



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## March 21st, 2021 : FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People  
Sunday 9:30am Int. +Bridie Kaziow  
11:00am Int. +Bernard Davies (FM)

### Weekday Masses

Monday LENT FERIA  
9:30am Int. +Rosemary Chase (FM)  
Tuesday LENT FERIA  
9:30am Int. Those who have died or suffered  
as a result of COVID  
Wednesday LENT FERIA  
No Mass today  
Thursday SOLEMNITY OF THE  
ANNUNCIATION  
9.30am Int. +Marie & Basil Richardson  
Friday LENT FERIA  
Noon Int.  
Saturday LENT FERIA  
9.30am Int. +Edith Coppen (FM)  
6:00pm Int. For the People

### The Daily Office

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

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays - 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 11.15am

### EACH SUNDAY IN LENT

4.0pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### 4.30pm Stations of the Cross

#### THIS WEEK

**Tuesday** Today is being kept as a National Day of Reflection, when we are to look back on the past year, which has been dominated by the COVID pandemic. The Bishops' wish Catholics to keep this as a Day of Prayer. Try to be at the 9.30am Mass, and the half-hour of Exposition which follows it.

**Thursday** Solemnity of the Annunciation. Mass will be offered at 9.30am - an important day in the Church's Year. No Mass on Wednesday.

**Saturday** Holy Week begins with the 6.0pm Mass today.

#### PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries this week** Sr.Francis (2001), Marie Richardson (2014), Norman Cawston (2018), Frederick Sykes (2007), Donovan Stocker (2012), and Pamela Vickers (2020). R.I.P.

**Money Matters** Last Sunday £458.20 was given at the Offertory, and £65.76 for CAFOD.

#### Updates on CAFOD's Lent 'Walk for Water'

Kate, Boni, and Rosemary write '472,400 steps completed by Kate & Boni, and Rosemary Tri-cycling 5 miles each day through Lent. Raised over 80% of our target to date. Thank you very much for your donations. It really means a lot to me and to The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) Anyone else who may wish to donate please see the link below : <https://www.justgiving.com/team/st-felix-team>

Barbara writes 'Still blessed with good weather, and I'm glad we are in lockdown because this walking takes a lot of time. It is all quite relentless but the 40th day will be Palm Sunday so I won't have to step-count during Holy Week (*Deo gratias*). Thanks for all your encouragement and support.'

**Let there be light** Last week the two skylight/lanterns which light the sacristies were replaced. The old ones were of a plastic which had heavily discoloured, and both looked unpleasant and made the sacristies gloomy. The change has been remarkable. Do step in and have a look.

## HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is now in sight - it begins next Sunday, which is Palm Sunday. For Christians it is the great week of the year, when we contemplate the saving actions by which Our Lord has brought about our salvation.

As you will see in the special Holy Week Leaflet the great liturgies of Holy Week will be celebrated at the usual times, but the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has laid down that the ceremonial must be curtailed this year on account of the COVID virus - all part of that keeping our churches secure which makes it perfectly safe to come back to Mass if you haven't already done so.

You will experience this simplification next Sunday. Palms will not be available as you enter church as they usually are. They will be on the Sanctuary and will be blessed at the beginning of Mass without any Procession (and there will continue to be no congregational singing). You will be handed your blest palm at the door as you leave church at the end of Mass, by one of two people wearing single-use plastic gloves.

Sadly we won't be able to have the usual very-enjoyable Palm Cross making session next Saturday afternoon. If anyone feels able to make some palm crosses at home, please will they tell me? I will seek to provide a printed *aide-memoire*.

## THE GOSPEL FOR LENT V

It is suggested that during Lent we try to re-read the Sunday Gospel on each day of the following

week, and maybe think about the points given below.

The Gospel is **John 12:20-30**

*Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:*

*'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'*

*A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'*

*People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'it was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.*

*'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'*

*By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die,*

**Monday** Would we like to see Jesus? The Gospels give us word-pictures of him. We can use our imagination to picture him, but does his physical appearance really matter?

**Tuesday** What is the 'rich harvest' that has come about through the 'falling into the ground' of Jesus? How can we be part of it?

**Wednesday** What does 'hating our life in this world' mean? Is it refusing to put too high a value on earthly things? Is it saying 'no' on occasion?

**Thursday** To serve Jesus involves following him. How far, and in what ways, do I follow him? Is his likeness to be seen in me? Is he able to recognise me as a fellow traveller?

**Friday** 'I will glorify it again'. To what can the voice of the Father be referring? What is the true 'glory' of Our Lord Jesus Christ?

**Saturday** How are we drawn towards the crucified Christ? Are we aware of being drawn by him? Do we really allow ourselves to be drawn to him? Do we find the Cross powerful?