



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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September 19th, 2021 : 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm +Pauline Hines
Sunday 9:30am +Pam Vickers
11:00am For the People

Weekday Masses

Monday ST.ANDREW KIM TAE-GON
9:30am Int.
Tuesday FEAST OF ST.MATTHEW
No Mass today
Wednesday FERIA
No Mass today
Thursday ST.PIUS OF PIETRELCINA
No Mass today
Friday SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY
OF WALSINGHAM
No Mass today
Saturday FERIA
6:00pm Int. +Len Lanigan

The Daily Office

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday by appointment.

The Rosary Friday at 11.15am

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.135 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.921 of The Sunday Missal.

Hymns : 465, 934, and 627

Fr. John is taking the remainder of his Summer holiday during part of this week and part of next week. He leaves after Mass tomorrow (Monday),

and returns in time for the Noon Mass on Friday October 1st. He hopes to visit various places and people in the North of England. Fr. Russell Frost is kindly looking after the Masses next weekend.

THIS WEEK

Today 10.0am The new First Holy Communion Group meets in the Cooper Room after the 9.30am Mass (10.30am-11.0am). Coffee will be available in the Hall today after both of the morning Masses.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Marjorie Atkinson (2002), Christine Searle (2013), and Maisie Symes (2018). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £420.20 was given at the Offertory, and £48.06 for CAFOD. There is a retiring collection for Home Missions today.

The Suffolk Churches Sponsored Walk We were blessed with fine weather this year, and nine of us - eight walking, plus Rosemary on her tricycle - visited the nine Felixstowe churches on our list. The walk, taken quite gently, took an hour and a half, and we went into each church to say an Our Father and pray for the congregation which meets there. It was a good ecumenical venture. It will also, I think, have raised a useful amount of money, to be shared equally between St.Felix and the Suffolk Churches Trust, which assists with the repair of churches of all denominations throughout the county. Not all of the sponsorship money has come in yet, and so it is not possible at this point

to give a total. That will follow shortly. But a big thank you to all who took part, including those good people who manned our own church throughout the day, and welcomed the cyclists and walkers who came here.

The Outing to Clare Priory on Tuesday, October 5th. There are details on the Noticeboard in the Porch. Please sign-up as soon as possible, because the transport we arrange will depend upon numbers. It should be a very pleasant day in a particularly interesting and attractive place. Do join us, and help to make it a real Parish Outing, such as we have not been able to enjoy for such a long time.

Climate Talks Boni & Kate Pinto, our CAFOD representatives, write 'This year, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil : the COP26 climate talks.

As Prime Minister Boris Johnson must push the world leaders to show the ambition we need to keep temperature rises below the disastrous 1.5 degree threshold. This means that all countries must play their part. Wealthy nations, who bear the greatest responsibility for the crisis, need to step up. With the eyes of the world on the UK, we must urge the Prime minister to make sure communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26. Thousands of CAFOD supporters have already signed our Climate petition, If you are yet to add your signature, do hurry before we deliver it to Number 10 in October. When it comes to petitions, every signature counts! You can do so by going on the CAFOD website (Cafod.org.uk). Thank you.'

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

7. *You shall not commit adultery*

Let's be clear. Adultery is when two people, one or both of whom is married to someone else, have sexual intercourse. Fornication is when neither of the two people are married, either to each other or any one else. Both are declared to be wrong by Jesus in his teaching. If it is possible to say that one sin is worse than another, since all sin is an affront against God, then Adultery is the more serious here, because it

involves not just an action which is wrong in itself, but also the breaking of the marriage vow.

Why are Adultery and Fornication both wrong? Because in God's plan sexual union belongs within the marriage relationship. It is an expression of the two peoples' lifelong commitment to each other. The proper order - God's ordering of things - is that two people make a solemn commitment to each other in Marriage, and then seal and express that giving of self, the one to the other, by sexual union. Also that action should always, according to Catholic teaching, be open to the procreation of new life, of children who will grow up within the stability of a Christian marriage. Which is rarely the case, I imagine, when adultery or fornication is being committed.

The sin of Adultery leads a person to cheat on God, on his wise and right ordering of things, and to cheat on the person with whom they have made a solemn covenant in marriage. Such cheating can never, I think, lead to inner peace and true happiness. Which is what God wants for us.

COMING SHORTLY!

The diocese is about to begin a stewardship campaign called *FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD'S GIFTS* and our Parish has been chosen as one of the first in which it will take place. It happens over three consecutive Sundays, and our Finance Committee has chosen Sundays October 10th, October 17th, and October 24th as the Sundays when it will be run out here. On those three Sundays there will be just One Sunday morning Mass, and it will be at 10.30am : not the usual 9.30am and 11.0am. I am anxious that you should have plenty of warning of this. The 6.0pm Saturday Mass will take place as normal on those three Sundays. Afterwards we will return to our normal pattern.

The campaign is aimed to help us look realistically at our Parish and at ourselves. What are the needs of the Parish? And how can we, together, meet those needs? It is important that all of us, as one family, take part in the exercise ; we are in this together, and each of us will have a part to play. So please put those dates and times into your diary. It is good that it is happening now, as we seek to renew ourselves after the COVID.