



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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JULY 10th, 2022 : 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int.+Maureen & Richard Crosbie
Sunday 9:30am Int. Stephen & Fiona Badcock
6.00pm (Convent) Int. For the People

Weekday Masses

Monday FEAST OF ST.BENEDICT
9:30am Int. +Anne Hannon (DE)
Tuesday FERIA
9:30am Int. +Reuben Shayle
Wednesday FERIA
No Mass today
Thursday FERIA
4.30pm Int.
Friday ST.BONAVENTURE
11:30am Int.
Saturday OUR LADY OF MOUNT
CARMEL
9.30am Int. For Ukraine
6:00pm Int. +Karen, Ruth, and Alex.

The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) will be said a quarter of an hour before Mass Mon, Tues, Fri & Sat

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.108 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.1021 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 865, 963, 302

THIS WEEK

Monday 9.30am -11.30am The St.Felix Toddlers meet in the Hall.
7.30pm Meeting of the Parish Advisory Council in the Hall. All parishioners are invited.

Tuesday 10.45pm to 11.45pm The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This weeks we look at paragraphs 543 - 560.

Saturday 11.30am Baptism of Wilfred, son of Natalia and Darryl Curle (a delightful baby who appears regularly at Mass).

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Reginald Johnson (2009), Joan Styles (2003), Michael Taylor (2007), Bill Sole (2016), Michael Donnelly (1998), Anthony McGrath (2010) and Sean McManus (2011). May they rest in peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £442.29 was given in the Offertory and £74..30 for CAFOD. There is a retiring collection for *STELLA MARIS* today.

Retirement Our long-serving Chairman of the Finance Committee, Alan Lamberton has decided to retire. We are most grateful to him for his long years of devoted service to the Parish in this role ; he leaves our finances in good shape, for which we are very grateful. He'll be available to advise!

Congratulations to Stephen and Fiona Badcock, who are celebrating their Ruby Wedding Anniversary this weekend. We wish them many more happy years together.

Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Co-ordinator

Post The Diocese would like to appoint a new Marriage and Family Life Coordinator. The post-holder must be a practicing Catholic in good standing, with a good understanding of, and commitment to, the Catholic Church's teaching on marriage and family life.

The role is 0.5 FTE, with flexible hours including some Saturdays, Sundays and evenings as required. Annual salary is £33,150 pro rata (i.e £16,575). Please see the Diocese website for a full job description, personal specifications and details on how to apply:

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/diocese-needs-marriage-family-life-co-ordinator/> Application deadline is July 20th, with interviews to be held in Poringland on July 26th.

Transform Festival September

Hamish, the diocesan Youth Officer, writes : 'Inviting all young people age 16 - 30 to the Transform Festival September 9th to 11th. Come and experience your faith in a new and dynamic way. Held at Clare Priory the Transform Festival will include live music, powerful talks, passionate prayer and interactive workshops, as well as good food and free time! Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service and Clare Priory. See www.transformfestival.uk for more information.'

Anyone for Walking? After the very happy Pilgrimage-Walk from Snape to the site of St. Botolph's monastery last Sunday afternoon (although disappointingly only two of the Confirmation families took part) an idea re-surfaced in my mind. Namely that it might be rather good to have a Parish Walking Club. A possible scenario would be to have a Parish Walk once a month, maybe on a Saturday afternoon : a fairly gentle walk, somewhere in the area each time, lasting say a couple of hours. We all need exercise, and walking with people is a very good way of getting to know them. I don't suppose anyone would be interested, but if anyone is, please would they tell me?

Offertory Procession "Just to be quite clear" as the presenters say on BBC 4 like to say, when the gifts are carried up to the Altar at the 6.0pm & 10.0am Sunday Masses, please will those taking the collection follow on behind those carrying the

gifts right to the front, and then work backwards as they take the collection. People don't seem to like being taken by surprise from behind! Many thanks to those good people who bring up the Gifts and take the Collection : your willingness is much appreciated.

SOME DIFFICULTIES IN PRAYER

V. - WHAT ON EARTH SHALL I SAY?

That question points to a common misconception about prayer - namely that it's all about 'saying'. Whereas it is also about listening, thinking (meditation) and being silent. But of course there is 'saying', and that is proper : we do rightly want to speak to our heavenly Father. We just have to take care that we don't do all of the talking! - we don't get to know people if we don't give them chance to speak to us.....

After we've eased ourselves into our prayer time, and we've already thought about that, I think it is wholly appropriate that we do a bit of thanksgiving. If someone has shown us extraordinary generosity, then as soon as we next encounter them we want to say thank-you! The problem is knowing where to start : God's generosity towards us is so immense. We might want to begin by thanking him for our body and mind, our health and well being. Then maybe for our home, our food, our friends. For our environment, for all the beauty we encounter in the created Order. Then maybe for things - cars, books, baths, armchairs. The list is literally endless.

After thanksgiving - and we should let the Holy Spirit lead us, as he takes and directs our memory and imagination - we may, having recognized how fortunate we are, want to pray for the needs of other people. We all know people who need prayer, and our faith tells us that we can, in a mysterious way, really be of help to them through prayer. People are very appreciative, I think of prayer made for them ; people sometimes tell me that they are praying for me and I find it deeply moving. And AFTER we've prayed for the needs of others, then it is natural and right that we should pray for our own needs. This may include bringing our anxieties and problems before God, asking for his help. As a loving Father, he won't fail to hear us, and come to our help in ways which maybe we didn't expect.....