



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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September 11th, 2022 : 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People
Sunday 10:00am Int. + HM Queen Elizabeth
6:00pm (Convent) Int.

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
2:30am FUNERAL MASS FOR SHEILA
HOCKLEY RIP
Tuesday ST.JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
7:30pm Int. +Maceria Nicome
Wednesday FEAST OF THE EXHALTATION
OF THE HOLY CROSS
9:30am Int. +Agnes Curley
11.00am FUNERAL MASS FOR BARBARA
KING RIP
Thursday OUR LADY OF SORROWS
7.30am Int.
Friday ST.CORNELIUS & ST.CYPRIAN
No Mass today
Saturday FERIA
6:00pm Int. For the People

The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) will be said a quarter of an hour before the first Mass on Tues. and Wed.

The Rosary Friday at Noon

The Mass today

The Bishop has requested that parishes should offer one Mass this weekend as a Requiem for the late Queen. Here, this will be the 10.0am. The Readings will be those of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The readings can be found on p.136 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.1057 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 955, 708, 659

HM QUEEN ELIZABETH RIP

As Catholics, we share with all the peoples of this country in a profound sadness and a sense of unreality as we begin to mourn the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. We knew that this day would come, and yet at the same time we felt that somehow it would never come, such is both the mystique of monarchy, and the almost personal bond which we felt with her. Even if we had never met the Queen, and most of us had not done so, she seemed no distant figure, remote from us, but truly to be the Mother of the nation, a loved and treasured part of the world in which we moved.

We share in that sadness and sense of unreality, and we share too in boundless gratitude for all that she brought to and gave to our national life. She has been spoken of as the rock on which our nation has been founded in these many decades of her reign. She has upheld moral standards which have seemed to be in danger of being overthrown, and she has evidenced the values of unselfishness, fortitude, good-humour, and unwavering service. She has been a witness to the place of marriage and the family in the divine ordering of society, and of the essential goodness of friendship and compassion. She has reminded us of what those things are which have true value and real worth.

But just as we share in that sadness and deep sense of loss now being experienced by so many people, so we share too in the profound faith and the hope of the late Queen herself. She was a deeply committed Christian, she loved and served the Lord, and was memorably ready to speak of her Christian faith. She held to the teachings and the promises of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and so for

her, death was no enemy and moment of extinction, but rather a gateway into the richness of the life to come. We can feel her saying with Simeon 'Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace', and equally can hear Our Lord saying to her 'Well done, good and faithful servant ; enter into the joy of your Master'. May she rest in peace, and come to know the joy of the Resurrection

THIS WEEK

Fr.John leaves for his Summer Holiday after a meeting at the Cathedral on Friday. He hopes to spend a week in North Norfolk, and then a week in North Wales. On the next two Sundays Fr.Kevin Jordan with his faithful dog Milo will be coming to say the 6.0pm and the 10.0am Masses. He is Parish Priest of St.John's Wood in London, and will himself be on holiday, near Framlingham. We are most grateful to him. I have been unable to procure a priest to cover the 6.0pm Mass at the Convent next Sunday, but Mgr. Tony Rogers has kindly agreed to say the 6.0pm Mass there on Sunday 25th. During Fr.John's absence the daily Mass must, alas, be suspended.

Today Heritage Weekend. Fr.John gives a twenty-minute introduction to the Architecture of St.Felix at Noon, and another at 3.0pm on the Stained Glass here.

Monday 9.30am The St.Felix Toddlers Group meets in the Hall

11.0am Fr.John attends a Deanery Meeting at Kesgrave.

2.30pm Funeral Mass for Sheila Hockley RIP (Note - there is no 9.30am Mass today)

Tuesday 10.30am Fr.John attends a Deans' Meeting at Poringland.

(Note - Mass is at 7.30am today)

10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we work onward from paragraph 595.

Wednesday *HOLY CROSS DAY* -

9.30am Mass of the Feast.

11.0am Funeral Mass for Barbara King RIP, followed by Cremation at 2.15pm.

Thursday 11.0am Diocesan Requiem for the Queen at St.John's Cathedral, Norwich. All are welcome - and encouraged - to attend.

Friday 10.30am Fr.John chairs a Meeting of the Trustees of the Cathedral, St.John's, Norwich.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Sr. Genevieve Devereux (2019), Felix Shaw (2000), Monica Barsby (2008), Michael Kay (2001), Annie O'Hagan (2003), Patrick O'Reilly (2000), William Keane (2009) and Sheila Etherington (2017). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £583.14 was given at the Offertory and £47.30 for CAFOD.

Today there is a retiring collection for those suffering so greatly due to the flooding in Pakistan.

Last Weekend Two events : on Saturday the first Parish Walk, and on Sunday the Parish Barbeque - six people took part in the first, and around one hundred and thirty in the second - but both were equally enjoyable, and both took place in perfect weather conditions.

The Walk was along the Deben at Hemley, a charming corner of Suffolk, and taken at a very easy pace. Sitting in the church porch for refreshments at the end of the walk, we agreed that a parish walk should take place monthly, on the first Saturday of each month.

The Barbecue was a huge success, and made special by the presence of around forty Ukrainians, who sang their national Anthem at the beginning of the proceedings. As ever, the event was a great team effort - so many people contributed in one way or another. We are grateful to them all, and especially to Stephen Badcock who worked so hard as overall organiser. A truly memorable occasion, enjoyed by all.

Worth Watching Something which I especially enjoyed last week was watching a half-hour film about three new windows created in a Northamptonshire church by Thomas Denny - who designed and made our two Divine Mercy windows. With excellent photograph, this was a film full of peace and of interest. To watch it, Google 'Thomas Denny stained glass', and then scroll down on his website to 'Let the Light Shine'. I don't think you will be disappointed!

Congratulations to our Member of Parliament, Therese Coffey, on her appointment as Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Health. How good that a Catholic has been appointed!