



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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November 14th, 2021 : 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm +Alec Greene
Sunday 9:30am For all who have died in
11:00am For the People Battle

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
8.30am Int. +John Hatchett (FM)
Tuesday ST.MARGARET OF SCOTLAND
9:30am Int. +Forgotten Souls
Wednesday ST.HUGH OF LINCOLN
9:30am Int. +Peggy Harry
Thursday FERIA
No Mass today
Friday FERIA
11:30am Int.
Saturday ST.EDMUND
8.30am 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 approx Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm, or by appointment.

The Rosary

Friday at Noon
(During Exposition)

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.158 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.949 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns : 955, 651

THIS WEEK

Today is Remembrance Sunday, and the Mass at 9.30am will be offered as a Requiem for All who have died in Battle. At the end of the Act of Remembrance a poppy wreath will be taken from St.Felix to the town War Memorial. The 11.0am Mass will be preceded by the Two Minutes Silence.

2.30pm Fr.John presides at the annual November Blessing of the Ipswich Cemetery.

Monday Mass at 8.30am, as Fr.John has to take part in a Diocesan Liturgical Commission site visit at St.Laurence, Cambridge.

Tuesday 11.0am Fr.John attends a meeting of the Deanery Clergy at St.Pancras, Ipswich. At Noon there will be the annual Requiem for Departed Clergy of the Deanery : you are warmly invited to attend.

Saturday Please note that the Mass is again at 8.30am today.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week James Reiley (2004), Sr. Pauline Callan (2011), Joshua McGinn (1997), Barbara Schmitz (2008), Margaret Mooney (1996), Eileen Moran (2000). May they rest in peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £637.04 was given at the offertory, £30 for CAFOD and £21 for the second collection.

A Reminder that there is to be a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on Tuesday November 23rd - do please try to be there!

Stewardship Campaign - from the Chairman of the Finance Committee As you are aware we have just completed a Diocese-wide Time, Talent

and Treasures appeal to help restore our membership of volunteers for the various works undertaken within the parish, and to help cover the rising costs of parish maintenance. We are in the process of analysing and summarising the results of this appeal and will issue a detailed report on completion of the study. The initial results are that 26 people completed the volunteer lists of 28 jobs and most have offered to assist in a variety of jobs with a total of 129 offers of assistance over the 28 jobs. Financially our Standing Order donors have risen from 24 people before the appeal to 43 people following the appeal, 3 people have increased the value of their existing standing orders and 5 people have joined the donor list using envelopes. Two people have also requested information regarding leaving legacy donations to the Church. Most of the new donors have Gift Aided their donations. I am sure that all parishioners would like to join me in a large vote of thanks to all those who have responded so generously to the appeal with their Time, Talents and Treasures.

(Fr. John adds : All this is most encouraging! And of course not all the pledges of help - financial and otherwise - are in yet. I am most grateful to you all for rallying round and helping to strengthen and renew our parish after these past difficult months. One small thing - when we prepared the list of 'jobs' for which volunteers are needed, we forgot to mention Sewing : if anyone loves sewing - as my dear late Mother did! - please would they volunteer to do small repair jobs on vestments, linens, etc. It would be most helpful)

Missio - Red Boxes Barbara writes: Many thanks for handing in your Red Boxes recently. Our donations have held up well over the Covid period and the Missionaries they support are most grateful for your generosity. If you have not had your Autumn Newsletter please take one from the Church porch and also your calendar for 2022. If anyone wants their box emptying before April next year, or if you would like to take a box, please let me know,

THE CONSULTATION

I think there may be more papers to come in, saying whether you think just one united Sunday Morning Mass is best for our parish, or whether we should continue with both a 9.30am

AND an 11.0am Mass. I'm grateful to those who have already shared their views with me.

If there is to be a change, then I think it ought to happen on Advent Sunday, November 28th, the start of the new Church year. Which means that I need to say NEXT Sunday what is happening! So please if there are more papers to come in could I have them in the next few days, so that I know your thinking by the end of the week and can make a decision.

IN A SIMILAR WAY.....

Those are familiar words from the Mass, spoken immediately after the consecration of the Host, and before the consecration of the Chalice. For some reason I've been thinking about those words recently. What do they mean? Of course they may simply be referring to a gesture repeated by Our Lord, a physical action : ie. he picked up the Cup from the table in the same way that he'd picked up the bread. Or is there more to it than that? Does it go deeper?

'In a similar way'. Perhaps it is saying 'with the same sense of purpose, very deliberately, in readiness for performing an action of huge significance.', which would of course be true. Jesus was doing nothing less than instituting a vital part of a Sacrament of Salvation, which would be re-enacted in every century and in every circumstance. It was no mere chance picking up something from a table, an action which we all repeat many times a day. But rather one small detail in the whole plan of salvation - a small but vital part. He had picked up the bread in a deliberate, divinely pre-meditated way, and now 'in a similar way' he was raising the chalice which would contain the Blood of the New Covenant.

'In a similar way', and yes, with the same depth of love with which he had picked up the bread - knowing that together the Body and the Blood would unite us with him, ever deepening the bond that would be already established between himself and us by the Sacrament of Baptism. As he said to the Apostles and to his disciples in every age 'This is my Body', 'This is my Blood', so with similar deliberation and similar love he took the cup 'in a similar way' to that in which he had taken the bread.