



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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January 15th, 2023 : 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday ST.FURSEY
No Mass today
Tuesday ST.ANTHONY
No Mass today
Wednesday FERIA
No Mass today
Thursday FERIA
No Mass today
Friday ST.SEBASTIAN
No Mass today
Saturday ST.AGNES
6:00pm Int. For the People

The Rosary Friday at Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm, or by appointment.

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.125 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.693 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 601, 683, 772

THIS WEEK

Fr.John is on his post-Christmas break this week from today until next Saturday. The daily Mass resumes with the Anticipatory Mass on Saturday.

Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group

meets in the Cooper Room. This week we look at paragraphs 797 to 812.

Thursday 11.0am Fr.John attends a Meeting of Deans at Poringland.

Saturday 10.50am The Ecumenical Pilgrimage to the Felixstowe Churches for the Church Unity Octave visits St.Felix.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Albert Schmitz (2004), Dennis Murray (2021), Derek Manthorpe (2006), Mary Ward (2011), and Martin Amey (2000) RIP

Money Matters Last Sunday £424.94 was given at the Offertory, and £21.30 for CAFOD.

Jessie Watters RIP We were sorry to hear of the death of Jessie Watters last week, at the age of ninety-six. Jessie was a lively Scottish lady, who used to attend Mass regularly, but who for the last three or four years has received Holy Communion at home each month. Her Funeral Mass will be said on January 31st at 12.30pm. May she Rest in Peace.

Thomas Denny fans My fellow-fans of the stained glass artist Thomas Denny might like to view two short videos about a major window which he has just completed at Holy Trinity, Wall Street, New York. To view these, put Thomas Denny Stained Glass into Google, and click on Stained Glass New York.

Last week Historic England sent a photographer from London to take photographs of the interior of St.Felix, in connection with our recent Listing. She was impressed by our own two Thomas Denny windows, and intimated that they had been part of

the reason why we had achieved listed status for the church.

Keys, Keys, Keys From the Finance Committee : 'The Diocese arranges insurance coverage for all parish buildings and property. There is a requirement within the policies that all parishes maintain a register of all key holders for all entrances and storage areas. Would all volunteers who have keys used for the functions for which they have volunteered please complete a copy of the keyholders register form, which will be available in the church porch area. and place the completed form in the box available, or pass the form to Fr.John or post it through his door. This includes keys for the Church, the Sacristy, the Presbytery, and the Hall.'

Church Unity Octave Anne Poole, who is our representative on the Churches Together in Felixstowe, writes ' The national week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18th-25th) begins on Wednesday, and in Felixstowe we have an Ecumenical Pilgrimage on the morning of Saturday 21st January, when we are encouraged to join our fellow Christians in visiting 14 'Town Centre' Churches, places of Christian worship and fellowship to pray for Christian Unity. There is a stop for tea/coffee midway on the Pilgrimage. We assemble at St.Mary's Church, Walton, at 9.45am, and a poster giving approximate times is on the Noticeboard in the church porch here. If you would like to take part, but do not feel able to visit every church, please join in at any point on the route.

On Sunday, 22nd January at 3.0pm there will be a United Service at St.John's Church in Orwell Road, Felixstowe. Many thanks.

Social & Fundraising Committee I've mentioned before that I hope we will be able to establish such a Committee, and it seems that it is perhaps going to be possible. There will be an initial meeting at 7.0pm on Monday January 23rd, a week on Monday at the Presbytery. Anyone who would like to join in will be welcome. We will be able to pool our ideas about what social events we would like to see taking place in the course of the year, and how we might bring them about. We will hope to hold events which people will enjoy, and which will strengthen our common life. We will try to be mindful of what young & older people

might enjoy & what the various nationalities represented in our parish would like to see.

EXPOSITION

Someone asked me a day or two about Exposition - when the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the Altar in the silver Monstrance. What is the purpose? Why do we do it? Why do we need it in addition to the Mass? A good question - because we have two half-hour periods of Exposition in a normal week here - 10.0am-10.30am on Tuesday, and Noon to 12.30pm on Friday. Why?

I think we should think of Exposition as an extension of that moment in the Mass when Our Lord has become present in the bread and wine which has been transformed into his Body and Blood, and first the Host and then the Chalice are held up by the priest for us to adore Jesus (briefly) before the liturgy continues.. When Exposition takes place, that moment of adoration is extended ; we can luxuriate for longer in the gracious and wondrous sacramental presence of the Lord.

One has to face the fact that very few people - certainly in this parish - take part in Exposition. Which is sad, because spending time with Jesus is a great joy and blessing. Why don't those people who have got the time to be at Exposition, do so? I wonder if one reason might be that people think they have got to have minds full of deep spiritual/theological thoughts when they are in the presence of Our Lord? It isn't really like that. It's just being with Him - giving Him our attention. Rather like sunbathing - just enjoying the warmth of the sun, soaking up its rays. Not doing anything more than that. Jesus is our best and closest friend. We don't need to be clever or over communicative with our close friends.

Listen to some words of Pope St.John Paul II - *'It is pleasant to spend time with Jesus, to lie close to his breast like the beloved disciple at the Last Supper, and to feel the infinite love present in his heart. How can we not feel a renewed need to spend time in spiritual converse, in silent adoration., in heartfelt love before Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament? The Eucharist is a priceless treasure : by not only celebrating it, but by praying before it outside Mass we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace.'*