



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## June 13th, 2021 : 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Sunday Masses

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

### Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA  
9:30am Int. Daniel and Emma  
Tuesday FERIA  
**11.15am** FUNERAL MASS FOR LEONARD  
LANIGAN RIP  
Wednesday ST.RICHARD OF CHICHESTER  
9:30am Int.  
Thursday ST.BOTOLPH  
**8.30am** Int.  
Friday FERIA  
Noon Int.  
Saturday OF OUR LADY  
9.30am Int.  
6:00pm Int.

### The Daily Office

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

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Monday** 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

**Tuesday** 11.15am Funeral Mass for Leonard Lanigan, Followed by cremation at the

Crematorium of the Seven Hills. This funeral Mass replaces the usual 9.30am Mass on Tuesdays. (Exposition on **Monday** this week)  
**Wednesday** Benjamin Barratt, the Seminarian who is to be based here, arrives for an initial three-week stay.

**Thursday** 11.0am Fr. John attends a meeting of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, in Norwich. Please note the early Mass time today.

### PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries this week** Mary Spillane (2004), Sr. Campion Green (2003), Chris Nelson (2019), Robert Boreham (2014), Florence Kitchingman (2001), Jane Doggett (2013), and Valerie Howes (2007). May they Rest in Peace.

**Money Matters** Last Sunday £489.15 was given at the Offertory, and £28.15 for CAFOD. Next Sunday is the annual Day for Life, and there will be a retiring collection Catholic Life Charities.

**The Parish Prayer Group** Now that things are edging back towards normal, I think it is time that we resumed the Tuesday afternoon Prayer Group. This next Tuesday is not possible because of the funeral, but the following Tuesday, June 22nd is, why don't we meet around the Lady Shrine in the Presbytery garden? Everyone will be welcome.

**The Church Cleaners' Afternoon Tea** I'm hoping too that we can have a Church Cleaners' Afternoon Tea again this year - a thank-you to them for their hard work. This too can be in the Presbytery Garden if the restrictions have not been lifted. Cleaners will receive an invitation shortly.

**Retirement** Diana Thomas has decided that it is time for her to retire from the Repository. She has looked after it most efficiently for a good number of years, and we are most grateful to her. Monica Macdonald has generously agreed to take over from Diana, and I know she will be excellent. Like Diana, she will be working with Philomena Robinson, who kindly looks after the Repository on Saturday evenings. If you have any questions about the Repository - what it stocks, and what you would like to find there - then do speak to Philomena or Monica.

### **ORDINARY TIME**

Well now we are back in Ordinary time - the procession of special seasons which began with Lent, and of the greater holy days which ended with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart last Friday - has ended (although we still have the Solemnities of St. John Baptist and St. Peter & St. Paul to come later this month). But now the colour is green again (most days). We are firmly in Ordinary time.

I know that there are those who thrive on special times, both in and out of church. People who like something festive and stirring, something out of the ordinary. People who find routine and ordinariness boring. They want, they say, stimulation and colour. But then there are others of us who prefer the ordinary, who like routine, who like to know where they stand and just what is happening.

Like it or not, much, even most, of the lives of ordinary people like ourselves IS ordinary. The days tend to be much the same. We do and say the same things, we go to the same places, and think the same thoughts. It is just how things are, and I think we have to come to terms with it. It is helpful to know that Our Lord himself spent thirty uneventful years in Nazareth, working as a carpenter, and not, it seems, going about very much. And those years formed the major part of his life. It is encouraging to know that he experienced ordinariness, and perhaps even knew monotony and even boredom.

We committed Christians are seeking to draw closer to Our Lord, to experience his presence, to come to know him as our friend and companion as well as being our Lord and our God.

Bearing in mind those hidden years in Nazareth, that 'ordinary' part of his incarnate life, I think it is possible for us - yes of course it is - to find him in our own ordinary days. He is there with us, present but out of sight, in our times of routine and monotony, and in our hours of stillness and inactivity. And maybe ordinariness can induce an awareness of Him which times of excitement and stimulation make difficult.

The liturgical colour of Ordinary time is, of course, green. The colour of growth - even the colour of life. May we, by faithfulness and sensitivity to the presence of Jesus, find spiritual growth in the times of ordinariness in our lives - then those humdrum days will prove rewarding, and far from purposeless.

### **VERY PROPER**

Our Diocese has recently produced a rather nicely bound and illustrated volume entitled *DIOCESAN PROPER OF THE DIOCESE OF EAST ANGLIA*. What is it? it is a book containing the 'Propers' - the Collects and Readings etc. for the Masses when we celebrate one or other of our East Anglian saints - i.e. what is 'proper' to that celebration. (It also contains Second Readings for the Office of Readings on those days.) The illustrations are taken from mediaeval manuscripts at the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge - a rather nice touch.

Of course the volume contains the Propers for use on the Feast of St. Felix on March 8th - he is, after all, the secondary patron of the diocese, after Our Lady of Walsingham. But also it contains the Propers for the feast of St. Botolph, which we celebrate on Thursday this week - the first time that we will use the new book. It says about St. Botolph: 'He was of noble Saxon parentage in the seventh century. With his brother Adulph, he was educated and received the Benedictine habit in Belgian Gaul. He returned to England and became one of the foremost missionaries of the seventh century. He founded an abbey at Ikenhoe, formerly thought to be near Boston, but now generally supposed to be Iken in Suffolk.'

Have you been to Iken? It is near Snape, and rather wonderful, a very isolated place on the Alde estuary. Well worth a visit. A tiny ancient church stands near the river side, the thatched Nave restored after a fire.