



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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March 27th, 2022 : FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People
Sunday 10.0am Int. +Alan Deveney

Weekday Masses

Monday LENT FERIA
8:30am Int.
Tuesday LENT FERIA
9:30am Int. +Alice, Lawrence, & Michael
Wednesday LENT FERIA Butterworth
No Mass today
Thursday LENT FERIA
7.0pm Int. +Horace & Ethel Dawson (FM)
Friday LENT FERIA
11:30am Int.
Saturday LENT FERIA
9.30am Int. +Edith Pritchard (FM)
6:00pm Int. For the People

The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) is said a quarter of an hour before Mass on Mon, Tues, Fri. & Sat ;
Vespers at 6.45pm on Thursday.

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. 169 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.222 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 811, 765, 846

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

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

*Tuesday DEANERY STATION MASS
at St.Mary's, Ipswich
5.0pm Exposition & Confessions
6.0pm The Bishop celebrates the Station Mass
7.0pm Soup and rolls*

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

THIS WEEK

Today 11.0pm The final First Holy Communion Class before the Easter break

Monday 8.30pm Please note Mass time - (Fr.John has to travel to St.Ives to inter the cremated remains of an very old friend.)

Tuesday The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we will be looking at paragraphs 286-314. Why not come and join us?

6.0pm The Deanery Station Mass. Each Lent the Bishop comes to each Deanery in turn to say a special Mass for the people. The Mass is held at St.Mary's Ipswich for our Deanery, not least because of the ease of parking. Do come - it may be the Bishop's last visit to the Deanery.

Next Saturday 2.0pm The First Holy Communion children make their First Confession.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Leslie Styles (2004), John Mitchell (2015), Eileen Wilson (2008), and Peter O'Connor (2015). R.I.P.

Money Matters Last Sunday £388.81 was given at the Offertory, and £37.03 for CAFOD. Today there is the collection for those in great need in Ukraine, which I announced a couple of weeks ago. We will be channeling it via Aid to the Church in Need, as advised by the Bishop.

Visitation '22 So far only four people have volunteered to help with the distribution to newly built houses in Felixstowe of leaflets welcoming people to St.Felix Parish. I do hope that more of you will be prepared to help with this. We're just asking you to put leaflets through letter boxes, not to knock on doors (unless you want to!) I know by experience that some Catholics moving to a new town don't seem to find it easy to locate their local Catholic church - other matters seem to intervene. But if they have an attractive leaflet (with colour photos) saying just where the church is, and assuring them of a welcome, they are likely to connect more quickly and easily. So please volunteer if you can. I feel that this is something which could enable our parish to grow, and also be of service to Catholics (and others) moving into the area.

Fr.McNally's bench No one questioned the absence over the past few weeks of the bench given in memory of Fr.McNally which stands on the front lawn of the church : maybe you guessed that it was away being re-furbished. That is what has happened, and the person responsible for the work has been our faithful Altar server Tony Lazell, to whom we are very grateful. It now looks brand new again. Tony suggests that it would be nice to re-dedicate it, and say a prayer for a much-loved former parish priest, and since they say 'no time like the present', I'll do that after the ten o'clock Mass today.

Note to Gift Aid donors Alan Lamberton writes 'We are now at the end of the financial year and the Diocese will submit our Gift Aid claim in May. If you are a signed up Gift Aid donor and your circumstances have changed, and

you no longer pay tax on income, pension, or investments we can no longer claim a rebate, and you may be liable to prosecution if we do so. Please notify Alan Lamberton if there have been changes in your tax position or if you have changed your address since signing a Gift Aid form. It is a statutory requirement that our record of details are updated and correct. Thank you for your continued offerings and assistance.'

HOW'S YOUR LENT GOING? - III

We've thought about Prayer and Fasting. So that leaves the third of the three traditional Lenten disciplines, Almsgiving.

This Lent, the tragic and terrible crisis in Ukraine has brought about almsgiving - giving to those in need - on an almost unprecedented scale. Few of us have not wanted to reach out in whatever way we can to our brothers and sisters who are suffering such dreadful privations, and such a profound disruption in their lives. I'm sure that our retiring collection for Ukraine today will meet with great generosity.

Our giving to those in need is encouraged by our recognition of how very fortunate we are in so many ways. Our almsgiving is in part an act of thanksgiving on our part. It is also a recognition that we ARE 'our brother's keeper' ; we do have a responsibility for the welfare and well-being of others, just because we are all children of the one heavenly Father, and we know that he wants us to show love towards those whom he himself loves so well. We are also called to be imitators of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and during the approaching Passiontide we will think once more of his extraordinary generosity towards each one of us - his giving of his very life to bring about our freedom from ultimate death.

When on Ash Wednesday we heard our Lord speak of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving, we noted that he didn't say 'if', but 'when' you do these things. He assumes that we will practice them because He did, and if we are his disciples we will want to follow his example in all things. Lent, a time for giving - a time for experiencing the joy of giving ; the joy which is ours whenever we turn away from stultifying self-interest.