



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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April 17th, 2022 : EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday Masses

Saturday 8.30pm Int. For the People
Sunday 10.0am Int. +Jim Berry (D)

Weekday Masses

Monday EASTER OCTAVE
9:30am Int. +Mark Compton (FM)
Tuesday EASTER OCTAVE
9:30am Int.
Wednesday EASTER OCTAVE
No Mass today
Thursday EASTER OCTAVE
7.0pm Int.
Friday EASTER OCTAVE
11:30am Int.
Saturday EASTER OCTAVE
9.30am Int. +Marjorie Yelverton
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., and Vespers at 6.45pm on Thurs.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 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 p258 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.363 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 268, 278, 286

AT THE END OF SUNDAY MASS DURING EASTERTIDE

*Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, Alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear, Alleluia!
As he promised, hath arisen, Alleluia!
Pour for us to Him thy prayer, Alleluia!
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!
R. For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!
Let us pray
O God, who by the resurrection of thy Son, Jesus Christ, hast vouchsafed to bring joy to the whole world, grant we beseech thee, that aided by the prayers of his Mother the Virgin Mary, we too may be brought to the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen*

THIS WEEK

Today 4.30pm Vespers and Benediction

Tuesday The Catechism Group is on holiday until next Tuesday.

Friday Being in the Easter Octave, Friday Abstinence is dispensed today.
2.0pm **FUNERAL SERVICE FOR HELEN SUMMERS RIP**, followed by burial in the Felixstowe Cemetery.

Next Sunday The First Holy Communion children will receive their First Confession Certificates at the 10.0am Mass, and Hamish McQueen, the Diocesan Youth Officer, will visit the Confirmation Group in the afternoon, 3.30pm-5.0pm.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Phyllis Miller (2001), Bruce Fisk (2013), Kevin Hendley (2015), Bernard Morran (2006), Cornelius Lane (2002), and Mary Harney (2000). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters

During the month of March, standing orders brought in a total of £2,002.00. Today, the Offertory collection goes to the Parish Priest, as a basic part of his annual income.

Thank you We are all most grateful to those who worked hard to 'stage' Holy Week and Easter: we want to thank especially the cleaners and brass cleaners (under John Yelverton's wise organisation), the musicians and readers, the flower arrangers, the altar servers and welcomers. As ever, it was truly a team effort.

From CARITAS, the Catholic social action network 'Poverty Challenge : See, Judge, Act - following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network, the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a new free booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. Download from www.csan.org.uk

WHY DOES EASTER MATTER TO ME?

I think it is easy to enjoy the Easter celebrations without really feeling that it has anything to do with oneself personally. Of course we all like a story to have a happy ending, and we are glad that the story of Jesus didn't end with the terrible cruelty and humiliation of the Crucifixion. But has what happened at the first Easter really got anything to do with me? How does it effect my life here and now, two thousand years later? Is it really 'good news' so far as I am concerned?

It all, of course, focuses on Jesus. He claimed to be God the Son, and if that claim was true, yes I am connected with Him, because God is my Maker, he has brought me into being. Jesus

claimed to be the One with the Father - 'I and the Father are one' - and in doing that, he was claiming to have a role that extended far beyond his mortal life in the early first century. If, as he claimed, he was God, God the Son, then yes of course he is concerned with me here and now. God is everywhere, and at all times. It is part of what we mean by 'God'.

But was Jesus' extraordinary claim true? It's got to be if he is to be real to me here and now. As well as saying that he was divine, Jesus also said that he would come back from the dead - he said that he would be put to death, but that death would not be the end for him - he would rise from the dead. If he had been proved wrong, and his resurrection hadn't taken place, then we would have good reason to doubt his other claim, his claim to be God the Son. But he did rise from the dead : his friends saw him, touched him, ate with him, listened to Him after his resurrection. He appeared to them for forty days, so that there could be no doubt. And they were even prepared to be put to death - many were - rather than deny that all this had really taken place. They were reliable witnesses, with nothing personal to gain from telling a lie - quite the reverse. And they were unanimous in their witness.

So if Jesus is truly risen from the dead, and truly God the Son, then the implications for us individually are enormous. If he is alive, and is God the Son, then yes he is able to give us all that he promised us. He promised us life after this present life : 'I will take you to myself, so that where I am, you may be also'. He promised to give eternal life to us in the waters of baptism. He promised to give us his very self, his Body and Blood, in Holy Communion. He promised to be with us always, to the end of time. He promised to give us his Holy Spirit, to guide and comfort us. Wonderful promises, and promises that he can and does fulfill. And all of these things are only possible because of his glorious resurrection at the first Easter.

So yes, of course it matters to each of us personally that Jesus has risen from the dead. And we all of us have a real and personal reason to rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus in this Easter season! Christ is risen, we are risen! Alleluia!