



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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February 27th, 2022 : 8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**PLEASE COLLECT YOUR LENT PAPER
TODAY**

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People
Sunday 10.0am Int. For Peace in Ukraine

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
9:30am Int. +Bernard Davies (FM)

Tuesday FEAST OF ST.DAVID
**11.30am FUNERAL MASS FOR
ANNE FORD RIP**

**ASH WEDNESDAY
The beginning of Lent
Day of Fasting & Abstinence**

Mass will be offered at St.Felix at
8.0am, 10.30am, and 7.30am
The imposition of Ashes
will take place at each of the Masses

Thursday LENT FERIA
8.0am Int. +Alan Deveney
Friday LENT FERIA
11.30am Int. +Agnes Curley
Saturday LENT FERIA
9.30am Int. +Rosemary Chase (FM)
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

Friday at Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday
5.15pm to 5.45pm or by appointment.

The Rosary Friday at Noon (during Rosary)

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.145 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.995 of The Sunday Missal.

THIS WEEK

Today 11.0am The First Holy Communion Group resumes after the half-term holiday.

Tuesday 10.0am-11.0am The Group looking at the Catechism of the Catholic Church meets in the Cooper Room. Please note the time.
11.30am **FUNERAL MASS FOR ANNE FORD RIP** ; Committal at the Crematorium of the Seven Hills at 3.45pm There will not be the usual 9.30am Mass followed by Exposition & Benediction today.

2.30pm Spring Meeting of the Parish Advisory Council, in the Hall. All are invited to attend, and are encouraged to do so.

Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY See box opposite for Mass times.

Thursday 11.0am Fr.John attends the Council of Priests, at Poringland.

Friday 12.30pm The First of the LENT LUNCHES in aid of CAFOD, in the Hall.

Next Sunday Stations of the Cross, 4.30pm

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Christian Jones (1999), Ellen Newman (2006), Margaret Upton (2003), Bertie Simpkin-Kane (2009), Ernie Veitch (2017), Kathleen Thomson (2007), Kathleen Dillon

(2002), Karen Thomson (2016), Helen Hurry (2017), and Brian Evans (2017). R.I.P.

Money Matters Last Sunday £321.03 was given in the Offertory and £44.40 for CAFOD.

Childrens' Liturgy Monica writes : Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume on Sunday 6th March at the 10am mass. This is for children aged 3 and above. Younger children may attend but only if accompanied by an adult.

CAN YOU HELP The team that provides Children's Liturgy is urgently in need of more volunteers.

This would not be a demanding task. You would probably only be needed about once a month or less with more volunteers and each session only lasts about 20 minutes. There are plenty of books to help plan the session and you always work in pairs. No experience is necessary as training will be given.

If you are 16 or over, male or female and feel you could help, the current volunteers would be most grateful. If you need more information or would like to offer your help, please contact Monica Macdonald or speak to Fr John.

CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Lent challenge

Boni & Kate write ' There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger.

The parish "just giving page" has been set up and the link is below if you wish to donate or join the team. The link is:

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/cafod-lent-stfelix2022>

We hope you can sign up for the challenge too and whoever does the walk, don't forget to ask for sponsorship from people in the parish, friends and family. It's a great way to involve others in all you do with CAFOD.

'WELCOME, DEAR FEAST OF LENT'

That is the opening line of a poem by the seventeenth-century poet Robert Herrick, and it

suggests a quite different approach to the season of Lent, the season which we begin the keep this week : Lent as something to be welcomed, something to be enjoyed rather than endured.

How can Herrick be so positive? How can he see Lent as something which is not gloomy and negative, but quite the reverse? I suppose essentially because the opportunities which Lent provides, - opportunities of Prayer, Self-denial, and of Giving to others - are ways of drawing us closer to Jesus. Jesus is the source of all joy, peace, and contentment, and so coming closer to Him, and indeed becoming more like Him, can only lead us to happiness and well-being, rather than to gloom.

I think it is important that we approach Lent in a positive, even enthusiastic, way. With a spring in our step. And it is so good that it is something we undertake together. Yes, of course we will have our own individual programme or rule for Lent. We will have decided what we are going to aim at, when we will pray, what we will give to the needy, what we will give up by way of self-discipline. But nevertheless Lent is a communal undertaking. We will be encouraged by what others are doing, and they in turn will encourage by our example. We move forward towards the great celebration of the Dying and Rising of the Lord as one people, the people of God. This element of walking (and struggling!) together is an important aspect of Lent.

CLOUDS

No sooner has the cloud cast by the COVID pandemic begun to shift, than an even blacker cloud has descended - the brutal invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

Clouds block out the light of the sun, robbing us of our joy and of our peace of mind - in this case doing so as we feel so deeply for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine undergoing such anxiety, fear, and danger. Clouds can, if we let them, also block out our perception of the presence and love of God. We mustn't let this new cloud do this. Instead we must turn to God in fervent prayer, asking that peace and justice may somehow triumph. In union with the people of the Ukraine, let us ask that God may indeed 'deliver us from evil'.