



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## February 12th, 2023 : SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Sunday Masses

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

### Weekday Mass

Monday FERIA  
9:30am Int. In Thanksgiving (T&BB)  
Tuesday FEAST OF ST.CYRIL & ST.  
METHODIUS  
9:30am Int. For Anne  
Wednesday FERIA  
No Mass today  
Thursday FERIA  
4:30pm (Convent ) Int. +Michael Thomas  
Friday FERIA  
11:30am Int. +Pamela Ross  
Saturday FERIA  
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, and Fri.

### 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 (during Exposition)

### The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.136 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.708 of The Sunday Missal.

Hymns at 10.0am : 880, 762, 795

### THIS WEEK

**Tuesday** 10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we look at paragraphs 845-865  
2.30pm A Meeting of the Parish Liturgy Committee, at the Presbytery.

**Wednesday** 10.30am Fr. John attends a Meeting of the Diocesan Historic Churches Committee at Peterborough.

**Thursday** 7.0pm A meeting of the First Holy Communion Parents, in the Hall.

### PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries this week** Henry Dukes (2004), John Battersby (2015), Cyril Keeble (2017), Frances Brooks (2021), Sr. Felicity Moody (2004) and Michael Thomas (2021). May they Rest in Peace.

**Money Matters** Last Sunday £350.49 was given at the Offertory and £24.81 for CAFOD. During the month of January, £2,153.00 was given by direct debit.

We've all been distressed by the terrible earthquake in Turkey/Syria and its disastrous consequences, and want to do what we can to help. Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for the appeal fund, but already if you use the new 'dona' system in the porch you can give by card - there is a panel marked 'Earthquake'.

**Fr. John is going to prison** "Good. And not before time!" I hear you say. But it's not quite like that! There is currently a shortage of priests

willing to go into the Hollesley Bay/Warren Hill Prison to say Mass. And since the prisoners must not be deprived of the Sacraments, I have volunteered to join two other priests on a rota. The Masses take place on a Saturday morning, and I have said that I will take a turn once a month ; the Mass at Warren Hill is at 9.0am, and that at Hollesley Bay at 10.30am. I'm looking forward to it : when I was an Assistant Priest at Lowestoft, twenty-five years ago, I used to sometimes say a Saturday morning Mass at Blundeston Prison. I'm afraid that it does mean that once a month there will not be a 9.30am Saturday morning Mass here, and I do apologise for this to the handful of people who support it. Next Saturday is the first of these ventures.

**The Parish Walking Group** We had an excellent walk last Saturday afternoon, in the area known as the Trimley Marshes -'though we didn't encounter any marshland! There really is some very pleasant countryside within striking distance of Felixstowe. There were twice the number of people from the previous walk (plus a dog) ; our next one will be on the first Saturday of March, March 4th. The venue is still under discussion. Maybe you will join us? I do hope that you will, as a good walk in good company is a very pleasant thing.

**A monthly Service at White Gables Care Home.** Four kind parishioners have volunteered to take part in this new venture, and our first Service will be at 11.0am on Monday February 27th.

**Felixstowe Churches Together** Anne Poole, our representative on FCT would like to draw your attention to two items on the noticeboard : a Newsheet which gives various FCT activities, and a paper which give details of the ecumenical Lent Course.

### **COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS**

Several people have asked when the Precious Blood will be given to the people again : under the COVID regulations it was decreed that we should only receive the Host, the Body of Christ, at Holy Communion, because of the danger of infection.

Of course for many centuries the lay people only received the Host - a practice which

originally came into being for fear of the Chalice being received without due reverence. And this was not truly a deprivation, since the risen Lord is truly present under both species. But in the past few decades, the faithful have been urged by the bishops to receive under both kinds, it being, we have been told a 'fuller sign' of the self-giving of Our Lord, on the cross and in the Sacrament.

The matter of the restoring the Chalice to the faithful after the Covid interlude came up at the meeting of the Diocesan Liturgy Commission last week. One senior priest in the diocese said that various clergy had told him that they were far from happy at the prospect of Holy Communion being given under both kinds : that it was not fair to ask either the priest or the lay-minister to consume what remained in the chalice after Communion, in case there was any infection.

It was pointed out that wine is a natural disinfectant, but nevertheless the bishop said that before Communion in both kinds is resumed, there needs to be research, and consultation, in particular amongst our lay-ministers. If any of you have views on this matter - especially lay-ministers - I would be very pleased to hear them.

### **DETAILS**

A template for something like the Newsheet can save a lot of time - no need to type out the heading every week. But it has its drawbacks. I was horrified last week when someone pointed out that the Newsheet was dated January 2017!! - I'd forgotten to change that bit of the template. A reminder to me that care must be taken over details. But isn't that true in all aspects of our life? Holiness, we remember is made up of many small things done well. The details of how we live, act, speak, and even allow ourselves to think, matter. 'Take care of the pennies, and the pounds will take care of themselves', my Mother used to quote. Getting the small things, the details, right helps us to become more like Jesus, which is our aim as Christians.

**NEXT SUNDAY  
AFTER THE 10.0AM MASS  
A PANCAKE SPECIAL IN THE HALL  
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE  
AND EVERYONE ELSE -  
TOSSING AND EATING!**