



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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November 21st, 2021 : SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm For the People
Sunday 9:30am
11:00am +Immelda Waldron

Weekday Masses

Monday ST.CECILIA
9:30am Int.
Tuesday FERIA
9:30am Int. +Michael McGuire (FM)
Wednesday ST.ANDREW DUNG-LAC
9:30am Int. Liz Dossor
Thursday ST.CATHERINE OF
ALEXANDRIA
No Mass today
Friday FERIA
11:30am Int. + Those who have died of COVID
Saturday FERIA
9.300am 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
Friday at approx. Midday

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.160 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.952 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns 326, 320, 820

Next Sunday is
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass at 6.0pm and 10.0am
(see overleaf)

THIS WEEK

Today (Sunday) 3.30pm The Confirmation Group meets at the Presbytery.

Monday 10.10am The Parish Finance Committee meets at the Presbytery.

Tuesday 7.30pm The Parish Advisory Committee meets in the Hall : all are invited to attend.

Saturday 3.0pm Marriage of Liviu-Razvan Crisan and Oana-Maria Codarcea.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Bridget Chalcraft (2011), Marguerite Gamble (2013), Marlene Strachan (2016), Sr. Mareline (2017), Charles Egerton (2020), Mary Sutcliffe (2017), Charles Burnham-Slipper (2013), Patricia Thompson (2012), Joan Emmerson (2018). May they rest in peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £431.25 was given in the Offertory and £52.50 for CAFOD.

From the Chairman of the Finance Committee Time, Talents, Treasure Two people requested information regarding Wills and Legacies in the recent forms provided. The information was provided by the Diocese and has been forwarded to the people requesting it and it is now also

available on the Parish website under the Finance heading if anyone else wishes to read it. 5 people requested that they be provided with envelopes for the rest of the year for them to use for their donations. Those envelopes are now in a box at the repository in the porch entrance. Please only take and use the envelope which has your name on it. If any one else requires envelopes please contact Alan Lamberton and envelopes will be provided. All envelopes will be renewed in March 2022 in time for the new tax year.

Afternoon Tea Saturday November 27th 3pm

Barbara Lamberton writes This is a ticket only event, due to Covid restrictions, and all tickets are sold. If you have a ticket which you find you can't use, please let me know - there is a waiting list.

Penitential Service before Christmas I think now that things are getting going again, we ought to resume our Penitential Services before Christmas and Easter. They were always well supported, and seemed to meet a pastoral need. This year we will experiment with having the Service in the afternoon rather than in the evening, which might suit people better in Winter - 2.30pm on Tuesday, December 14th. No less than three priests have offered to assist me! (could it be the offer of a hot lunch at the Presbytery beforehand?!) Please put the date in your diary.

THE CONSULTATION

I am most grateful to the sixty-two people who filled in and returned the Consultation form, on which I asked you to say whether you think we should have just one Sunday morning Mass, or continue with the present two, with the 9.30am maybe as a Childrens' Mass, and the 11.0am as a more formal presentation of the Liturgy. I'm especially grateful to those who gave a reason for their choice - I really wanted to know your thinking on the matter.

This was not, as I made clear, a referendum or ballot, with a 'winner'. It was a method of trying to discern together what might be best for the life and growth of the parish - certainly not a matter of personal choice or convenience. As it was not a ballot, I'm a little reluctant to give figures, but maybe it is right to do so : nineteen people put down Option Two - continuing to have

both Masses, 9.30am and 11.0am - and forty-three people felt Option One would be best - to have just one Sunday morning Mass.

As regards both the volume of support expressed, and the reasons given, I think that it is right for us to begin next Sunday, the first Sunday in the Churches' Year, to have just one Sunday morning Mass. As regards the time, my personal preference would have been 10.30am, but since only nine of the forty-three people who went for Option One wanted 10.30am, I think we must say 10.0am - clearly the popular choice!

Two arguments were advanced for Option Two : one was the volume of car parking which a single Mass would give, and the other the possibility of germs being spread in a full church. I thought about both these points very carefully, but remembered that these didn't seem to be an issue when we had the three 10.30am single-Masses during the Stewardship Campaign.....

Here are some of the things you said in favour of having the one Sunday morning Mass - points which I found very persuasive :

"It would be amazing to see our beautiful church full again. I think it would benefit old and young alike to have the one Holy Mass"

"It would bring us together as a community - we should include the children, and not have separate Masses."

"I believe One Mass will give more opportunity for all parishioners to come together, working together as one body."

"It will hopefully help us to be more united and stronger"

"It is important to have the whole parish at one Sunday Mass"

"One Mass on a Sunday would better enable the community of St.Felix to worship together and importantly for you, Father, to spend time talking to parishioners after Mass. I think it is important for you and the community to meet face to face, to help us all understand better how to make St.Felix a happy place"

"I really liked Mass at the Convent, but I understand that this option is to build the parish family."

" 1 Parish = 1 Mass"