in the Lord's presence very often - maybe daily. It cannot replace being at Mass, but it can bring great blessings, especially if combined with an act of Spiritual Communion.