



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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November 29th, 2020 : FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday Mass

Int. For the People

Weekday Masses

Monday FEAST OF ST.ANDREW

Int.

Tuesday ADVENT FERI

Int. Rita Meil

Wednesday ADVENT FERIA

9:30am Int. +Dorothy Milton

Thursday ST.FRANCIS XAVIER

No Mass today

Friday ADVENT FERIA

No Mass today

Saturday ADVENT FERIA

9.30am Int.

6:00pm Int. For the People

recommence the following day.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation During Exposition on Monday & Tuesday this week, and otherwise by request

THIS WEEK

Monday 1.0pm Funeral Service for Michelle Linden RIP

Friday 10.0am Fr.John attends the Bishop's Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral.

No Mass at St.Felix on Friday this week.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Bernard Brooks (2019), Sr.Carmel Murphy RJM (2003), Mary Kalo (2003), Kenneth Hylins (2013), Helen Richards (2000), & Elizabeth Barnes (2005) RIP

Money Matters Over the past two Sundays £329.00 has been given to the Parish as 'Offertory Collection', & £26.00 for CAFOD.

CAFOD CAFOD Christmas posters, & the new catalogues for CAFOD World Gifts are available in the Porch. This year, when there are problems about Christmas shopping, the World Gifts are easy to purchase & dispatch, besides bringing help to those in great need. Also at the back of church is the catalogue for AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED gifts for needy persons - these too can be purchased & a card is sent to you to give to a friend, saying that you have bought the gift in their name.

Posada One of the minor casualties of the Covid crisis is the Posada, the figure of Mary &

It is a great joy to know that public Masses can recommence on Wednesday this week, December 2nd - on Weekdays and on Sundays. As before the latest lockdown, sanitising and distancing must take place, masks must be worn, the Mass will be slightly shortened, and Holy Communion will be given under one kind. The church will be open each day from Wednesday onward 9.0am to 3.0pm.

The Daily Office

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays at 10.0am Benediction at 10.30am (The daily Exposition which we have held during the present lockdown will end on Monday, & the usual Tuesday half-hour after Mass will

Joseph travelling to Bethlehem for the birth of Our Lord. Obviously it can't travel from home to home with its accompanying prayer leaflet this year. So I plan to bless the figure as normal at the end of Mass today, & then place it before the altar, with the prayer leaflets on a table nearby. As with other papers & leaflets in church, please take it home after use, or else place in the black plastic bag at the back of church.

Streamed Advent Taize Service from St.Mary's Ipswich. This will take place on Thursday this week at 7.0pm. & will last for forty minutes. Candle light, beautiful music, silence. All are invited to take part The code you need is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCJ4RA2ocNUgNNombaKJiy5A>

The Bishop's Silver Jubilee of Priesthood
This occurs next Friday, December 4th, & the Bishop is saying a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral at 10.0am. He has invited all of the clergy to attend - & the Deans to concelebrate with him - & also he has invited two representatives from each parish to be present. I wonder whether there are two people from our own parish who would like to go? It should be a very joyful occasion. Please tell me, & then I can inform Bishop's House.

Christmas gifts for Refugees and Seafarers
Barbara writes 'Dear Friends, as we shall not be able to have our giving Tree for the Suffolk Refugees Support Centre this year, Rebecca has suggested giving TESCO vouchers or books of tokens or book tokens. Also we will not be having our Stella Maris Carol Concert in aid of Seafarers, so I am hoping to purchase Christmas fridge magnets for Julian (the Stella Maris port chaplain) to distribute (see notice board). If you feel able to support either of these initiatives, just put vouchers, tokens, or money in an envelope marked with the charity's name & pop it through the Presbytery door. Many thanks.'

Diocesan Year Book 2021 Despite everything, the new Diocesan Year Books have arrived on time for Advent Sunday. & the price has gone down! - this year they are just two pounds each, rather than three. A bargain, as they are full of

information. Collect a copy from the porch, & place two pounds in the wall safe marked 'Repository'.

Churches Together Felixstowe Advent Course
Anne, who wrote about this last week, adds 'To access CTF online Advent Course (via Zoom), on the next four Mondays at 7.30pm, please refer to Churches Together in Felixstowe (CTF) website "Menu", where the code & password are provided.'

Christmas Cards One of our young Mothers, Katy Versey, has had the excellent idea of her own & other children making Christmas cards to send to elderly parishioners living alone. Please encourage children to do this. The cards should come to the Presbytery, if possible by Dec.13th from where Katie & I will distribute them. If you want your card to be more personal, I can supply a Christian name

A DIFFERENT KIND OF ADVENT

We've heard plenty about 'a different kind of Christmas' this year, but not so much about a different kind of Advent. But different it will clearly be. This Advent there wont be all the gatherings, carol services, parties, & preparation of festive foods which there usually are. It will be a somewhat quieter, less hectic Advent. Which means, hopefully, that there will be more time to 'live out' this holy season, to think what it is about, & seize the spiritual opportunities which it presents us with.

Advent, with its theme of the Coming of Jesus, in the past, in the present & the future : a time to contemplate the long preparation made by God for the wonderful Incarnation of the Divine Word, a time to remember how he comes to us in so many ways here & now, & how He will come as King & Judge at the end of time. We 'live out' this holy season by thinking, meditating, on this theme of God's self-giving to us, this 'making known', this reaching out to us. There will be a little more time than usual this Advent to do this, & we mustn't fail to do so. In particular it will be good to read & ponder the Mass readings which the Church gives us during Advent, readings carefully chosen to guide our thoughts. & we must see that our daily prayer time really happens, & doesn't get pushed out by other, less important things. Use & enjoy God's precious gift of Advent!