



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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August 21st, 2022 : 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm (St.F) Int. For the People
Sunday 10:00am (St.F) Int. +James Boyle
6:00pm (Con) Int.

Weekday Masses

Monday QUEENSHIP OF THE BVM
9:30am (St.F) Int. +Anne Hannon
Tuesday ST.ROSE OF LIMA
9:30am (St.F) Int. +John Brickwell (FM)
Wednesday FEAST OF ST.BARTHOLOMEW
No Mass today
Thursday ST.LOUIS
4:30pm (Con) Int.
Friday FERIA
11:30am (St.F) Int. +Barbara King (Together
Saturday ST.MONICA Club)
9:30am (St.F) Int. The People of Ukraine
6:00pm (St.F) 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

Tuesdays 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.128 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.1046 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 934, 644, 967

THIS WEEK

Thursday 10.0am Fr.John has a meeting at the Cathedral.
Saturday 4.0pm Convalidation of the Marriage of Paul and Simla Payne.
Next Sunday 3.0pm-5.0pm The Teddy Bears' Picnic, for young families, in the Presbytery Garden.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week William Demko (2008), and John Chapman (2005). R.I.P.

Barbara King RIP We were all saddened and surprised by Barbara's death after a brief illness. She will be remembered with great affection as one of the characters our parish, and someone who gave generously of her time and talents. She was wonderfully forthright, fearless and decisive. It was good that she had settled down so happily at the Westcliffe Care Home, where she was well looked after, and treated with respect. We will all miss her very much. May she rest in peace, reunited with her husband John.

Money Matters Last Sunday £431.29 was given at the Offertory, & £75.60 for CAFOD

Flowers for Our Lady The Lady Altar looked lovely for the Solemnity of the Assumption - a number of people had brought flowers, roses, lilies and gladioli, thereby expressing their love for Mary. We are grateful to them for doing this.

The Parish Barbecue SUNDAY, SEPT 4TH
Fiona writes **'If you would like to come, please sign the list on the notice board in the Porch -**

this will help with the catering. There will also be a Raffle - if you can donate a prize for this, please sign the second list on the Porch noticeboard Raffle prizes can be left in the marked box on the table in the Outer Sacristy.

As in previous years, it would be good if people attending the BBQ could bring either a salad side or a dessert to share. Fiona and Stephen Badcock will be outside Church after Mass this Sunday and next weekend to note down these contributions.'

Parish Finance Committee

Under Canon Law - which governs the workings of the Church - every parish is required to have a Finance Committee. Its purpose is to advise the Parish Priest. It is advisory rather than executive, but the parish priest knows the wisdom of listening carefully to the Committee's advice!

Recently the long-standing Chairman of the Committee, Alan Lamberton, retired. So I have had to appoint a new Chairman. I have invited Hayley Dossor to undertake this role, and he has kindly agreed. The Committee is now made up of Hayley Dossor (Chairman)
Teresa Whitley (Secretary)
David Richardson (Treasurer)
Stephen Badcock (Chairman of the Parish Council)
George Babbington (Gift Aid Officer)
John Conlon
and Alan Lamberton.

Many thanks to all of these ; our finances are in good hands under their guidance.

IN OUR CHURCH

A new series on the principal furnishings of the Church, and their significance.

I - The Altar

The church building as a whole has sometimes been described as essentially 'a covering for the Altar' ; certainly the Altar is the principal item in the church, and should be its focus. In the authoritative *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* we read 'The altar, on which is effected the Sacrifice of the Cross made present under sacramental signs, is also the table of the Lord, to which the People of God is convoked to participate in the Mass, and it is also the centre of

the thanksgiving that is accomplished through the Eucharist.' The *General Instruction* also states that the Altar should be a fixed (rather moveable) structure 'since this more clearly and permanently signifies Christ Jesus, the living Stone', and says that it should be constructed of 'stone, and indeed natural stone'.

When our Sanctuary was re-ordered (was it five years ago?) the horrible black concrete and gravel Altar legs were replaced with natural stone, matching the new Tabernacle pedestal and Lectern. The existing white marble *mensa* (table top) was reused. One or two people asked about having a fabric Altar frontal, or a 'throw over'. But I think a free-standing Altar like ours (the *General Instruction* required that an Altar should be free-standing) looks more dignified without. And certainly seeing the stone enforces the truth that this is a place of sacrifice, and only in a secondary sense a table. On the Altar, the living Christ becomes present, and there hidden under the appearance of bread and wine, is Offered to the Father - the offering or sacrifice which renews the reconciliation which Jesus brought about on the Cross.

The altar is pre-eminently a holy place, which is why it is always appropriate to bow towards the Altar. It is the Throne of Christ, the place where he becomes present in the Holy Sacrament, and from which he feeds his people with his very self.

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