



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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June 27th, 2021 : 13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People
Sunday 9:30am Int. +Michael John Mulqueen
11:00am Int. Jaimon & Smitha, and
Family

Weekday Masses

Monday ST.IRENAEUS
9:30am Int.
Tuesday SOLEMNITY OF ST.PETER
AND ST.PAUL
9:30am Int. For the People
7.30pm Int. For a new Bishop of East Anglia
Wednesday FIRST MARTYRS OF ROME
9:30am Int.
Thursday ST.OLIVER PLUNKET
9.30am Int. For our Irish parishioners
Friday FERIA
Noon Int. +John McNeillis
Saturday FEAST OF ST.THOMAS
6:00pm Int. For the People

The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) is said a quarter of an hour before the first Mass. Vespers Tues.7.15pm

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

Monday 4.0pm The Finance Committee meets at the Presbytery.

Tuesday Solemnity of St.Peter and St.Paul.
Today is a Holy Day of Obligation, when all of us must be at Mass. Mass will be offered at 9.30am and 7.30pm.

3.30pm The first of the Afternoon Teas for Church Cleaners, in the Presbytery Garden. (Because of the Church Cleaners Tea, the Prayer Group will not be meeting this week).

Friday 3.30pm The Second of the Afternoon Teas for Church Cleaners.

**First Friday
HOLY HOUR
7.0pm - 8.0pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
An opportunity for Confession
ending with Benediction**

Saturday 11.30am Fr.John and Benjamin attend an Ordination at the Cathedral. No morning Mass at St.Felix today.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Mary Newby (2003), Olive McElhinney (2004), John Ryan (2006), and Betty Adams (2004). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Over the last two weekends a total of £848.45 was given at the Offertory, and £100.09 for CAFOD. £120.09 was given in the retiring collection for Catholic Life Charities. This Sunday there is the annual Peter's Pence retiring collection : it is our contribution towards the maintenance of the Holy See,

Michael Smith I'm sure that many of you will remember Michael Smith, a Seminarian at the Beda College in Rome, who stayed here for a month's Pastoral Placement two years ago. Since then he has continued with his studies in Rome, and was ordained Deacon there a year ago. Next Saturday, on the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, our Bishop will ordain him Priest at St. John's Cathedral. He will take up an appointment on September 1st (location not yet revealed), and until then he will be on holiday. I have asked him to try to fit in a day or two here during this time: it would be so good if he could say Mass for us, and give us his blessing as a newly ordained priest. Michael was greatly liked, and we would all like to see him again. Please pray for him.

Coming soon Good News - there is to be a Teddy Bear's picnic in the Presbytery Garden in a few weeks time. I'm so grateful to Ian and Emma for agreeing to organise it again - they do it beautifully. Date to be announced soon. I'm hoping too that there will also be the usual Parish Barbecue later in the year. If you would be prepared to help with staging it, please tell me as soon as possible.

These kind of social events are important in getting us back on track again in our parish life.

No Announcement yet Last Wednesday the Bishop held his annual Day for Priests at Poringland. We all concelebrated a Mass together, after which we were given a splendid lunch in the lovely gardens of the Bishop's residence. The Bishop said that no announcement has been made yet regarding his successor as Bishop of East Anglia, and that he knows no more than we do. He asked the priests to urge their people to continue to pray for a right appointment, and to pray for him, that he might have strength to continue to bear the weight of the episcopal office until a successor arrives. I think it is very difficult for him to not know when his retirement will take place.....

SEEING RED

This is the colour which we are going to see in Church almost every day in this coming week. At no other point in the Church's Year, I think, is there such a succession of 'red' days! We use the colour red, the colour of fire, when we are

celebrating God the Holy Spirit, who came to the Apostles at Pentecost under the outward forms of fire and wind. But more often when red in the liturgical colour being used in Church it is because we are celebrating one the Martyrs - red the colour of blood.

On Tuesday this week we celebrate two of the most illustrious martyrs - St. Peter and St. Paul. Both were martyred in Rome - St. Peter by being crucified (upside down, because he said he was not worthy to die as his Master had died) and St. Paul by being beheaded, which is why the sword is his emblem. And then the following day, Wednesday this week, we remember the countless other Christians who were put to death for the Faith in Rome in the days shortly after the martyrdom of the two apostles. They underwent appalling sufferings rather than renounce their faith in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen from the dead. It is recorded that most of them went to their death joyfully and willingly, glad to suffer as Jesus had suffered, and strong in their belief that death would be the gateway to heaven, and to entrance into his presence.

Before going back to the first days of the Church, on Monday we remember St. Irenaeus, who in AD 178 became Bishop of Lyons in southern France. He was an important theologian, whose works are still read and accounted as being of lasting value. He stressed the importance of the teaching tradition of the Church, and the God of the Old and New Testaments being one and the same. He is believed to have been martyred in about 200 AD.

And then as if to remind us that there are martyrs for Christian Truth in every age, on Thursday we keep the feast of St. Oliver Plunket, the Catholic Bishop of Armagh who was put to death in London as late as 1681, by being hung, drawn, and quartered. He was a person of great holiness of life, and well-loved in Ireland by Catholic and Protestant alike.

Finally, on Saturday, the red we see in Church will be in honour of St. Thomas, one of the twelve Apostles, who, with the exception of St. John, are all believed to have died for the Faith. May the Holy Martyrs pray for us!