



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## April 11th, 2021 : SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

### Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm For the People  
Sunday 9:30am +HRH Prince Philip  
11:00am

### Weekday Masses

Monday EASTER FERIA  
9:30am Int.  
Tuesday EASTER FERIA  
9:30am Int. +Vincent Brannan  
Wednesday EASTER FERIA  
**Noon FUNERAL MASS FOR BRIDIE  
KAZIOW RIP**  
Thursday EASTER FERIA  
No Mass today  
Friday EASTER FERIA  
Noon Int.  
Saturday EASTER FERIA  
9.30am Int.  
6:00pm Int. +Karen,+Ruth, &Alex Thomson

### The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) is said a quarter of an hour before Mass, except Wednesday

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday at 10.0am Benediction at 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

### THIS WEEK

**Wednesday** Noon Bridie Kaziow's Funeral Mass, followed by cremation at the Crematorium

of the Seven Hills,

### PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries this week** Kathleen Newman (2008), Brian Hughes (2006), Edith Martin (2008), David Holding (2009), Margaret Smyth (2010), Ida Shaw (2012), Gwendoline Jones (2018), Phyllis Miller (2001), and Bruce Fisk (2013) RIP

**Money Matters** Last Sunday £1,408.22 was given at the Offertory, and £80.04 for CAFOD. The retiring collection on Good Friday, for the upkeep of the Holy Land Shrines, raised £84.04, and the Lenten Alms in the wall-box, for Aid to the Church in Need amounted to £163.70.

**CAFOD challenge for Water** Kate, Boni, and Rosemary write 'We wish to thank all of you who have supported CAFOD, particularly through this Lent by your generous donations. We raised £1,007 for the cause and exceeded our goal by over 30%. By doing so, you have helped to bring water supply to remote regions and made a huge difference to the lives of those who suffer poverty and injustice especially in Ethiopia. Wishing you many blessings for Easter.'

**Parish Pastoral Council** I do hope that we will be able to have another distanced meeting of the Parish Council in about three weeks time. As last time, numbers will have to be limited. I hope to be able to give a date in the next Newsheet.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This Second Sunday of Eastertide -traditionally known as Low Sunday - is now kept as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy devotion,

communicated through St.Faustina, and encouraged by Pope John Paul II, is significant to us because of our Divine Mercy windows at the back of church, the one showing St.Faustina receiving her visions, and the other showing Our Lord as seen by St.Faustina, mercy flowing from his pierced side. The mercy of God is a wonderful and encouraging theme : all of us stand in need of that mercy, and the giving of it is a potent sign of the love which Our Lord Jesus Christ has for each one of us.

Recently a very nice Polish lorry driver, Roland, came to the Sacristy with a box of leaflets and cards pertaining to the Divine Mercy devotion. If I understood aright, they are a gift from his parish in Poland which was impressed by his account of our Divine mercy windows. I have put these leaflets and books out at the back of church for this Divine Mercy Sunday - do please take whatever you wish.

### **MARINERS ALL**

As you know, the main section of a Gothic church is called the Nave ; this name comes from the Latin *navis* , which means a Ship. If you turn the Nave of such a church upside down (in your imagination!) then it looks just like a ship. And this is particularly so in our own church, with its curved ceiling. Our church as a ship, and we who frequent it as the crew ( NOT the passengers!). The idea reminds us that together we are sailing, travelling, towards the port of heaven, towards our true homeland. Each, as members of a crew, called to play our part in the life and mission of the Church, nourished within its walls by the spiritual food of Our Lord's Word and of his Holy Sacrament. ( Some people, maybe, do tend to see themselves as passengers, not playing any active part in parish life, and not contributing to the work of the parish. We should all do whatever we can, using our skills and resources, to advance the life and mission of our church in this place.)

But in my (very old) Latin Dictionary *navis* is defined more particularly as a War ship, which gives another dimension to our thinking of our church as being like a ship. As individuals and as a community - indeed as part of the Church - we are at war : at war with the work of the devil in

causing division and disruption, and seeking to destroy the true happiness and well-being of men and women. The devil has done much damage in recent times, not least through the pandemic. He has seperated people from their families, and from the family of the worshipping and witnessing Church community. We must resist his work, and, confidently coming back on board the warship of our local Catholic church as Mass is celebrated, we must fight together for the advance of the kingdom of God.

### **HRH PRINCE PHILIP RIP**

With so many other people throughout the world we feel sadness at the death of Prince Philip. For many of us he has been there throughout most of our lives, a valued and integral part of the National scene. It will seem strange for him to no longer be at the Queen's side, her 'strength and stay' as she once called him.

As Christians, we are very aware of the high standards which he observed and championed, of duty, courage, loyalty, and unselfish service, standards which are by no means to be taken for granted today, but which are deeply rooted in the Christian tradition. Together with the Queen he also gave a wonderful example of faithfulness to Christian marriage and to family values - an example which is so needed in our own times.

I well remember seeing him when he came to open the new buildings at the Anglican Shrine at Walsingham a few years ago. I was invited as Chairman of a Trust which had contributed to the educational work to be undertaken there. He was very gracious in his characteristically forthright manner.

We will be mindful of him in our prayers, asking that he may rest in light and peace. We will also pray for the Queen, in the great sense of loss and separation which she must feel. As a devout Christian believer, we can be sure that she will take comfort from the fact that he has died in the Octave of Easter, that time when we rejoice in the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He has conquered death, and has promised resurrection and eternal life to all of his disciples.