



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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March 13th, 2022 : SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. The Perehinyak and
Wasyhyk Families
Sunday 10.00am Int. +Helen Hartley

Weekday Masses

Monday LENT FERIA
9:30am Int. +John McNally
Tuesday LENT FERIA
9:30am Int.
Wednesday LENT FERIA
No Mass today
Thursday FEAST OF ST.PATRICK
7.0pm Int. Benjamin Barnett
Friday LENT FERIA
11:30am Int. The Sisters RJM (Together Club)
Saturday SOLEMNITY OF ST.JOSEPH
9.30am Int. All Fathers in the Parish
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

Tuesdays 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.157 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.212 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 887, 788, 972

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

*Sunday STATIONS OF THE CROSS
4.45pm, St.Felix*

*Friday LENT LUNCH FOR CAFOD
12.30pm, in the Hall*

ALSO THIS WEEK

Today 11.0am The First Holy Communion
Group meets in the Cooper Room.

Tuesday 10.45am-11.4am The Group looking together at the Catechism of the Catholic Church meets in the Cooper Room.
11.30am Funeral Mass for Fr.Sam Leeder RIP, at St.Pancras, Ipswich.

Thursday *Feast of St.Patrick*
10.0am Fr.John covers the Mass at St.Mary Magdalen's Church, Ipswich Int. Tom Brazier
7.0pm The first of the new weekly 7.0pm Masses at St.Felix, aimed particularly at those who find an earlier time of day difficult.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Catherine Brasley (2006), Fr.John McNally (2007), Vera McKay (2001), Jean Donnelly (2002), Peter Styles (2007), Ron Howell (2015), Catherine Pooley (2009), Clarita Smy (2011), Molly Versey (2017), and Kathleen Williams (2003). May they Rest in Peace

Money Matters Last Sunday £581.88 was given at the Offertory, and £54.38 for CAFOD.

Congratulations to Tom Brazier, who celebrates his ninetieth birthday on Thursday this week, St. Patrick's Day. It is also the Bishop's birthday. We wish them both a happy birthday!

Visitation '22 Last year a small team of people visited people on our Parish List whom we hadn't seen for a while, to check that they were alright. It proved to be a very worthwhile exercise. When we finished, I suggested that maybe we could undertake a further project - delivering a welcome leaflet to the many new houses which are being built around Felixstowe. I think the time has come for us to attempt this, and I wonder if members of the previous team who are willing to take part in this - and any others - would please tell me. Then we can meet together to plan the form of the leaflet (which will then be professionally printed) and also discuss our strategy.

Spectacles We said a few weeks ago that no one is prepared to take unwanted Spectacles : Chris Finbow has now found a charity which can use them, and he will forward any that are left in the Porch as previously.

For Ukraine Two people have knitted 'badges' to be sold for Ukraine - one 'flags' and one 'flowers'. In addition, a young friend of mine who is in residential care has made 'bracelets' in the Ukrainian colours. These are all on the table in the Porch. A suggested donation for each one you take is £1.0, which should be put in the wall safe marked 'Ukraine'.

Fr. John's Day Off A reminder that from this week it is now Wednesday. No Wednesday Mass in future : instead, the new Thursday Mass at 7.0pm, which will hopefully be helpful to some.

The Chrism Mass at which the Bishop blesses the Holy Oils, and the diocesan priests renew their promise of service, takes place at St. John's Cathedral on the Tuesday in Holy Week - this year Tuesday April 12th, at Noon. Fiona writes ' We are hoping to hire a coach to go to Norwich for this very special diocesan event - the cost (subsidized by the Parish) will be ten pounds per person. If you would like to attend this Mass - the one occasion in the year when the whole diocese comes together - please would you add your name

to the list on the notice board in the porch, together with a contact number. You will need to do this by Sunday 27th March.'

Welcomers at the 10.0am Mass Brian Macdonald writes 'We need a few more welcomers at the Sunday 10.0am Mass, It is not too onerous - just a quick Hello and chat with a smile whilst you hand out the Mass and Hymn books.

You need to be at the church 15 to 20 minutes before Mass begins to set things up. We have 3 regulars at the moment, but if we could find another 4 or so we could set up a rota, so that 2 people would ideally be needed every 4 weeks. If you can help, please see either me or Haley Dossor in the porch after Mass.

HOW'S YOUR LENT GOING?

I do hope that you got off to a good start - probably you did, as there was an impressive attendance at Mass on Ash Wednesday. It's easy, of course, to start Lent off with great enthusiasm, and then begin to flag after the first week or so. We must be resolute!

Of the three ancient disciplines of Lent, Prayer, Fasting (self-denial) and Almsgiving (giving to the needy), perhaps it is prayer that is most important, because it directly concerns our relationship with God. If we haven't already got into the habit of spending a little time - or a lot of time - in God's presence each day, then Lent is a good time to work at it. The First and Great Commandment of Jesus is that we should love God - and how can we say that we love someone if we avoid their company, and don't want to spend time with them? Prayer is simply spending time with God, giving Him our full attention. Being consciously with Him. Thinking, talking, listening, being silent with Him - it is as the Holy Spirit, the true Director of Souls, leads us. Different ways of spending time with God suit different people.

I think we have to choose a time which will be possible for us each day - this makes it easier for us not to forget. Then decide how long the time is going to be - ten minutes, twenty minutes, whatever. And then we need to glue ourselves to our seat, and not get up until the time is complete! Now is perhaps the time for us to make a new resolution regarding prayer!