



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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November 27th, 2022 : FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm +Marianna Joswiak & decd.
Sunday 10:00am . For the People Fam.
4:00pm (Convent) Int.

Weekday Masses

Monday ADVENT FERIA
9:30am Int. +Reuben Shayle
Tuesday ADVENT FERIA
9:30am Int. +Mary Smith
Wednesday FEAST OF ST.ANDREW
No Mass today
Thursday ADVENT FERIA
4:30pm (Convent) Int.
Friday ADVENT FERIA
8.0am Int. +Mary V. Sullivan (FM)
Saturday ST.FRANCIS XAVIER
9:30am Int. +John Sullivan (FM)
6:00pm Int. +Keith Williams

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
(No Exposition on Friday this week)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm, or by appointment.

The Rosary No Rosary this week, due to the Crib Festival.

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.82 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.28 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 109, 112, 873

THE CRIB FESTIVAL

**Friday and Saturday this week
10.0am to 4.0pm**

***COME AND VIEW 100 CRIBS
FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD***

Refreshments in the Hall

***CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
3.0pm on Saturday***

**An Advent Service in preparation
for Christmas**

**The event is in aid of *Stella Maris*
- Christmas comforts for Seafarers**

THIS WEEK

Monday 9.30am St.Felix Toddlers meet in the Hall

Tuesday 10.045am The Catechism Group meets in the Hall. This week we look at paragraphs 737 to 757.

Friday 10.30am Fr.John attends a Meeting of the Cathedral Trustees at the Cathedral. Mass will be at 8.0am today.

2.30pm The next Session of the Cafe Course *LET IT BE* in the Cooper Room.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Patricia Thompson (2012), Joan Emmerson (2018), Patrick Hall

(2007), Bernard Brooks (2019), Sr. Carmel Murphy (2003), Mary Smith (2021), Mary Kalo (2003), Kenneth Hylins (2013) and Helen Richards (2000). May they rest in peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £222.71 was given at the Offertory, £22.12 for CAFOD and £84.96 in the retiring collection, which was for the Diocesan Youth Service..

The Crib Festival Barbara writes 'We shall be setting up the cribs on Thursday 1st from 1pm. If you cannot come then please let me know and I will collect. If you have written a few sentences about your crib please let Fr. John have this ASAP. If you could take a leaflet and give it to your friends and neighbours this would be so helpful. Thank you all for your support. Barbara Lamberton.

The Advent Giving Tree Phil Dance writes 'Dear fellow parishioners, once again we have the Giving Tree for our Advent appeal in support of Rebecca and the team at Suffolk Refugee Services. It is good to see it back after Covid. Please take a label from the tree, buy the gift indicated, and return the gift placing it in the box provided. We can then deliver the gifts to Rebecca in time for Christmas. Thanks for your support and generosity'

Advent Books for Children Monica writes 'The Advent Day by Day puzzle books for children are available on the table in the porch. Please take them for your children or grandchildren.'

For your diary The Penitential Service before Christmas this year will be held on Tuesday, December 13th, at 2.30pm. Mgr. Tony Rogers and Fr. Luke Goymour have kindly agreed to assist with the Confessions.

Parish Walking Group We were due to have a walk next Saturday, it being a first Saturday of the month. But due to the Crib Festival & Christingle Service this has had to be cancelled. So our next walk will be on the first Saturday of January, January 7th. A walk will be just what we need after our Christmas consumption! It will again be a local walk, starting from the Grove car park.

ADVENT

Today we begin to keep the holy season of Advent. For the Church, it is a time of waiting and reflection. For the world it is a time of frenzied materialism. The divide between the World and the Kingdom of Christ is never more evident than at this time of the year.

The Church awaits the annual celebration of the birth of Our lord at Bethlehem - a joyous remembering of the love and mercy of God the Son in his coming amongst us to teach us and to save us. The Crib Festival later this week will focus our minds upon the true meaning and wonder of Christmas. The world will place Santa at the centre of Christmas, a false god if ever there was one! And like so much of the devil's work it is a perversion of what is right and holy - of St. Nicholas, the saintly fourth-century bishop who we commemorate next week, a giver of gifts and the Patron Saint of children.

It's good that we should enjoy the glitter and the excitement of the world's Christmas. But we must never allow ourselves to be duped into thinking that this is what really matters

THE FOUR LAST THINGS

Traditionally we think during Advent of The Four Last Things, Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell. In this short series we will consider one of them each week in this Advent season.

1. Death Death is a 'last thing' in so far as it comes at the end of our mortal life here on earth. And yet for the Christian it isn't really a 'last thing' at all - it is the entering of a gateway rather than a closing of a door. For Christ is risen, and he has made us sharers in his risen life. That life flowed into us at Baptism, and is renewed and strengthened at every Communion. And since endless life, resurrection life, is our future, death can almost be seen as a 'first thing' rather than as a 'last thing'!

But yes, death is difficult, whether our own or that of a loved one. Parting is a great sadness. We must hang on to the fact that Christ has died, and so therefore death is a following him to where he has gone before. And at the end, we hope to say his own words 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit'.