



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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May 29th, 2022 : SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People
Sunday 10.0am Int. +Alan Deveney
6.0pm (Con) Int.

The Sisters are now happy to admit parishioners to their Sunday Mass, which is at 6.0pm each week. Please enter by the back gate in Tower Road, and then make your way from there to the usual door into the Chapel.

Weekday Masses

Monday ST.WALSTAN
9:30am Int. +Peter & Betty Cuthbertson
Tuesday FEAST OF THE VISITATION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
8.0am Int. The Diocesan Pilgrimage
Wednesday ST.JUSTIN
No Mass today
Thursday EASTER FERIA
7.0pm Int.
Friday ST.CHARLES LWANGA
9:30am Int. The Queen
Saturday EASTER FERIA
9.30am Int.
6:00pm Int. For the People

The Daily Office

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday at **10.0am**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm, or by appointment.

The Rosary Friday at **10.0am** (with Exposition)

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.281 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.499 of The Sunday Missal. Hymns at the 10.0am Mass :

THIS WEEK

Monday The Toddlers Group is not meeting this week because of the half-term holiday.

Tuesday The Catechism Group will not be meeting this week, due to half-term and the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Please note that Mass is at 8.0am today.

Friday Because most people will want to watch the Queen's Jubilee Service from St.Paul's Cathedral today, it seems best to have the Mass here at the earlier time of 9.30am (extraordinarily neither Google nor the newspaper seems able to provide the exact time of the Service, but I think it is either 11.0am, 11.30am, or Noon) Exposition and Rosary will follow on as usual, but at the earlier time of 10.0am - leaving us time to get home to our screens!

Tuesday **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM**

**The Pilgrimage Mass will be at Noon at the
Slipper Chapel
3.0pm Procession to the Abbey Grounds
for Benediction**

We are all encouraged to attend

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Pentecost, when Eastertide comes to an end.

After the usual 10.0am Mass there will be a celebration of the Royal Platinum Jubilee in the Hall : music (dancing?), refreshments, and an opportunity for us to drink a toast to the Queen.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Percy Oliver (2003), Christine Hodgen (2012), Joyce Irvine (2001), Rose Gaffney (2001), Janet Sims (2009), Peter Love (2009) and Sr.Bridget Carbery (2017). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £538.19 was given at the Offertory, and £36.50 for CAFOD.

Doors Now that the weather is warmer, I think it is good to leave the main door into the church open. An open door seems to say 'Do come in!', whilst a closed door seems to say 'Keep out'. However it is good to keep the inner, glass, doors closed, to keep out leafs, stray dogs, and whatever. Please could we try to make this work?

The Confirmation Those who were at the Confirmation last Monday have commented on what a joyful occasion it was. I felt very grateful to all those who had worked hard to make so successful, whether in the departments of flowers, music, altar serving, food, or whatever. The Bishop seemed to enjoy his visit, and commented on both the excellence of the refreshments afterwards (many thanks to Edwina and her team), and on the vigorous singing during the liturgy.

Welcome Leaflets The new Welcome Leaflets have now arrived from the printer, and our Visitation Team will soon begin delivering them to the many new houses which have been built in and around Felixstowe. Please remember the Team, and also the households which they will go. It is most important that this venture is supported by the prayers of the parish.

THE OFFERTORY PROCESSION

We had a simplified Offertory Procession at the Confirmation Mass, and I think it is time that we brought it back at the Sunday Masses - you

remember this what we did before the disruption of the COVID pandemic.

Why is it good to revive the Offertory Procession - in which the gifts of Bread and Wine are brought to the Altar ready for the second part of the Mass? Well partly of course because it is a very ancient part of the sacred liturgy - it is spoken of in the very earliest account which we have of the Mass, back in the second century. But also because of its significance in the eucharistic action itself. The gifts are brought to the Altar by the people of God - the two people who carry the bread and the wine up the aisle are doing so as representatives of the whole congregation. They deliver them to the priest, who then consecrates them in the Eucharistic prayer, whereby they become the Body and Blood of Christ. He then offers these gifts to the Father, offers Our Lord Jesus Christ himself, his saving work. And then when consecration has taken place, and the Holy Sacrifice has been offered, the gifts - now so wonderfully transformed and enhanced - are returned back to the people at the Communion. The whole action is that of Bringing, Consecrating, Offering, and Returning. And if the priest just takes the bread and wine from the credence table, as we've been doing at Sunday Masses, then the action is not really complete. The Offertory Procession has significance - it is far from being an empty ceremony.

What I would now like to happen on a Saturday evening and Sunday morning is this : as soon as the Prayers of the Faithful are ended, please will the two people who are bringing the gifts to the Altar please do that - not waiting for the collection to be taken. This will save a delay. When they have set off, then will the two people taking the collection begin to do so. When they reach the front, please will the collectors - or one of them - take the collection baskets into the Sacristy, and leave them on the vestment press next to the safe.

If you are asked by the Stewards in the porch to bring the gifts to the Altar, please don't hesitate : it is an honour to represent the people in this way, and to play a significant part in the course of the liturgy.