



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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August 22nd, 2021 : 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday ST.ROSE OF LIMA
9:30am Int. Kevin and Kate Williams
Tuesday FEAST OF ST.BARTHOLOMEW
9:30am Int.
Wednesday ST.LOUIS
9:30am Int. +Anne Collins
Thursday FERIA
No Mass today
Friday ST.MONICA
Noon Int. + Albert Jaimon (5th Anniversary)
Saturday ST.AUGUSTINE
9.30am Int.
6:00pm Int. For the People

The Daily Office

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday at 10.0am Benediction at 10.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm, or by appointment.

The Rosary Friday at 11.15am

COMING OUT OF LOCKDOWN Last Sunday

we sang the *Gloria* for the first time since the lockdown began, and today we will resume singing the Response to the Responsorial Psalm, Hymns will recommence in September, and the seating in church will return to normal then.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week John Chapman (2005) and Gerard Stattery (2001). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £514.60 was given in the Offertory, and £59.30 for CAFOD.

Syrian Refugee Support Centre Barbara writes 'We are resuming collections of food and toiletries for the Syrian Refugee Support Centre in Ipswich. Please give what you can, because Rebecca tells us that they are expecting an influx of refugees from Afghanistan. The boxes where goods can be placed are now in the Porch.'

Coffee after the 11.0am Mass Haley writes 'It is hoped to commence serving Coffee in the Hall after the 11.0am Mass on Sunday, September 12th. The usual protocols regarding masks will be observed. Could those prepared to help as volunteers see either Haley or Elizabeth Utting after Mass, or sign the sheet on the table in the Porch. Thank you.'

THE PARISH BBQ Stephen writes 'This year's Summer BBQ is to be held on Sunday 5th September at 12.30pm for 1.0pm in the Presbytery Garden.

It is an opportunity for us to celebrate Fr.John's Silver Jubilee, which circumstances made it impossible to do last year, and to give thanks for being able to meet together again. All are welcome and entry is free, but you will be able to make donations at the door. As in previous years, we will be asking people coming to the BBQ to volunteer to bring a salad or dessert dish.

One of the BBQ Team will be outside church after each Mass to note the contributions.'

Congratulations to Kevin and Kate Williams, who celebrate their Golden Wedding tomorrow. May they enjoy many more happy years together.

Two Joyful Weddings are Announced

'David and Danielle Lochner were married on Friday 13th August and Timothy and Talia Badcock were married on 12th August.

David & Catherine Richardson and Stephen & Fiona Badcock wanted to share their joyful news, as many of you will remember David and Tim growing up in the Parish. Please pray for them as they embark on their married lives together.

Please help Four kind people have offered to assist Fr. John in calling on those whose names are on the Parish Roll, but whom we haven't seen for some time. It would be good if a few more people could be involved. Can you help, please?

THE 2021 SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE

This year the Suffolk Historic Churches Sponsored Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday September 11th, 9.0am - 5.0pm. As ever I am very enthusiastic about it : taking part in it has the following advantages :

- * It is a good way of raising money for our own church : we get 50% of whatever sponsorship money we raise.
- * It is a way of helping maintain ancient churches throughout Suffolk - the Trust gets the other 50%, to assist churches in need of repair in the county. All of the church buildings are visible witnesses to God, and must be preserved. Many now have tiny congregations, which are unable to maintain the churches without outside help.
- * Taking part in the Ride & Stride has an ecumenical dimension : we visit the churches of other denominations, and meet the people manning them.
- * It is fun to take part, especially with other people - whom we also get to know better.

Each year I'm very disappointed that only two or three people come with me on the one-and-a-half hour walk around the Felixstowe churches. Parishioners are generous in giving sponsorship,

but how good if they actually took part, and raised sponsorship themselves! Can we try to do better this year?

All you need to do :

- * collect a sponsorship form from the back of church.
- * invite your friends to sponsor you, so much per church or a lump sum.
- * turn up and join in the walk on 11th! We will leave St. Felix at 2.0pm, and end at the Bethesda Baptist church at 3.30pm.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

3. *You shall not misuse the Name of God*

Many of us will be familiar with the older translation 'You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain', and we will have felt offended whenever we hear people uttering oaths which use the words 'God' or 'Jesus Christ' in a casual, disrespectful, way. Just as we would be offended if we heard someone close to us, someone we love, being spoken about disrespectfully. That is because we love them, they are close to us, and it is just the same with regards to God. He is our Father, Jesus is our Brother, and we know that they should be spoken of with respect.

I think this Commandment is about respect, and about reverence towards what we know to be holy. Holy means special, set apart, worthy of honour. God is holy - our Lord and our God - and though He is also our loving Father, we should not think or speak of Him as if he were merely 'the man next door'. Our attitude towards him should always be one of reverence if we are to get our relationship with Him right. I think that in particular our worship of Almighty God should always be characterized by reverence. Sometimes modern worship seems to be lacking in this respect. And in some church buildings too there seems to be a lack of holiness, of the numinous. Jollity seems to sometimes trump reverence. It is why we should not talk loudly in church, or at inappropriate times. Our church building is a holy place, a special place, a place where encounter with God is made easier. Our churches should point us upwards to God rather than just sideways to other people. Respect for the Holy One is essential to the keeping of this commandment.