



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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October 16th, 2022 : 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People
Sunday 10:00am Int. +Stephanie O'Mahony
(No public Mass at the Convent this
Sunday, as the Sisters are in Retreat)

Weekday Masses

Monday ST.IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH
9:30am Int. +John Brickwell (FM)
Tuesday FEAST OF ST.LUKE
9:30am Int. +Josie Hatchett (FM)
Wednesday FERIA
No Mass today
Thursday FERIA
4:30pm Int.
Friday FERIA
8.0am Int. For Ukraine
Saturday FERIA
9:30am Int.
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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday at 10.0am Benediction at 10.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm or by appointment.

The Rosary Friday at Noon

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.152 of the Parish
Mass Book, and on p.1076 of The Sunday Missal.

Hymns at 10.0am : 722, 859, 938

A NEW BISHOP

The Holy Father has now appointed a new
Bishop of East Anglia. He is Canon Peter Collins
of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. Bishop Alan writes
'Bishop-elect Peter comes with great personal,
pastoral and theological gifts and with many years
of dedicated service to the Church in the
Archdiocese of Wales. I know he will receive a
very warm welcome from you all. Please support
Bishop-elect Peter with your prayers.

'The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-elect
Peter will take place at the Cathedral on December
14th at 11.30am.

'The Holy Father has appointed me as the
Apostolic Administrator until Bishop-elect Peter
has been ordained and installed.'

THIS WEEK

Monday 9.30am St.Felix Toddlers in the Hall
10.30am Meeting of the Finance Committee at
the Presbytery.

Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group
meets in the Hall. This week we will continue
looking at paragraphs 668-679, before moving on
to paragraphs 683-689. All are welcome.

Thursday 11.0am Fr.John involved with
interviews at the Cathedral.

Friday 11.0am ditto.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Audrey Beech (2001),
Lionel Rickett (2012), Maureen Newman (2007),
Neville Raffe (2007), Peggy Colson (2016),
Raymond Smith (2017), Elsie Fordham (2001),
Veronica McDonald (2003) and Arthur Burgess
(2009). May they rest in peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £406.41 was given

at the Offertory and £396.11 for CAFOD. £2136 was given by Direct Debit payments in September.

The Sponsored Ride and Stride All of the sponsorship money seems to have come in now, and has been sent off to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, which will return half of it to us for our church funds. The splendid sum of £611 was raised by our Striders - Maria Ashley, Barbara Roxo, Barbara Sabela, and Fr.John, by our cycle rider, Sister Lucy, and by our tricycle rider, 90-year old Rosemary, who herself had sponsorship totaling £175! Well done everyone.

Coffee Morning - to be held on Saturday 22nd October in the church hall 1030am - noon. Includes refreshments, guess the weight of the cake and a tombola. Please do try to come along, we would love to see you, In aid of parish funds and the food bank.

Armchair If you happen to have an upholstered armchair which you no longer need, please would you tell Fr.John?

THE WARM-AREA PROJECT

This is a plan devised by Churches Together in Felixstowe to help poor people who are going to find the cost of heating a huge problem this coming Winter, and who may be forced to choose between heating or food. The plan is that various churches should, at different times in the week, allow people to come to their (heated) halls for a few hours of warmth.

We have been asked to take part, and I think it is only right that we should do so. It so happens that the time which we have been asked to cover - Fridays, 10.0am to 3.0pm - is a time when our hall is not normally in use. The whole scheme is due to get going in the first week of November. I've said that we will want to review the situation at the end of the year, and decide whether to continue according to what usefulness it seems to have. It is asked that if possible hot drinks and possibly soup at lunchtime should be provided.

What we need, of course, is a rota of parishioners who would be prepare to 'man' the Hall, generally welcoming participants and keeping an eye on things, and making the hot drinks. Ideally two people ought to be 'on' together. I wonder whether the five hours each

Friday would spit into two one-and-a-half --hour stints plus one two hour stint?

Volunteers are needed. Here is an opportunity to help people less fortunate than ourselves - I don't think that we can say 'no'. If you would be prepared to be on the rota, please will you discuss it with Fr.John?

IN OUR CHURCH

6. The Statue of Our Lady

Every Catholic church has a statue of Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church, but few have a statue of such excellent quality as that in St.Felix. Old photographs suggest that it was here from the 1910's - even before the Lady Chapel was added, giving it such a dignified setting. It was made by the renowned church furnishing firm of Muller, in Munich, the capital city of Bavaria, and the painting of Our Lady's robe and of the rich edging of her cloak are very fine indeed. The halo is made up of twelve stars, the stars with which she is crowned according to the Book of the Apocalypse, whilst the child Jesus has a halo made up of rays of light arranged in the form of a Cross. Mary is crowned as Queen of Heaven, and carries a beautifully-wrought sceptre. We are fortunate indeed to have such a treasure. It is in excellent condition, and when the Lady Chapel was restored a few years ago it required no more than a little dusting.

The statue of Mary in a church functions as a focus for devotion to her, and also as a visual reminder that Mary our Mother is watching over us, assisting us always by her maternal prayers. The *Angelus*, that devotion in which the Church celebrates the Incarnation of Christ, 'the Word made Flesh', is said daily at Noon and at 6.0pm. On Saturday each week we turn to the statue of Our Lady to say the *Angelus*, before beginning the Mass.

Those of you with sharp eyes may have noticed that the letters VF have disappeared from after my name on the Newsheet heading. They stand for Vicar Forane, which literally means 'Deputy(for the Bishop) in distant parts' - but commonly mean 'Dean'. When the Bishop's resignation has been accepted by Rome, as it was last week, almost all appointees of the Bishop, including Deans, cease to be in office, leaving the way open for the new Bishop to make his own appointments. Until that happens, I am merely Acting Dean of the Ipswich Deanery. FJ