



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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January 29th, 2023 : 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int.+Karen, Ruth, &Alex
Thomson
Sunday 10:00am Int. For the People
4:00pm (Convent) Int. +Tony Whelan

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
9:30am Int. +Doris Hesketh
Tuesday ST.JOHN BOSCO
9:30am Int. +Boni Pinto (JY&NP)
12.30pm *FUNERAL MASS FOR JESSIE
WATTERS RIP*
Wednesday FERIA
No Mass today
Thursday FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION
OF THE LORD
11.0am Int. +Brian Burns
4:30pm (Convent) Int.
Friday ST.BLAISE
11:30am Int. Gabrielle
2.0pm *FUNERAL MASS FOR BONI PINTO
RIP*
Saturday FERIA
9:30am Int. +Winifred Barnes
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, Fri, and 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

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.130 of the Parish
Mass Book, and on p.700 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 851, 721, 629

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group
meets in the Cooper Room.
12.30pm Funeral Mass for Jessie Watters RIP,
followed by Cremation at the Crematorium of the
Seven Hills at 2.15pm
Wednesday 1.30pm Fr.John attends a Meeting
at the Cathedral.
Thursday 11.0am Candlemas. Mass with the
Ceremonies of the Day at St.Felix. Mass at the
Convent at 4.30pm.
Friday 11.30am Mass of St.Blaise with the
Blessing of Throats, St.Felix.
2.0pm Funeral Mass for Boni Pinto,
followed by Cremation at 3.45pm.
Saturday 2.0pm The February Parish Walk.
See notice board in Porch for details of venue.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Barbara Strong (2009),
Sr. Etheldreda Wallis, Nigel Gorham (2013),
Sydney Pope (2003), Iris Douglas (2000), Nora
Twomey (2008), Anne Ford (2022), Muriel
Hargreaves (2003) and Patrick Kilbride (2005).
May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £472.54 was given
in the offertory and £32.00 for CAFOD.

Social & Fundraising Committee

The first meeting of the new Committee duly took place last week, with eleven of us in attendance. We mapped out a social programme for the course of the year, with old favourites like the Lent Lunches, Barbecue, Teddy Bear's Picnic, etc., but also with some new events - roughly one each month. Especially important will be the Coronation International Lunch, on Sunday May 7th, the day after the Coronation. We hope that parishioners from other countries as well as England will bring dishes of food traditional to those places for us all to share. Amongst other things, we are planning an Italian Evening, a Summer Cream Tea, and an All Saints Family Party. We are also hoping to offer a monthly pensioners lunch with entertainment in the latter part of the year. The first event will take place on February 19th, the Sunday before Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) : after Mass there will be pancakes in the Hall, with a tossing competition for our younger people, and games. I'm so glad that this Social Committee venture seems to have got off the ground. Hopefully we will have some happy times, which we can share with others - within and outside the church.

MASS INTENTIONS

I thought it might be timely to say something about this subject : in the Newsheet you see 'Intention' (shortened to 'Int.') beside the various Masses offered in the course of the week ; what exactly does this mean?

Well we believe that the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass generates a certain merit which can be applied to people and causes at the discretion of the priest who offers the Mass. Merit which can assist the person for whom the Mass is offered, whether they are alive, or have passed into that state of preparation which all of us must undergo before we enter into the unending joy of God's presence. The priest might be asked to offer a Mass - that is to apply its merit - for any number of purposes. Often he is asked to say the Mass for someone who has died : it is something that we can actually DO for a deceased friend or relative which will really benefit them. We believe that we can help our friends who are living by

praying for them : well the Mass is the supreme act of prayer, and we can benefit others departed this life by having a Mass said for them. Sometimes the priest might be asked to offer the Mass for a sick person, or a person taking exams, or about to undergo surgery. Again sometimes a person doesn't want to disclose for whom or for what he or she wants the Mass to be said, and asks for 'A Private Intention'.

How do you arrange for a Mass to be said for someone? You simply ask the priest to do so, and it is very helpful if you have written down the Intention (the name of a person or a situation for whom the Mass is to be said) on a piece of paper. You should write down, too, if you would like the Mass to be said on a particular day. It is usual to make an offering - called a Stipend ; how much that is depends entirely on you. The 'going rate' seems to be five or ten pounds, but the priest must never refuse to say the Mass even if no stipend is offered. The stipends used to go to the priest as part of his income, but now that priests receive a salary from the parish (roughly one hundred pounds a week) the stipends go into parish funds.

Often if you have requested a Mass for someone, you will want to send them a card saying what you have arranged. These cards are available on the card-stand in the porch. Usually you will ask the priest to sign the card : it shows the recipient that it is really going to happen! The Intention then appears in the Newsheet : if it is for a deceased person, a small cross appears before their name.

CANDLEMAS

Candlemas (it's the old English name for the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple) falls on Thursday this week, forty days after Christmas Day. We remember how Jesus as a baby was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem for the ceremony of Presentation to God the Father, and how the aged prophet Simeon declared him to be the 'Light who would give light to the nations'. In honour of this candles are blest at the beginning of Mass (11.0am) - I think we'll do that in the Lady Chapel - and then we make a procession into the main body of the church, singing a hymn.

The blest candles - which we can take away with us - are one of the Sacramentals of the Church : they don't actually convey grace to us, but help us to be open to God's grace.