



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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February 13th, 2022 : SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People
Sunday 10.0am Int. +John Battersby

Weekday Masses

Monday FEAST OF ST.CYRIL AND ST.
METHODIUS
9:30am Int. Pam Mealy
Tuesday FERIA
9:30am Int.
Wednesday FERIA
9:30am Int. +Michael Thomas
Thursday FERIA
No Mass today
Friday FERIA
11.30am Int. Adrian McNeillis
Saturday FERIA
9.30am Int. + Decd. members of the Mealy
6:00pm Int. For the People Family

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.139 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.988 of The Sunday Missal.

Hymns at 10.0am 887, 803, 938

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 9.45am The group looking at the Catechism of the Catholic Church meets in the Cooper Room. All welcome.

Thursday 10.30am Fr.John attends a Meeting of the Trustees of St.John's Cathedral, Norwich.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Henry Dukes (2004), John Battersby (2015), Cyril Keeble (2017), Frances Brooks (2021), Sr.Felicity Moody SJM (2004), and Michael Thomas (2021). R.I.P.

Anne-Marie Ford RIP I know that many were shocked and saddened to hear of Anne's sudden death. She was such a nice person, and a devout Catholic, present at the Sunday morning Mass without fail. We send our condolences to Bruce and the girls. Her funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, March 1st at 11.30am.

Money Matters Last Sunday £454.69 was given at the Offertory, and £20.92 for CAFOD. During January, £2,042 was given to the Parish by Standing Order.

This weekend, there is the annual opportunity to support the work of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child by buying a 'White Flower'. This is not an official collection, as directed by the diocese, but just an informal chance to support a most worthy cause. The prevalence of abortion throughout the world is shocking and deeply distressing. So many new lives which have been brought into being by God at conception being

cruelly cut short before birth. What is this if it is not killing? (And the hypocrisy of substituting for 'killing' the sanitized word 'termination'!)

World Day of Prayer (formerly the Womens' World Day of Prayer) The Service will be held at 2.0pm on Friday, March 4th, at the Salvation Army citadel. All are welcome.

Special Mass for Families From the diocese 'To mark the close of the Year of St. Joseph, Bishop Alan Hopes will be celebrating Mass on Sat. March 19th, 10.0am at St. John's Cathedral. The Mass will include a special blessing for children. Please bring all your children! There will be cake and balloons afterwards.'

THE SYNODAL WAY

Here are two more of the ten questions which Pope Francis has asked us to think about, and, if we wish, answer by means of the parish or diocesan website. If we are not able to answer them in that way, Stephen, our Parish Synodal Way co-ordinator, has left out some 'hard copies' in the porch for you to use.

7. How good is our relationship with other Christian traditions?

What is our relationship like with our brothers and sisters in other Christian traditions?

Do we listen to each other?

What can we learn from them? - and what can they learn from us?

8. How well do we work as a team in our parish?

How is leadership exercised and experienced in our parish?

Are there positive ways in which we help to participate in the life and mission of the Church?

What are the fruits of collaboration?

What are the obstacles and challenges?

A GOOD READ

I've just finished reading the two-volume biography of Pope Benedict XVI by Peter Seewald. It is lengthy, but very readable. A good read indeed. I've always warmed to Pope Benedict,

finding his humility and obvious holiness very attractive. In this biography one can't help being impressed by his achievements: he is accounted one of the great intellects of the 20th/21st centuries, but no less impressive are his kindness and his approachability. He was greatly loved by those who worked with him most closely, as well as by countless Catholics who recognized and appreciated his fearless defence of truth and of minorities. He was - and is - full of integrity.

But there is much to sadden in this biography as well. Benedict was constantly hounded and misrepresented by the media, as well as by those who made themselves his enemies because he stood firm by the age-old teaching of the Catholic Church. His words were twisted, and his actions misinterpreted. He was certainly persecuted, but isn't that just what has happened to God's faithful witnesses in every generation, from the Old Testament prophets onwards? After all the first THIRTY-FIVE Popes were all martyred for the Faith.!

One of Benedict's remarkable achievements is his acclaimed three-volume *Life of Christ*. No previous Pope had ever written a *Life of Our Lord*. It is a work of great scholarship and insight. I'm planning to read Vol. II - *Holy Week and Easter* - as my Lent book this year. I find I've got a spare copy, which anyone is welcome to borrow. As indeed they are the biography.

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