



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## September 12th, 2021 : 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm +Rosemary & Neil Taylor  
Sunday 9:30am For the People  
11:00am +Imelda Waldron

### Weekday Masses

Monday ST.JOHN CHRYSOSTOM  
9.30am Int.  
Tuesday FEAST OF THE EXALTATION  
OF THE HOLY CROSS  
9:30am Int. +Stephanie O'Mahony  
Wednesday OUR LADY OF SORROWS  
9:30am Int.  
Thursday ST.CORNELIUS & ST.CYPRIAN  
9.30am Int.  
Friday FERIA  
No Mass today  
Saturday FERIA  
9.30am Int.  
6:00pm Int. +Pauline Hines

### The Daily Office

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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm or by appointment.

The Rosary Friday at 11.15am

As directed by the Bishops' Conference, we have gradually re-introduced singing in church during the course of the Summer : today we recommence the singing of hymns.

### THIS WEEK

**Monday** Bishop Alan makes a visit to

Felixstowe today : he will say Mass at the Seafarers Centre at 5.0pm.

**Tuesday** 11.0am Fr.John chairs a meeting of the Deanery Clergy at St.Clare's Church, Framlingham. Because of this, Exposition and Benediction will not follow the Mass today.

**Friday** 11.0am Fr.John chairs a Meeting of the Cathedral Trustees, at St.John's Cathedral, Norwich. Because of this there will not be a Mass here today (but note that there is one on Thursday this week.)

### PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries this week** Sr.Genevieve Devereux (2019), Felix Shaw (2000), Monica Barsby (2008), Michael Kay (2001), Annie O'Hagan (2003), Patrick O'Reilly (2000), William Keane (2009), and Sheila Etherington (2017). R.I.P.

**Money Matters** Last Sunday £447.73 was given in the offertory, and £33.50 for CAFOD.

**Many many thanks** I'm so grateful to the Parish for giving me the lovely framed John Piper print to mark my Silver Jubilee of priesthood. It is most generous and thoughtful of you, and is much appreciated.

Thank you also to those who arranged the produced the Barbeque last Sunday, under the wise direction of Stephen Badcock. Aided by perfect weather, it seem to have been greatly enjoyed by everyone. People are remarking on the very happy atmosphere, and this coming-together after the rigors and isolations of the lockdown seemed to be a real liberation for us all. A special thank-you to those who brought and cooked the food, which again people are commenting upon. Wilf and his team of chefs were most efficient :

sometimes one goes to Barbeques and waits a couple of hours before any food appears! Not so when Wilf is directing operations.....

### **First Holy Communion**

The First Holy Communion Preparation Group has its first meeting next Sunday, under Pauline's direction. Yes, on Sunday : hitherto we have held the group on Saturdays, in conjunction with a Childrens' Mass. Now however, we plan for the group to meet for half-an-hour in the Cooper Room after the 9.30am Mass on a Sunday morning. Why? A vital part of First Holy Communion preparation is to get the children into the way of attending Sunday Mass each week, as the Church requires of its members, so that they are ready for their life as Communicants. In recent years candidates have been quite good at turning up for the Saturday morning preparation, but not nearly so good at appearing at Sunday Mass. Maybe it was too much to expect them to come to the church two mornings running? We are now going to ask them to come only once. And hopefully their families will come with them to the Parish Mass, and during the Preparation will enjoy a cup of coffee in the Hall whilst they are waiting. Please remember this new venture in your prayers. And if there are any further candidates, please ask me for an Application Form. A Parents Meeting will be held in a few weeks time, and the usual Mass of Enrollment once the Group is complete.

### **THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

#### **6. *You shall not kill***

Of course this means more than not murdering the man who takes your parking space, or the teenager who acts in an anti-social manner. It is not primarily about death , but about life - about preserving, valuing, and respecting life, and not just human life - although human life has its own supreme and inestimable value. And so like the other Commandments it is not primarily a negative 'Thou shalt not', but a positive - 'You shall do all that you can to preserve and enhance life'.

Life is wonderful and infinitely precious. It is a mysterious and amazing gift from God. He brings life into being, and so it belongs to Him. It is sacred. He entrusts it to us, but for us to use

rightly and well. And so we view with horror the ways in which life is being shown scant respect, and accounted as something which is ours to take when it suits us to do so. Abortion is so wide-spread these days that we can easily just accept it as a fact of everyday life. But it is something profoundly wrong and wicked. It is killing, it is a breaking of the sixth commandment. People talk glibly about 'terminating a pregnancy': they hardly dare tell it as it is, namely that it is the killing of an unborn child, the taking of a new and innocent life.

And now the 'other end' of life is under threat : on October 15th the Second Reading of the Assisted Dying Bill will take place at Westminster. It would allow a terminally ill adult with less than six months to live to be assisted in committing suicide. This would lead to doctors, who have always devoted themselves to the saving of lives, to be party in the killing of people. How terrible. I think this sixth Commandment should lead us not only to refrain from taking life ourselves, but also to fight against efforts being made by other people to bring about killing

**AN AUTUMN OUTING  
TO CLARE AND CLARE PRIORY  
on Tuesday, October 6th  
leaving Felixtowe at around 10.0am, and being  
back at around 5.30pm**

**We take a picnic lunch - to be eaten at the Priory, where hot drinks will be provided on arrival, at lunch time, and before we leave.**

**One of the Augustinian Fathers will tell us about the history of the Priory, and we will be able to view its charming grounds, as well as having time to explore the lovely old village of Clare. There will be Mass at Noon in the recently built Priory Church  
The cost per person at the Priory, including the hot drinks, is £16**

**Please sign the list on the noticeboard as soon as possible if you would like to come, so that we can then arrange transport -- for which of course there will be an additional cost.**