



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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February 28th, 2021 : SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People
Sunday 9:30am Int. +Michael Thomas (B&AL)
11:00am Int. +Michael Thomas (JY&NP)

Weekday Masses

Monday FEAST OF ST.DAVID
9:30am Int. +Richard Butt
Tuesday LENT FERIA
9:30am Int. +For all who have died in the Covid pandemic
Wednesday LENT FERIA
9:30am Int. +Karen Thomson
Thursday LENT FERIA
9.30am Int. +Patrick Barrett
Friday LENT FERIA
Noon Int. +Chris Donohue
Saturday LENT FERIA
9.30am Int. +Paul McManus
6:00pm Int. For the People

The Daily Office

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 10.0am to 10.30am
Sunday 4.0pm to 5.0pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel, or by appointment.

The Rosary Friday at 11.15am

CHURCH OPENING
during the present restrictions
Daily, 9.0am to 4.0pm

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

4.0pm *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*
4.30pm *Stations of the Cross*

Tuesday 9.30pm Catholic Churches everywhere are being asked today to offer a Requiem for all of those who have died in the Covid pandemic.

Thursday 11.0am Fr.John attends a Meeting of the diocesan Council of Priests.
3.0pm Funeral Service for Kevin Daly RIP at the Crematorium of the Seven Hills.

THURSDAY

The Deanery Lent Station Mass takes place at St.Mary's Church, Ipswich
5.0pm *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*
6.0pm *The Mass, celebrated by Bishop Alan*
(Only the St.Mary's parish clergy and a few parishioners are allowed to be present : the people of the Deanery are invited and encouraged to watch the live-streaming of this Mass ; access via St.Mary's Ipswich website)

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Margaret Lupton (2003), Bertie Simpkin-Kane (2009), Ernie Veitch (2017), Kathleen Thomson (2007), Kathleen Dillon (2002), Karen Thomson (2016), Helen Hurry (2017), Brian Evans (2017), and Dennis Haylock (2003). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £ 660.20 was given at the Offertory, and £ 89.20 for CAFOD. Today there is the retiring collection for CAFOD in Lent, and next Sunday there will be the annual opportunity to contribute to the work of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child.

Teresa Sales (nee Lazell) RIP Tony Lazell asks prayers for his sister Teresa, a former member of the St.Felix choir, who died recently.

CAFOD Walk for Water Challenge Barbra writes 'I have completed the first week, and some days have been a bit under the 10,000 steps and some days a bit over. The weather has been kind - I am not looking forward to walking in the rain, but at least I won't have to carry water! I've worked out that 10,000 steps is to church and back from my house twice.'

Trees down Three large holly trees, two of them misshapen and one of them diseased, were taken down last week ; they stood in the Memorial Garden, just outside the east window. They were blocking light from the Rosary Window, and the effect now they are gone is most marked.

St.Felix Finances The Chairman of the Finance Committee, Alan Lamberton, writes 'We are approaching the end of the financial year 2020-21. New envelopes for the new financial year 2021-22 will be available in March. A number of parishioners moved from envelope giving to Standing Order giving during the Coronavirus pandemic, which has helped secure a more regular income for the parish during the past year. Some parishioners also signed up for Gift Aid on their contributions, which increases the individuals contributions by 20% at no additional cost to the contributor. Thank you to all those who have helped in these ways. Should any one wish to move to Standing Orders, or to sign up for Gift Aid, information will be provided alongside the new envelopes in the church porch during March. We, like many others, have suffered a reduction in income over the last year due to the pandemic causing church closure, self-isolation, etc. Our total income from Standing Orders, Envelopes, and Loose plate collection during the year 2019-2020 was **£47,465** . Income from the same sources registered in the eleven months of this financial

year (only 1 month left) stands at **£27,914**. The reduction is primarily from loss of income from the Convent Masses and the loss of Loose Plate collections when the church has been closed and parishioners are not attending Mass. Next week I will give more details.'

THE GOSPEL FOR LENT II

It is suggested that we try to re-read the Sunday Gospel reading on each day of the following week, and maybe think about the points suggested below. The Gospel is **Mark 9:2-10**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured : his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses ; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi', he said ' it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

Monday Peter, James, and John. Why not Andrew? Why not the others? Jesus chooses people for specific tasks and purposes, and he knows what he is doing. We must never feel overlooked or ignored by God.

Tuesday 'Up a high mountain'. High places are places of revelation. What was revealed to us about Jesus on the 'Sermon on the Mount' high place, on Mount Calvary, and here on the Mount of the Transfiguration?

Wednesday From a high place we get a wide view : from this high place we look back into the past (Moses and Elijah) and forwards to the future (the resurrection glory of Jesus and of ourselves).

Thursday Peter felt he'd got to say something. It would have been better to keep quiet. Sometimes in our prayer time it is better for us to be quiet, & to simply to be with God, to 'be still'.

Friday 'They were frightened'. Holy awe and wonder are often lacking in contemporary worship, but being in the presence of God should not just evoke in us a cosy familiarity. Consider!

Saturday 'Listen to him' - Lent and what lies beyond (Holy Week) is a time for pausing and listening to Jesus. How good are we at this? And where and how do we hear him speaking to us?