



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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November 20th, 2022 : SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. +James Machin
Sunday 10:00am Int. +Waldemar & Jadwiga
4:00pm Int. For the People Sabela
(Please note new Winter time of Mass)

Weekday Masses

Monday PRESENTATION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9.30am Int. +George & Myfanwy Davies
Tuesday ST.CECILIA
8.00am Int. +Edith Smart
Wednesday FERIA
10.0am FUNERAL MASS FOR BENITO
DIMASCIO RIP
Thursday ST.ANDREW DUNG-LAC
4:30pm (Convent) Int. +Agnes Curley
Friday FERIA
11:30am Int. Meg Deveney
Saturday FERIA
9:30am Int. +Robert & Mary Williams
6:00pm Int. +Marianna Joswiak & Decd.Fam.

The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) will be said a quarter of an hour before Mass on Mon, Tues, Fri, and Sat

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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.167 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.1095 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 320, 325, 601

THIS WEEK

Today is the final Sunday in the Church's Year, the Season of Advent begins next Sunday. Today is kept as World Youth Day.

Monday 9.30am The St.Felix Toddlers meet in the Hall

Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we look at paragraphs 721 to 741.

10.30am Fr.John attends a meeting of the Diocesan Historic Churches Committee at the Cathedral. Mass at 8.0am today.

Wednesday 10.0am Funeral Mass for Benito Dimascio, followed by burial at the cemetery.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Ellen Moran (2000), Bridget Chalcraft (2011), Marguerite Gamble (2013), Marlene Strachan (2016), Sr.Marceline (2017), Charles Egerton (2020), Mary Sutcliffe (2017), & Charles Burnham-Slipper (2013). R.I.P.

Money Matters Last Sunday £338.05 was given at the Offertory, and £34.98 for CAFOD.

First Holy Communion Preparation for First Holy Communion next Summer is now underway. If there are any further candidates, please will their family make contact with Fr.John or the Catechists as soon as possible.

THE CRIB FESTIVAL
is taking place here Friday December 2nd
and Saturday December 3rd
10.0am - 4.0pm

Please publicize, and sign up on the Porch notice board to assist!

Congratulations to Meg Deveney, who celebrates her ninetieth birthday on Thursday this week. We send her our love and good wishes.

The new Bishop's Ordination and Installation

This will take place on December 14th. There is still one ticket available for our parish.

Crib Festival December 2nd & 3rd.

Barbara writes 'We shall be setting up on Thursday 1st Dec. from 1.0pm onwards. Please bring your cribs in a container clearly marked (we want to return the cribs safely.) We also still need help with stewarding and refreshments : Please sign up if you can spare an hour. Contact Barbara.

Prayer & Retreat Day

Sr.Sheila Gosney writes 'There will be a day entitled 'The Life of St.Paul' on November 26th, 10.30am-3.0pm at 63, Orwell Road, Convent of Jesus and Mary. Please bring a packed lunch, coffee & tea provided.

Contact/bookings Sr.Sheila Gosney rjm

RENEWING THE NAVE WINDOWS

I've already explained how the eight windows in the Nave at St.Felix are in need of attention. The lead which holds the diamond-shaped 'quarries' (small panes of glass) in place is perishing, as it does after a hundred years, causing the main 'lights' (the three large areas of glass in each window) to bow out.

The idea that we should not simply re-lead the existing pale green frosted glass quarries, but instead replace them with clear glass was put forward by the glazier, and I asked you in the Newsheet to tell me what you thought of this idea. I had not a single response - presumably because you felt entirely happy about leaving the decision to me! I was flattered. Nevertheless I had another shot at eliciting an opinion when the Parish Advisory Council met recently. Very few people attended - although it was made clear that the window glazing would be on the Agenda. But of those who were present, there was a unanimous opinion that we should switch to clear quarries. It

was felt that green frosted glass belongs in the lavatory rather than in the church.

I told you last week that our church has just become a listed building, and that means that we have to seek permission from the diocesan Historic churches Committee to make this change. I think it will be discussed when the diocesan HCC meets on Tuesday, along with our application to put Solar Panels on the roof of the Hall and Presbytery. I think it will go through, but I will keep you posted. When we know the result, it will be time to think about how we might fund the work, and next time I write I think it will be about that.

IN OUR CHURCH

10. The Christ the King window

Of the stained glass by the firm of Hardman of Birmingham in our church - mentioned in the recent listing description as being the largest collection of Hardman glass in the East of England - I think quite the best windows are those in the Sacred Heart Chapel. They are designed as a pair, the one nearest the Altar being centred on Christ the King, and the other centred upon the Holy Trinity. On this Solemnity of Christ the King, it seems appropriate to look at the former.

In the centre panel (or 'light') we see Our Lord as King and 'reigning from the Tree' - Christ on the Cross, but robed as King, victorious in his battle against the powers of darkness. Following the mediaeval tradition the Cross is shown as green - the living and life-giving Cross, which throughout the window grows branches, leaves, and bears fruit.. Combined with this Christ the King imagery, there is also reference to the Sacred Heart - appropriate to the window's setting in the Sacred Herat Chapel. (Curiously the Sacred Heart is shown as golden rather than red. I wonder why?). In the two side lights, we see the two saints who 'pioneered' devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, St.Margaret Mary to the left, and St.Gertrude to the right. Visitors are always facinated by the very life-like mouse running up St.Gertrude's abbess's staff!

The colour in these windows is rich, and the figure-work is set against a background of clear diamond quarries, of the kind which we hope to introduce to the Nave windows.