



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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April 3rd, 2022 : FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday LENT FERIA
9:30am Int. +Edith Pritchard (FM)
Tuesday FERIA
9:30am Int. +Robert Aylward (FM)
Wednesday LENT FERIA
No Mass today
Thursday LENT FERIA
2.30pm FUNERAL MASS FOR JOHN
SUGDEN RIP
7.0pm Int.
Friday LENT FERIA
11:30am Int.
Saturday LENT FERIA
9.30am Int.
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., and Sat .
Vespers before Mass on Thurs.

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.177 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.227 of The Sunday Missal.

Hymns at 10.0am : 320, 752, 212

THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

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

*Tuesday THE PENITENTIAL
SERVICE BEFORE HOLY WEEK
2.30pm St.Felix*

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

*Saturday PALM CROSS MAKING
2.30pm in the Cooper Room - Helpers needed!*

ALSO THIS WEEK

Today 3.30pm - 4.30pm The Confirmation Group meets at the Presbytery.

Monday 2.30pm The Visitation '22 Group meets at the Presbytery.

Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room - this week we are looking at paragraphs 302 -324

Thursday 2.30pm Funeral Mass for John Sugden RIP, followed by cremation at the Crematorium of the Seven Hills.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday Masses will be at the normal Sunday times, 6.0pm and 10.0am, and both Masses will be preceded by the Palm Ceremonies & Procession.

A special HOLY WEEK LEAFLET is available at the back of Church - do please take one.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week William Twomey (2015), Elsie Barratt (2011), and Helen Samkin (2009). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £310.00 was given at the Offertory, and £100.30 for CAFOD. There was a special collection for Ukraine, and this brought in £1,021.71. So far the various items which have been knitted for Ukraine, and which are available in the Porch, have brought in £56.56.

Thank you Tom Brazier would like to thank everyone for the many good wishes which he received on his ninetieth birthday, and for the Mass which was offered for him.

Missio Red Boxes Barbara writes 'Dear Friends, I shall be collecting Red Boxes on the weekends of April 23rd/24th and also April 30th/May 1st. If you would like your red box emptied at another time, please contact me to make arrangements.

Palm Crosses I'm always afraid that only one or two people will turn up to make the nearly 300 palm crosses we need! If ten or twelve come along, then it can be accomplished within the hour. Have you made palm crosses before? Don't worry if you haven't, we will show you how. And this year, diagrams of how to do it will be available too. It is always rather fun, and sometimes includes a competition for who can make the smallest, miniature, Cross! Come and help if you can - 2.30pm in the Cooper Room.

Visitation '22 The plans to deliver a welcome leaflet to all the new houses being built in and around Felixstowe are progressing, and all who are prepared to take part are asked to come to the Presbytery on Monday afternoon at 2.30pm, when in particular we will be thinking about what ought to be said in the leaflet. Are YOU prepared to take part? Maybe we should all ask ourselves what ARE we prepared to do to spread the Gospel message, and bring others to the Faith? The charge to tell the world of God's love and purpose was given to all Christians.....

From the Bishop 'The Diocesan Choir will be gathering again to sing at the Mass of the Chrism in the Cathedral on Tuesday April 12th. This is a great opportunity for parish musicians to share their talents with fellow musicians from our diocesan family! There will be a rehearsal in the Cathedral Choir Sacristy from 10.0am on Tuesday 12th April, ahead of the Chrism Mass at twelve Noon. All are welcome!'

IF.....

The title of a famous poem, but also a word which can be poisonous. At the beginning of Lent, when we contemplated Our Lord in the wilderness, we heard the devil say the word three times - "**If** you are the Son of God..." He was seeking to shake Jesus' belief in his true identity, to doubt who he was, and the work he was ready to perform.

And now as we come to the latter part of Lent, and begin to contemplate the Passion we hear the word again - spoken by the devil through the mouths of the soldiers crucifying Jesus "**If** you are the King of the Jews, come down from the Cross". Now, he was trying to interrupt the work of our redemption, seeking to goad Our Lord into coming down from the Cross in anger.

That word **if** remains part of the devils armoury. He uses it against us too, trying to shake our faith in God, in his reality and in his plan for us. we must be watchful, and respond to this particular temptation with an Act of Faith.

PASSIONTIDE

That's what we used to call these two final weeks of Lent, when we direct our thoughts towards the Passion -the suffering and death - of Our Lord Jesus Christ. During these two weeks the crucifixes and the statues in church are veiled - the former in readiness for Good Friday, so that the solemn unveiling of the Cross in the Liturgy makes it's full impact on us, and the latter because they are truly 'Easter people', whom we will encounter again when we come to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord with the whole company of heaven..