



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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JUNE 12th, 2022 : SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday ST.ANTHONY OF PADUA
9:30am Int. +Christopher List
Tuesday FERIA
9:30am Int. +Michael & Joan Hazell (FM)
Wednesday FERIA
No Mass today
Thursday FERIA
7.0pm Int.
Friday ST.BOTOLPH
11:30am Int. +Jim & Dorothy Kearney
Saturday OF OUR LADY
9.30am Int. +Fred Bantick (FM)
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 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 p.81 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p. 1100 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 315, 468, 718

THIS WEEK

Monday 9.30am-10.30am St.Felix Toddlers, in the Hall.

Tuesday 10.45am - 11.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we look at paragraphs 470-487.

Thursday 10.30am Fr.John attends the annual (mandatory) Safeguarding Training Day for Priests at the Belsey Bridge Conference Centre. This means that there cannot be a 4.30pm Mass at the Convent this week, but instead a 7.0pm Mass at St.Felix. The 4.30pm Convent Mass will resume next week.

Friday 7.0pm First Holy Communion Parents Meeting, in the Hall.

Next Sunday is Corpus Christi, when Lay Ministers of the Eucharist will be re-commissioned at the 6.0pm and 10.0am Mass.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Mary Spillane (2004), Sr.Campion Green (2003), Chris Nelson (2019) and Robert Boreham (2014). R.I.P.

Money Matters Last Sunday £372.40 was given at the Offertory, and £31.50 for CAFOD. Next Sunday is the annual Day for Life, and there will be a retiring collection for the work of Catholic Life Charities.

The Platinum Jubilee Our celebration in the Hall after Mass last Sunday was a very pleasant

occasion : Stephen Badcock had decorated the Hall with bunting, and Fiona had made a lovely celebratory cake, with the Union Jack formed by raspberries and blueberries on the top. We were joined by our MP, the Rt.Hon. Therese Coffey, at the Mass and in the Hall afterwards, where she proposed the toast to the Queen.

From the Director of the Diocesan Youth

Service Hamish writes 'Come on Pilgrimage! The Diocesan Youth Service have two fantastic opportunities for young people to go on pilgrimage this summer. These are Holywell 'The Lourdes of Wales' (age 16-30) and 'England's Way', a walking and camping pilgrimage from Bury St.Edmund's to Walsingham (age 18-35). For more information see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Years ago when I was parish priest at Bury St.Edmund's, I once gave a homily on the Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity, of which - greatly to my surprise - someone reminded me recently! The homily was based on the chimney of the Green King Brewery, which rather dominates the Bury skyline. It has a distinctive form, being in three tubular sections, joined together, and rising to an equal height. This seemed to me - like St. Patrick's shamrock leaf - to be a good symbol of the Most Holy Trinity.

The doctrine of the Holy Trinity lies at the heart of our Christian Faith. It is a profound insight into the very being of God, it is the central truth which God, in his love and mercy, has made known to us. It is a truth which rises above and dominates our Faith in the way that the Green King chimney rises above the Bury St.Edmund's skyline. All else relates to it, and I think a failure to grasp this central truth disables the believer from understanding the rest of Christian teaching.

In essence the doctrine of the Holy Trinity expresses a great mystery in a very simple way : Three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit within the unity of the one God. Yes, it is a paradox : how can One be Three, and Three be One? That paradox reminds us of the wonder and mystery of God's being. It is beyond our understanding - of course it is. How can our mortal minds penetrate the very being of God? But that simple formula -

three Persons within the One God - gives us a framework for our thinking. The brewery chimney at Bury has three tubes of equal height and diameter, linked in one. The three Persons of the Trinity are equal in majesty and splendour, and joined together in the perfect unity of love.

SOME DIFFICULTIES IN PRIVATE PRAYER

I INTRODUCTION

If someone thinks that private prayer is all sweetness and light - a time of dreamy relaxation in the nearer presence of God - then they are very much mistaken. It would be like imagining that going into battle was a time of dreamy relaxation. Indeed our prayer time is somewhat like a going into battle. About the very last thing that our enemy, the devil, wants us to do is to pray. Because prayer brings us closer to God, and that is the very thing which the devil wants to prevent. He wants only to draw us closer to himself, and bring us to share in his own emptiness and misery. And so he tries to prevent us praying, and he does that with a variety of lies and ruses. We've got to fight against those things. It's not easy, prayer is not easy. In fact our prayer time more often resembles a battle field than a shady arbour!

So why bother? No one wants to be involved in conflict, we want a peaceful life. And we'd rather have an easy time than a difficult time. So why bother trying to pray? Quite simply because we long to know God, to come to the Truth, to experience the love and the wonder of God. We long for home, we long for the love of our heavenly Father. And prayer is the way to grow in the knowledge of God - the personal knowing of God that is - and we also long to grow more like Our Lord Jesus Christ through spending time in his presence (the only way). And so pray we must.

In this new Summer series we will look at some of the difficulties we encounter when we try to pray, and examine one or two of the weapons which we can use in our fight. Not so that we will be put off praying - but rather be encouraged in doing what lends credibility to our Christian profession, and which leads ultimately to the joy of being in God's presence.