



·PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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June 5th, 2022 : SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People
Sunday 10.00am Int. +Stephanie Beard
6:00pm (Con) Int.

Weekday Masses

Monday MARY, MOTHER OF THE
CHURCH
9:30am Int. Bernadette Close
Tuesday FERIA
9:30am Int.
Wednesday FERIA
No Mass today
Thursday FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST
4.30pm (Con) Int.
Friday FERIA
11:30am Int.
Saturday FEAST OF ST.BARNABAS
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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday at 10.00am 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.293 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.503 of The Sunday Missal.

Hymns at 10.0am : 465, 301, 303, 771

At the end of the 10.0am Mass today we will sing one verse of the National Anthem, followed by the Prayer for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which has been issued by the bishops.

A celebration will follow in the Hall, in which all are invited to take part.

THIS WEEK

Monday 9.30am-11.30am The Toddlers Group meets in the Hall.

11.0am Fr.John attends a Deanery Clergy Meeting at St.Mark's, Ipswich.

Tuesday 10.45am-11.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we will look at paragraphs 446 to 478. All welcome.

Thursday 11.0am Fr.John attends the Bishop's annual Celebration of Priesthood, at Poringland.

4.30pm Mass at the Convent. Our experiment of having an evening Mass on Thursday has not worked ; usually only two or three people attend. The Sisters have asked for a Mass at 4.30pm on Thursdays, and this seems to make more pastoral sense than the 7.0pm Mass. As with the 6.0pm Mass at the Convent on Sundays, parishioners will be welcome to attend. Again, please enter the Convent grounds by the Tower Road gate, and proceed to the Chapel door.

Saturday 2.0pm Baptism of George, son of Diana and Zbignev

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Joan Hazell (2004), Sr. Clare Cook (2005), Florence O'Donnell (2005), Rita Pahlas (2005), Ann Porter (2020) < Nora O'Brien (2004), Michael McKeon (2013), and Nora Liffen (2014). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £3212.95 was given at the Offertory, and £37.90 to CAFOD. During May, £2,257.00 was give by Standing Orders.

Lost keys Two Yale keys on a ring, with a label saying 'Front Door' have been found outside the Presbytery. Fr. John has them. It's still not warm enough to sleep outside!

Church Cleaners For your diary - the annual Church Cleaners Afternoon Teas will be held at the Presbytery on Tuesday July 26th & Friday July 29th. Invitations will follow later.

FIRM FOUNDATIONS

Amongst the innumerable and well-deserved tributes paid to Her Majesty the Queen on this occasion of her Platinum Jubilee, the word 'stability' has occurred very frequently. It seems to be widely felt that over these many years she has provided a stable background to our lives - always there, firm as a rock, always faithful to her high vocation, and tireless and selfless in serving the nation. The motto of her forebear Queen Anne was *semper eadem* - 'Always the same Things', and with Queen Elizabeth too it has always been 'the same things' - the same dignity, the same humour, the same reliability, and all founded upon a constant and utterly sincere adherence to the Christian Faith. For most of us, she has been the only Head of State we have known. And perhaps because of that, we have maybe failed to realise just how fortunate we have been in having a Head of State of such impeccable integrity and unshakable goodness.

But underlying the jubilation of the past few days, have I been alone in perceiving just a hint of sadness? The celebrations have seemed to have something of the nature of a finale : a grand finale certainly, but a finale none the less. We have been saying a profound and heartfelt thank-you to our Queen knowing that her reign may well be drawing towards its close. For whilst she

herself is renowned for always looking forward, we have, I think, been looking backwards over her long reign with both a feeling of gratitude and also with a feeling of sadness that the curtain is maybe near to coming down. We had all, for example, fully expected that she would be well enough to attend the great Service of Thanksgiving at St. Paul's. But no. Not for the first time she had to withdraw with regret - and with, I imagine, considerable frustration on her part. We wish we could say the words of the Coronation Anthem 'May the King (Queen) live for ever'; we wish we could pray that she may live for many more years to come. But somehow those words don't seem quite realistic. She has given our lives a stability, a firm foundation, for as long as most of us can remember. But we have to accept the fact that this particular foundation will not always be there for us

Today we keep one of the great festivals of the Churches Year, the Feast of Pentecost, when we remember the Holy Spirit coming to the early Church. He came under the outward signs of wind and fire, fifty days after Our Lord's resurrection from the dead, and he transformed the Apostles to whom he came. Unlettered, fearful, directionless men were wonderfully changed into joyful, powerful, effective witnesses to the risen and living Christ, ready to lay down their lives for the truth. The coming of the Holy Spirit was extraordinary. But it was not a one-off long-ago happening. His coming was a gift promised to all converted people, and he comes to us today as wondrously as he did to those first Christians. He, God the Holy Spirit, together with God the Father and God the Son - the Holy Trinity whom we will celebrate next weekend, is the true, lasting, and unchanging foundation on which we can build our lives.

God in his love and mercy gives us people like our Queen who provide a precious and much-valued element of the stability and security in our tumultuous world. But God alone can provide these things always, constantly, for ever. People like the Queen point us to a still greater giver of peace and stability, a stability which is unfailing and eternal. We sing of God in a hymn 'All our hope in thee is founded'. It is true. He alone is the same yesterday, today, and for ever. His love and care for us in unchanging, they truly are 'world without end'.