



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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November 7th, 2021 : 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People
Sunday 9:30am Int.
11:00am Int. +Charles Garratt (FM)

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
9:30am Int. +Josie Hatchett (FM)
Tuesday FEAST OF THE DEDICATION
OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
9:30am Int. +Tim & Dorothy O'Mahony (FM)
Wednesday ST.LEO THE GREAT
9:30am Int. +John Harwood
Thursday ST.MARTIN OF TOURS
No Mass today
Friday ST.JOSAPHAT
11:30am Int. +Hilda & Finbarr Murphy
Saturday FERIA
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

Tuesdays at 10.0am Benediction at 10.30am
Friday at Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm or by appointment.

The Rosary Friday at approx. Noon

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.155 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.945 of The Sunday Missal.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 2.30pm Meeting of the Parish Liturgy Committee, at the Presbytery.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Hilda Murphy (2017), Mary Russell (2003), Martin Gaffey (2005), Graham Conroy (2007), Edward Davison (2013), Michelle Linden (2020), John Walsh (2001), Mary Hourihave (2005), Mary Holding (2011), and Kenneth Pooley (2000). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £448.73 was given at the Offertory, and £53.25 for CAFOD. During October, £1,195.00 was given by Direct Debit.

From the Diocese : World Youth Day - this November 2021!

'As well as International Youth Days, Pope Francis has asked that 'Youth Sunday' is now known as 'World Youth Day', with every diocese throughout the world running a special event! All young people Year 7 upwards are invited to 'World Youth Day East Anglia', held at the Cathedral of St.John the Baptist on Saturday 20th November, 12pm-8pm. There will be live music, inspiring talks, powerful prayer times and a vigil Mass with the Bishop to welcome in World Youth Day. Places are limited - to book a place and for more information, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

'Visitation 2021' The Group of people who have been visiting people whose names are on the Parish Roll, but whom we don't seem to have seen for a while, has now finished its present task. We've all found that we have been well received ;

some of the people we have visited said that they still feel unsure about coming out because of Covid epidemic, but that they will be coming back when it is finally over. We've also found, inevitable, that some of the names on the Roll were of people who have moved away or who have died, and so this has enabled us to bring the Roll up to date, which is good. At our last meeting we discussed taking leaflets to the many new houses which are currently being built, welcoming the new people to our parish and to our Church. If any others feel that they might like to help with this, please tell me.

Confirmation 2022 We have five or six young people preparing for Confirmation. The Group has chosen to meet fortnightly on a Sunday afternoon at the Presbytery. Parents are going to take turns in being present. The date which we have been given for the Confirmation is **Monday May 23rd**, at 6.0pm.

THE CONSULTATION

November is here, and so the Consultation is under way. What Consultation? The consultation as to the future pattern of our Sunday Morning Mass(es). I mentioned last week the two Options

- (1) To have just one big Sunday Morning Mass for everyone at 10.30 or thereabouts, or
- (2) To continue with Masses at 9.30am and 11.0am, with each having a distinctive character - the 9.30am a Childrens' Mass, and the 11.0am a more formal presentation of the liturgy.

Obviously I, under the Bishop, have to make the final decision, but I do need to know your opinion. Accordingly you will find papers in the porch on which you can say which option you think would be best for the growth and well-being of the parish. I also ask you to say in a few words - if you wish - why you think the option you have chosen would be preferable. If you choose the first option, one united Mass on a Sunday morning, please will you also say whether you think 10.0am or 10.30am would be the best time. Finally, I've also asked you to put your name on the paper : this would be helpful because I may want to consult you further. And then please will you put the paper through my letterbox, so that your paper remains private between you and me.

THE SYNODAL WAY

This, you remember, is the world-wide consultation which Pope Francis has initiated prior to the Bishops' Synod in Rome in 2023. He is asking our opinion on a wide range of issues concerning the everyday life of the Church, contained in Ten Questions. These Ten Questions are now posted on our parish website, and so you can have a look at them, and think about them.

We are all invited to respond, and are asked to do so as individuals. We will be able to do this from Advent Sunday, November 28th, when an Online Survey will be posted on the Diocesan Website. Responses must be completed by March 20th 2022 (Lent III). The Parish Representatives have been asked to assist people who find difficulty in responding. Our Parish Rep. is Dr. Stephen Badcock.

Because of the COVID, large parish gatherings to discuss the questions are being discouraged, but small groups of people are permitted to do so. We plan to make the Survey the main item of business at our forthcoming Parish Advisory Council Meeting, which will be held on **Tuesday, November 23rd**. I don't think that any meeting of the PAC would come under the heading of a 'large gathering'! If we are still unsure as to what we are to do, please ask Stephen, who is ready to give any assistance required.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

We are once more in November, Month of the Holy Souls, when we are especially mindful of those who have died, and of our Christian care and responsibility to assist them by our prayers. This year we have been asked to hold a special Requiem for all who have died as a result of the COVID pandemic, and I think we will do that **Friday November 26th**. I was struck by the words of a prayer of St. Gregory Nazianzen (AD 329-389): *O God, Lord and Creator of all, take us to yourself in your own good time, once our allotted span of life has been completed. May the fear of the Lord make us prepared and yet unperturbed, so that at our death we shall not be drawing back and loath to depart, not dragged and torn from this life as men enthralled by the world and the flesh but rather going out readily and willingly to the life of eternal happiness in Christ Jesus our Lord to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*