



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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January 16th, 2022 : 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People
Sunday 10.0am Int. + Bill Pain

Weekday Masses

Monday ST.ANTHONY
9:30am Int. In Thanksgiving
Tuesday FERIA
9:30am Int. For the Unity of all Christians
Wednesday FERIA
8:30am Int.
Thursday ST.SEBASTIAN
No Mass today
Friday ST.AGNES
11.30am Int.
Saturday ST.VINCENT
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

Tuesday 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 Noon, during Exposition

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.127 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.971 of The Sunday Missal.

Hymns at 10.0am 706, 721, 662

THIS WEEK

**EVER THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO
FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR
CATHOLIC FAITH?**

**AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE NEW
GROUP WHICH IS GOING TO LOOK AT**

***THE CATECHISM
OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH -
what we Catholics believe, how we pray, and
how we try to live our lives***

**WHY NOT COME ALONG TO AN
INTRODUCTORY AND PLANNING
MEETING ON TUESDAY THIS WEEK
10.45am in the Cooper Room of the Hall
ALL WELCOME**

Wednesday 8.30am Mass - because Fr. John has to celebrate the Funeral Mass of an old friend at Costessey, Norwich, at 11.30am.

Thursday 10.30am Fr. John attends a Deans Meeting at Poringland.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Denis Murray (2021), Derek Manthorpe (2006), Mary Hunt (1999), Mary Ward (2011), Martin Amey (2000). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £482.85 was given in the collection and £24.40 for CAFOD.

ICON OF THE HOLY FAMILY

I wrote in last week's Newsheet about the Icon of the Holy Family which is spending a week in each parish of the diocese. Today it comes to us. The Icon will be welcomed at each of the Sunday Masses, and we will say together the prayer to St. Joseph printed beneath. This will also be used at the start of each Mass during the coming week.

I wondered whether we ought to arrange some special Holy Hour or whatever whilst it is here : but then I thought that since we have the two periods of Exposition, on Tuesday and Friday, and the Rosary on Friday, anything extra would perhaps be superfluous. But why not make a special effort to be present at those special times of prayer, incorporating the icon into your devotions?

Do please take home the special Prayer Card which accompanies the Icon, and use the Prayer to St. Joseph printed on the reverse side.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ grew to maturity.

Blessed Joseph, to us too show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Prayer from Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter

CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE 2022 January 17th - 23rd

Anne Poole writes 'This year the theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 'We saw his Star in the East' and the materials for 2022 have been prepared by the churches of the Middle East. The Christians of the Middle East are conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties they experience and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour, the Light that overcomes darkness. Sadly, due to the increased concerns re the new COVID strain the planned Unity Service at River of Life Church will not take place. Instead a virtual Unity Service will be available via the CTF YouTube channel on Sunday 23rd January at 6.30pm.

On Saturday morning 22nd January the Christian Unity Pilgrimage will take place - full details on the Church notice board. This is an opportunity for us to walk the planned route with our fellow Christians, making a brief stop at each place of worship to pray for Christian Unity. Full details of the Felixstowe WPCU programme including Community Prayers on 17th January, can be found on our St Felix Parish website. '

HOLY MARTYRS

Rather unusually there are three feasts of martyrs succeeding each other at the end of this week. On Thursday, **St. Sebastian**, who was put to death for his faith in the late third century. Traditionally, he was executed by being shot with arrows - rather like our own St. Edmund. On Friday, **St. Agnes** - another Roman martyr, put to death a few years previously. According to an ancient source she was only thirteen when she was executed. And then on Saturday, **St. Vincent**, who unlike Sebastian and Agnes was put to death not in Rome, but in Spain, although in the same century. He is said to have been tortured to death, his tortures including being roasted on a red-hot grid-iron, which is his symbol.

We know very little about these three brave people other than the fact that they were put to death for professing the Christian Faith. And that they stood firm, refusing to renounce Christ. Of course we would like to know much more about their lives, and would be greatly edified by so doing. And yet our ignorance about them seems to highlight the thing which really matters : that they put Our Lord Jesus Christ, and faithfulness to him, before everything else. And this is where they challenge us. Do we put Jesus first? Is loving and serving him the thing that matters most to us? Are we prepared to make sacrifices for Him? Are we ready, if necessary, to give even our life for Him? The Holy Martyrs are not pale figures in stained glass windows, but bold courageous men and women who speak to us across the centuries, encouraging us to be bold in professing our Faith. In these days when the Church is under attack from many sides - and not least by the tide of apathy and disbelief - we are called to be brave in our Christian profession, strong in our trust in Christ our Lord.