



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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March 14th, 2021 : FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People
Sunday 9:30am Int. + Fr. John McNally
11:00am Int. + Bridie Kaziow (JY & NP)

Weekday Masses

Monday LENT FERIA
9:30am Int. +Mr. John
3.0pm *Funeral Mass for Michael Thomas RIP*
Tuesday LENT FERIA
9:30am Int. +Michael Thomas (MD)
Wednesday FEAST OF ST. PATRICK
9:30am Int.
Thursday LENT FERIA
No Mass today
Friday SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH
Noon Int.
Saturday LENT FERIA
9.30am Int.
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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

The Rosary Friday at 11.15pm

THIS WEEK

Today is Mothering Sunday : Flowers will be blessed at the end of Mass and given to the

children for their Mothers.

EACH SUNDAY IN LENT

4.0pm *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

4.30pm *Stations of the Cross*

Monday 3.0pm Funeral Mass for Michael Thomas RIP, followed by cremation at the Crematorium of the Seven Hills. Because of the Covid restrictions, attendance at the Funeral Mass has, sadly, to be by invitation, but the Mass will be live-streamed : phone David Button Funeral Services (**01394 200793**) for the link.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Catherine Brasley (2006), Fr. John McNally (2007), Evelyn Gedge (2018), Vera McKay (2001), Jean Donnelly (2002), Peter Styles (2007), and Kathleen Williams (2003). May they Rest in Peace.

Bridie Kaziow RIP Many will be saddened by the death of Bridie, a faithful and greatly loved parishioner, who always had a ready smile and a kindly word. She will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £217.00 was given at the Offertory, and £ 333.00 for CAFOD. £120.00 was given in the collection for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child.

The Chrism Mass The Chrism Mass will take place at the Cathedral as normal on the Tuesday in Holy Week. We won't be having a parish coach this year. If you would like to attend -making your

own way there - you will need to obtain a ticket ; these can be booked through *Eventbrite* website.

THE GOSPEL FOR LENT IV

It is suggested that we try to re-read the Sunday Gospel on each day of the following week, and maybe think about the points suggested below.

The Gospel is **John 3:14-21**

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

Monday Belief leads to eternal life. To believe we must discover. Coming to know Jesus through study & prayer strengthens our belief.

Tuesday Giving follows very naturally from loving, and is a proof of its genuineness. The Father gives us the most precious thing possible - his own beloved Son, given so that we may live.

Wednesday Jesus has not come amongst us to condemn us : he is saddened by our sins, and wants to lift us up to himself. We must respond to him, and accept his wonderful gifts of grace.

Thursday Many are indifferent to Jesus and his saving work, preferring the darkness to the light. Do we - always - really want to be in the light, and boldly refuse what belongs to darkness?

Friday Fearing that ones selfish and cowardly actions will become known is something which takes away inner peace. Better to walk and live in the light - it gives us that peace which we all want to possess..

Saturday 'The man who lives by the truth' - it is easy to not always be truthful, even with ourselves.. The Christian must love the truth, and carefully avoid all self-serving and dishonest half-truths.

ST.JOSEPH

This is the Year of St.Joseph, March is traditionally the Month of St.Joseph, and the Solemnity of St.Joseph falls this Friday. So what is happening here about St Joseph in this special Year? I said at the beginning of it that we would try to do three things to mark the year. First, that we would produce a special prayer card. This, however, has rather been overtaken by the decision of the Bishop to issue a St.Joseph Prayer Card for the whole of the diocese ; we don't really need a parish one as well. Second that we would 'serialise' in the Newsheet the Pope's recent Apostolic Letter on St.Joseph. We've begun doing that, and will continue with it in due course. Third, that we would try to have the grubby stone reredos in St.Joseph's Chapel professionally cleaned. Already some money has been donated towards this, but the conservator (who did the Lady Chapel five or so years ago) has been unable to travel here because of the lockdown. So more about this later.

WHEN YOU PRAY.....

IX - *but deliver us from evil.*

As Christians, we don't believe in some vague and formless 'goodness' : we believe in a God who is personal, and the very source of goodness, and that all good action has its source in him. Likewise we do not hold that there is some vague, impersonal, and formless 'evil', but rather that there is an enemy, personal and powerful, whom we call the Devil, and that evil has its origin in him, and is evidenced in all that is destructive and damaging - the devil at work in those who open themselves to his influence and direction.

We know the devil to be wily and unrelenting in his efforts to bring us down. Sometimes we almost hear him urging us to do and say what we know to be wrong, and which will only make for trouble and disruption. We are under no illusion as to how dangerous an enemy he is. And so as children of our heavenly Father, we turn to him for protection and help, and cry out to him each day 'Deliver us from evil'.