



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## February 20th, 2022 : 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. +Anne Ford  
Sunday 10.00am Int. For the People

### Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA  
9:30am Int. Donal Hannon  
Tuesday FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF  
ST.PETER  
9:30am Int. Una Morris  
Wednesday ST.POLYCARP  
9:30am Int. +John Edwards  
Thursday FERIA  
No Mass today  
Friday FERIA  
8.0am Int. +Richard Butt.  
Saturday FERIA  
9.30am Int. +Decd. members Mealy Family  
6:00pm Int. For the People

### The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) is said a quarter of an hour before the Mass on weekdays.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday at 10.0am Benediction at 10.30am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm, or by appointment.

The Rosary Friday at Noon

### The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.142 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p. of The Sunday Missal

Hymns at the 10.0am Mass : 969, 801, 643

### THIS WEEK

**Today** 3.30pm The Confirmation  
Group meets at the Presbytery.

**Tuesday** 10.45am The group looking at the Catechism of the Catholic Church meets in the Cooper Room. All are welcome to join in. This week we look at paragraphs 101 to 133.

2.30pm The Parish Liturgy Committee meets at the Presbytery.

The Deanery Catechists Meeting which was to have been held tonight at St.Mary's, Ipswich has now been postponed for a fortnight : it will now take place at St.Mary's on Tuesday March 8th..

**Wednesday** 12.30pm The Priests and Deacons of the Deanery meet for lunch at Snape.

**Friday** 10.45am Fr.John attends a Meeting of the Cathedral Trustees, at the Cathedral. Mass today will be at 8.0am, not the usual 11.30am.

### PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries this week** Vera Histed (2018), Pamela Evans (2008), Robert Horne (2002), Wanda Turner (2006), Evelyn Foster (2011), John Pitt (2014), Patrick Bailey (2004), and Ferdinand Conti (2011). May they Rest in Peace.

**Fr. 'Sam' Leeder RIP** Many of you will have encountered Fr.Leeder in the course of his near forty years at St.Pancras, Ipswich, and many will have been sad to hear of his death last Sunday. He was in hospital after a knee replacement, followed by pneumonia, but seemed to be recovering. He was a faithful and diligent priest, and something of a character, with his love of sailing and of model trains. I was glad to have visited him in hospital, as Dean, the day before he died ; a day or two earlier he had received a visit from the Bishop. His funeral Mass will take place

at St.Pancras Church, date not yet known.

**Ashes for Ash Wednesday** As you know, the Ash which is used for the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday is produced by burning the palm crosses from the previous year. Ash Wednesday is a week on Wednesday, so please will you bring your palm crosses back next Sunday at the latest.

**Money Matters** Last Sunday £416.37 was given at the Offertory, and £68.00 for CAFOD. The informal collection for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child brought in £105.25

**Stamps and Spectacles** Barbara writes 'You may have noticed that the box for used stamps and spectacles has been removed from the Porch. This is because we no longer have any active members of the Knights of St.Columba to deal with them. If you wish to donate used postage stamps, please take them to the St.Elizabeth Hospice shop in Hamilton Road. No one is taking spectacles at the moment. I have tried Boots and Specsavers and the Lions unsuccessfully, so please do not leave them in the church porch.'

**World Youth Day, Portugal 2023** Hamish, the Director of Diocesan Youth Services, writes 'If you are over 14+ (and so will be 16+ by July 2023), or are interested in being an adult leader, why not think about coming on this amazing pilgrimage? It culminates in millions of young people from around the world joining Pope Francis for Mass. Find out more at our Diocesan Launch on March 13th 2022 at Newmarket Parish Centre, 14 Exeter Road, Newmarket CB8 8LT. The afternoon starts at 1.0pm (please bring a packed lunch) and will end by 4.30pm after Mass with Bishop Alan.'

### **THE SYNODAL WAY**

Here are the last of the ten Questions which Pope Francis is asking the Church to consider.

***9. How open are we to the will of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit?***

***How do we discern the direction in which the Holy Spirit is leading us, rather than just following our own private enthusiasms and agendas?***

***Is my local community accountable and***

***transparent when it comes to making decisions and, if not, what would help to remedy this? Do I support the bishops and priests in arriving at their decisions?***

***10. How well do we hand on the Faith?***

***Are we effective in sharing and passing on the Faith as individuals, as parishes, and as a diocese?***

***What would help us to do this better?***

***Can we see ways in which we might continue to work in a 'synodal' way - praying, discussing, and discerning together, not reliant on majority votes, but on a genuine consensus - a coming together of hearts and minds, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit?***

### **THE KINGDOM AND THE WORLD**

The Gospel reading last Sunday led us to contrast the ways and principles of 'the World' with those of Christ's kingdom. I was reminded of how different they are by reading the newspaper today. As I write, the papers are full of the Prince Andrew affair. We know that he has been very unwise, even very foolish : we don't, of course, know whether or not he is guilty of the serious crime of which he has been accused, and which he has consistently denied. And yet the journalists involved seem to gloat-over and delight in his downfall : they almost seem to wish that the allegations made against him could be found to be true; they revel in his supposed misdeeds, pointing accusing fingers at him, and writing endlessly about his shortcomings.....

How different the reaction of the Christian should be : we should feel sad about the faults and failings of others, rather than point fingers at them and even seem to be jubilant. In the Temple, Our Lord said about the woman taken in adultery 'Let he who is faultless cast the first stone'. One wonders if the lives of those journalists who are so quick to condemn and malign the Prince are faultless? Which of us is in any position to condemn another? Jesus also said 'before you try to remove the splinter from your neighbour's eye, first remove the plank from your own.' When there are being judged, condemned, there is, of course, usually a hint of hypocrisy.....