



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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November 13th, 2022 : 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Remembrance Sunday*

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. +Alex Greene
Sunday 10:00am Int. +All who died in Battle
6:00pm (Convent) Int. For the People

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
11.30am Int. +Reuben Shayle
Tuesday FERIA
9:30am Int. +Brenda May
Wednesday ST.MARGARET OF SCOTLAND
No Mass today
Thursday ST.HUGH OF LINCOLN
4:30pm (Convent) Int.
Friday FERIA
11:30am Int. +Alan Deveney
Saturday FERIA
6:00pm Int. +Agnes Curley

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.164 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.1091 of The Sunday Missal.

The 10.0am Mass today will be offered as a Requiem for all who have Died in Battle, and will begin with the traditional Act of Remembrance. The readings at this Mass will be those for the day. Hymns at 10.0am : 788, 795

THIS WEEK

Monday 9.30am St.Felix Toddlers Group meets in the Hall.
9.40am Fr.John says Mass for the Staff of St.Alban's School. Mass here at 11.0am today.
Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we look at paragraphs 711-730. All welcome.
2.30pm The Parish Liturgy Committee meets at the Presbytery.
Thursday 11.0am Fr.John attends a Deanery meeting at St.Pancras, Ipswich. The annual Requiem for the departed Clergy of the Deanery will be held at St.Pancras at 12.15pm, and everyone is invited to attend.
Saturday 10.0am Fr.John, together with the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Chairman of the Parish Council attend a Diocesan Finance briefing at Newmarket. There will not be a 9.30am Mass today.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Kenneth Pooley (2000), James Reiley (2004), Sr.Pauline Callan (2011), and Barbara Schmitz (2008). R.I.P.

Money Matters Last Sunday £404.20 was given at the Offertory, and £29.90 for CAFOD.

Contactless Donations Stephen writes 'You

will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE contactless terminal in the Porch. Just use your card or smart phone device to make a donation.

Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card to the reader.

You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25% if you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every pound received.

Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.'

Presentation At the Sunday Mass last week the Diocesan Medal was presented to Alan Lamberton : the Bishop had made this award in recognition of Alan's faithful service as Chairman of our Finance Committee over many years, and for all else that he has done here. Congratulations!

Crib Festival Barbara writes 'Only three weeks to go! Have you said a prayer for the success of the festival? Have you sorted out your Cribs? Have you written about your Crib? Have you signed up to help on those days? Please support our efforts on behalf of seafarers and fishers. '

Missio (Red Boxes) Barbara also writes 'Dear Missio friends, Please help yourselves to a Missio calendar on the table in the porch. Thank you for your generosity and loyalty.'

We've been Listed! We've heard this week that St.Felix Church has been 'Listed' - listed by the Secretary of State as a building of Special Architectural Interest, Grade II. This has been on the cards for a while, but is now definite. St.Felix joins twenty or so other churches in the Diocese of East Anglia as being so designated. Good news or bad? A mixture, I suppose. Positively, it means that the building and its main contents are protected against future insensitive intervention, Negatively, it means more paperwork if we want to make changes. But listen to what the official letter says:

'Listing helps us to mark a building's significance and celebrate its special architectural and historic interest. It brings specific protection so that its special interest can be properly considered in managing its future. Listing does not mean, however, that no

alterations can be made - in fact in the majority of cases applications to make changes to a listed building are approved.'

Under something called the *Ecclesiastical Exemption* permission to carry out work on a Catholic church is not given by the local Planning Authority (as with a secular listed building) but by the diocesan Bishop acting on the advice of his Historic Churches Committee.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER.....

As we pray on this Remembrance Sunday for all of those who have died in Battle, we are reminded of the rightness of assisting those who have died by our prayers. But it is more than rightness, it is charity - love - which moves us to help those who stand in a real need of our help.

We believe that after our death, our soul begins a time of preparation, preparation for entering into God's presence. Only the Saints are ready to behold the vision of God immediately after death ; for the rest of us , work will need to be carried out to prepare us! We call this time of preparation Purgatory : it used to be thought of very much in terms of punishment ; now, the Church considers it to be more a time of preparation - a gracious time, which will see the washing away of whatever makes us unfit to see God in his glory. Water is maybe a better image than fire. It is while a person is in this time or state of preparation that our prayers can be of great assistance to them.

We all know that our prayers are most powerful when offered in conjunction with the offering of Our Lord's sacrifice in the Mass : it's why people often ask to have a Mass said for a friend or relative who has died. And why, too, the Church gives us a special day in the year when we can come together and pray in a concentrated way for the departed loved ones of all of us. That day is All Souls Day, November 2nd, when it is so good to think of all those departed people benefitting from our prayers. And it's why I was so sad this year when the All Souls Day Masses were especially badly attended. There were only twelve people at the 7.30pm Mass. Surely, I thought - and not unreasonably - everyone must have at least ONE person whom they've loved and lost, and want to remember before God at the Altar on All Souls Day?