



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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September 4th, 2022 : 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. + Barbara King (P&CR)
Sunday 10:00am Int. + Joseph
6:00pm (Convent) Int. For the People

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
9:30am Int. + Mary Moffatt
Tuesday FERIA
9:30am Int. + Barbara King (DT)
Wednesday FERIA
No Mass today
Thursday FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
4:30pm (Convent) Int. The people of Ukraine
Friday FERIA
11:30am Int. The Ipswich Catenian Circle
Saturday FERIA Foundation Mass
9:30am Int. +Alan Deveney
6:00pm Int. +Barbara King (MD)

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. 133 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p. 1053 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 465, 683, 820

THIS WEEK

Today 12.30pm THE PARISH BARBEQUE
in the Presbytery Garden. (Please note that there will not be tea/coffee in the Hall after the 10.0am Mass, as preparations will be underway for the Parish BBQ.)

Monday The St.Felix Toddlers Group resumes next Monday

10.30am The Parish Finance Committee meets at the Presbytery.

Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group resumes its weekly meetings in the Cooper Room. This week we will look at paragraphs 571- to 591 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Saturday The Annual Suffolk Churches Sponsored Ride & Stride. (See the back of the Newsheet). People are needed to 'man' our own Church to welcome riders & striders, and sign them in. If you can spare an hour on Saturday to do this, please sign the list on the notice board in the Porch.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Terry Madden (2008), Max Scott (2006), Helen Gorham (2016), Rosemary Banks (2021), and Pamela Russell (2009). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £376.40 was given at the Offertory and £47.75 for CAFOD. I think next Sunday we ought to have a retiring collection to help the poor people suffering so atrociously as a result of the floods in Pakistan.

Childrens' Liturgy Monica writes: Childrens' Liturgy of the Word resumes next Sunday 11th

September, after the summer break. Children aged 4 and above are encouraged to join in to celebrate the Word of God in a way that they can understand and enjoy. Children aged 3 are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

FELIXSTOWE HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

This event takes place next weekend. Some months ago the organisers wrote to all the churches asking them to be open for this special weekend (I told them that we always are) and asking further if it were possible for the various churches to stage something of interest to visitors. I felt that we ought to cooperate, and so I volunteered to give two 20-minute talks on both the Saturday and the Sunday : the one, at Noon, will be an Introduction to the Architecture of the Building, and the other, at 3.0pm, will be an Introduction to the Stained Glass in the church. I'm not suggesting for one minute that any of you should attend. (I don't think anyone else will do so!). You would be bored stiff. But I thought you at least would like to know what is going on!

IN OUR CHURCH

3. The Lectern Or Ambo as it is more correctly called. We are fortunate here in having a very fine stone Lectern, - the gift of two generous and anonymous parishioners six years ago. On its sides are the symbols of the four gospel writers, St. Matthew (a winged man) St. Mark (a winged lion), St. Luke (a winged ox) and St. John (a winged eagle). Those symbols are taken from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel : we meet them right at the beginning of the book, as part of Ezekiel's vision of heaven. These rather finely carved panels came, apparently, from a stone pulpit which formerly stood in the church. At some time they had been cast out into the garden, where they were beginning to deteriorate.

The Lectern (or Ambo) is a very significant part of the furnishing of a church, because from it God's word, contained in Holy Scripture, is proclaimed. It is sometimes called 'the Altar of the Word', and is to be seen as the counterpart of the Altar of the Sacrament. For that reason we are urged these days that a lectern should be a fixed item of furniture, and should

share in the dignity of the Altar, being made, if possible, from the same material. That is certainly the case here.

As the place where the word of God is proclaimed, the Lectern is the focus of attention for the first part of the Liturgy ; for the second part of the Mass the focus switches to the Altar.

Sometimes in churches today there are a pair of Ambos, one for the proclamation of Holy Scripture and one for the leading of singing and the delivery of notices etc.. We considered that when the re-ordering here took place six years ago, but decided that two ambos would be unacceptably restrictive of sight-lines to the Altar. Hence we settled for just one. Which seems to work.

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AN ADVERT
FOR THE
SPONSORED
RIDE & STRIDE
NEXT SATURDAY
APPEARS HERE