



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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January 8th, 2023 : FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People
Sunday 10:00am Int.
4:00pm (Convent) Int. +Tommy Burke

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
9:30am Int. +Edith Coppen (FM)
Tuesday FERIA
9:30am Int. For Parishioners who gave
support to Boni & Kate
Wednesday FERIA
9:30am Int. +Prospero Oraa
Thursday FERIA
4:30pm (Convent) Int. +Lillian McElwee
Friday FERIA
11:30am Int. +Bill Pain
Saturday FERIA
9:30am Int. +Winifred Bailey (FM)
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., Wed., 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.119 of the Parish
Mass Book, and on p. 129 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 94, 172, 607

THIS WEEK

Today 11.0am Baptism of Victoria,
daughter of Piotr and Edyta Misa.

Tuesday (There will not be the usual
Exposition and Benediction after the 9.30am
Mass today, as Fr.John has to conduct a funeral
service at the Convent)
10.045am The Catechism Group meets in the
Cooper Room; this week we look at paragraphs
781 to 796.

Next week Fr.John is hoping to take his post-
Christmas break, Monday 16th to Saturday 21st.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Lynn Goulden (2005),
John Kaziow (2011), Roy Dawson (2008),
Rutland Barsby (2005), and Evelyn Gedge (2018).
May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £305.71 was
given at the Offertory, and £22.72 for CAFOD.
Next Sunday there will be the retiring collection
for the gift to be made to Bishop Alan, mentioned
a week or two ago. (If you hope to attend the
Farewell Mass for Bishop Alan, to be held at the
Cathedral on Tuesday January 24th, please tell
Fr.John as soon as possible.)

Boni Pinto RIP We were all very very sad to
learn of the death of Boni Pinto, who had been in
critical care for almost six months. A week or so

ago he seemed to be making good progress, but then there was a serious setback, from which he did not recover. He died surrounded by his devoted family, and after wonderful medical and nursing care at the Ipswich Hospital. Boni was a devout Catholic and a person full of goodness. Quiet, kindly, gracious, generous, he is someone whose passing many will mourn. We send our love and sympathy to Kate, Henry, Naomi and to Rosemary. May he rest in peace. (Kate has asked for a Mass to thank the many parishioners who gave support, and who prayed for Boni and the family. This will be on Tuesday this week at 9.30am)

Congratulations to Krisztina and Barry Royal (Krisztina runs our Mothers & Toddlers Group) on the recent birth a second son, Benjamin. A great joy. We send our good wishes.

The Epiphany Crib The Holy Family seem to have vacated the Stable in the Lady Chapel, and re-located in front of the main Altar! What's going on? Well whilst St.Luke tells us that Jesus was born in a stable, and was visited there by the shepherds, St.Matthew tells us that the Wise Man visited Him 'in the house'. I suppose the crowds had now left Bethlehem, and proper accommodation had become available. And so a re-location of the Epiphany Crib seems to make sense. Sadly the Epiphany Crib will be short-lived this year, as Christmastide ends today.

POPE BENEDICT XVI

A Requiem Mass was held for Pope Benedict at St.Felix last Thursday, on the morning of his funeral. I thought it might be good to reproduce here the talk which he gave to young people gathered outside Westminster Cathedral in the course of his visit to the United Kingdom in 2010. I think it might be helpful to all of us. He was a very great pastor and teacher.

'Every day, we have to choose to love and this requires help. The help that comes from Christ, from the wisdom found in his word, and from the Grace which he bestows on us in the Sacraments of his Church. This is the message I want to share with you today. I ask you to look into your hearts, each day, to find the source of all true love. Jesus is always there. Quietly waiting

for us to be still with him and to hear his voice. Deep within your heart, he is calling you to spend time with him in prayer, but this kind of prayer, real prayer, requires discipline.

It requires time for moments of silence every day. Often it means waiting for the Lord to speak.

Even amidst the business and stress of our daily lives, we need to make space for silence, because it is in silence that we find God. And in silence that we discover our true self.

And in discovering our true self we discover the particular vocation which God has given us for the building up of his Church and the redemption of our world. 'Heart speaks unto heart'. With these words from my heart, dear young friends, I assure you of my prayers.'

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

The succession of greater holy days following Christmas - the days of the Octave, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Epiphany - have meant that the First Eucharistic Prayer, The Roman Canon, has been used on a number of occasions recently. It is the ancient eucharistic prayer of the Catholic Church, used down the centuries by saints and martyrs in every century. It is both venerable and beautiful, and it always seems appropriate to use it on special occasions, despite it being rather longer than Eucharist Prayer two and three, which we tend to use most frequently. But should we be in a hurry when performing the liturgy? No, we should be generous in the giving of our time to God.

Using the prayer recently I've been very aware of how very strong the emphasis on sacrifice is within it. And that of course is primarily what 'doing the Mass' is all about : offering to God the Father the holy sacrifice, the Christ who died and rose for us, to bring about reconciliation with the Father. : He becomes present upon the Altar, in bread and wine changed into his Body and Blood, and then we offer him to the Father -we plead before the Father his saving work. The Mass is not essentially a 'fellowship meal' but the Offering of the Holy Sacrifice. It's what it's all about. And the First Eucharistic Prayer makes this abundantly clear.