



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## MARCH 28th, 2021 : PALM SUNDAY

### Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People  
Sunday 9:30am Int. +Philip Marston  
11:00am

### Weekday Masses

Monday MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK  
9:30am Int. Annie Colman  
Tuesday TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK  
**8:30am** Int. +Patrick Goulborn  
Wednesday WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK  
9:30am Int. + Emer Holohan

#### *MAUNDY THURSDAY*

**8.0pm THE MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER  
and Maundy Watch until 10.0pm**  
Int. +Michael Butterworth

#### *GOOD FRIDAY*

**9.0am The Offices of Readings and Lauds**  
**3.0pm THE GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY**  
**7.0pm Mater Desolata**

#### *HOLY SATURDAY*

**9.0am The Offices of Readings and Lauds**  
**11.0am The Blessing of Polish Easter Baskets**  
**8.0pm THE EASTER VIGIL  
AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER**

#### *EASTER DAY*

**9.30am and 11.0am THE MASS OF  
EASTER MORNING**  
**4.0pm Vespers and Benediction**

**FULL DETAILS OF ALL THE SERVICES OF  
HOLY WEEK ARE CONTAINED IN  
THE SPECIAL HOLY WEEK LEAFLET**

### Will tickets be needed for the Holy Week Masses?

No. Before Christmas Dr. Stephen Badcock, our advisor on Covid precautions, calculated that we can accommodate between seventy and eighty people in St. Felix duly distanced (using the side chapels and porch). I don't think that we are likely to see more people than this at any of the services as things are at present. The only uncertainty, I think, is over the 9.30am Mass on Easter morning, and I wonder whether some people who are planning to come to this Mass might switch to the 11.0am Mass, at which there are normally only twenty to thirty people? That would even things out, and prevent there being too many people at the 9.30am Mass.

### The Daily Office

Mon & Wed - Lauds at 9.15am, Tues. - 8.15am

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

As there will not be Exposition on Tuesday this week, there will instead be a Holy Hour on Monday afternoon, 3.0pm-4.0pm

### Confessions before Easter

Monday 10.0am, 3.0pm-4.0pm, 5.0pm  
Thursday Noon and 3.0pm  
Good Friday 4.30pm (approx) - after the Liturgy  
Holy Saturday Noon and 5.0pm  
or by appointment 01394 282561

### THIS WEEK

**Today (Sunday)** 4.0pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.  
5.0pm Stations of the Cross

**Monday** 3.0pm-4.0pm Holy Hour, with Confessions

**Tuesday** Noon Mass of the Chrism at St.John's Cathedral, Norwich (Mass today here is at 8.30am)

## PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries this week** Leslie Styles (2004), John Mitchell (2015), Eileen Wilson (2008), and Peter O'Connor (2013). May they Rest in Peace.

**Deacon Timothy Baker** I've had a letter to say that Timothy Baker, who was baptized at St.Felix in 1963, has been ordained Deacon in Charleston, South Carolina, USA. I wonder if anyone remembers his family being here?

**Money Matters** Last Sunday £559.46 was given at the Offertory, and £50.04 for CAFOD. Next Sunday the Offertory is given to the Parish Priest, as a basic constituent of his annual income.

**Repository** Diana writes 'We have Easter Cards available. Anyone who wishes to have some, please contact Philomena Robinson.

**Thanks** Diana also writes 'I would like to say to so many of you my heartfelt thanks for all the cards, prayers, messages and Masses you have sent to me, and for all the support given to me and the family since Mike's death. Shielding has kept me close to home, but that will soon end and so I hope to be back within the congregation within the next few weeks. Many thanks.'

**Churches Together in Felixstowe** Anne writes 'The CTF annual ecumenical Goof Friday service of witness cannot take place at the Triangle this year, but will instead be a virtual service, and can be accessed online. Full details of both the Good Friday and Easter Sunday services are on the St.Felix website, the CTF website and on our parish noticeboard.'

## YEAR OF ST.JOSEPH

**Before March - the Month of St.Joseph - ends, a further extract from Pope Francis Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde - The Heart of a Father.***

***An Obedient Father*** Joseph was deeply troubled by Mary's mysterious pregnancy. He did not want to 'expose her to public disgrace', so he decided to 'dismiss her quietly'. And then in a dream an angel helped him in his grave dilemma, and when he awoke from sleep he 'did as the angel of the Lord commanded him'. Obedience made it possible for him to surmount his difficulties and spare Mary.'

'St.Luke tells us that Joseph undertook the long and difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, to be registered in his family's town of origin, and there Jesus was born. ... St Luke is especially concerned to tell us that Jesus' parents observed all the prescriptions of the Law : the rites of the circumcision of Jesus, the purification of Mary after childbirth, the offering of the firstborn to God. In every situation, Joseph declared his own 'let it be', like those of Mary at the Annunciation and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

During the hidden years at Nazareth. Jesus learned at the school of Joseph to do the will of the Father. Even in the most difficult moment of his life, in Gethsemane, Jesus chose to do the Father's will rather than his own, becoming 'obedient unto death, even death on a cross'. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews thus concludes that Jesus 'learned obedience through what he suffered'. 'All this makes it clear that St.Joseph was called to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of fatherhood, and that in this way he cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation, and is truly a minister of salvation.'

And so we begin to keep Holy Week once more, with a feeling of thankfulness that this year our churches are open, and the great Liturgies of Holy Week are able to be celebrated publicly. Since it is so, we must, I think, be eager to keep Holy Week with a commitment and enthusiasm which is fitting for this annual celebration of our redemption. It is a wonderful opportunity for renewing and deepening our faith by giving our full attention to Jesus. Let us all resolve to seize this opportunity, and grow in our Christian profession. Saying 'yes' to Holy Week is a way of saying 'yes' to Jesus.