



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## April 2nd, 2023 : PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

### Sunday Masses

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

### Weekday Masses

Monday MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK  
9:30am Int.  
Tuesday TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK  
**8.00am** Int.  
Wednesday WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK  
**1.30pm** FUNERAL MASS FOR PATRICIA  
McGRATH RIP

#### ***Maundy Thursday***

9.0am Offices of Readings and Lauds  
8.0pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### ***Good Friday***

9.0am Offices of Reading and Lauds  
10.0am Stations of the Cross for Children  
3.0pm CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION  
OF THE LORD  
7.0pm Mater Desolata

#### ***Holy Saturday***

9.0am Offices of Readings and Lauds  
11.0am Blessing of Polish Easter Baskets  
8.30pm THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE  
HOLY NIGHT

#### ***Easter Day***

10.0am THE PARISH MASS  
Noon Mass at the Convent

### The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning prayer) will be said a quarter of an hour before Mass on Monday and Tuesday, and together with the Office of Readings, at 9.0am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please see the Holy Week leaflet for times of Confessions before Easter.

### The Mass today

The Mass is preceded by the Blessing & Procession of Palms.

The readings can be found on p.182 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.244 of The Sunday Missal. Hymns at 10.0am : Processional Hymn in Parish Mass Book ; 237, 753.

### THIS WEEK

**Please take a Holy Week leaflet for details of all the Holy Week Services.**

**Today** Please note that Stations are at 5.15pm today, rather than 5.0pm ; the 4.0pm Mass at the Convent will take rather longer, it being Palm Sunday

**Tuesday** Please note that Mass is at 8.0am today because of the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral, which is at 11.30am.

The Catechism Group is on holiday today and for the next two weeks.

**Thursday** There is a list on the Noticeboard for names of those who would like to take part in the Footwashing Ceremony at the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Please sign up!

**Saturday** Please note that there is no 6.0pm Mass on Holy Saturday. The Mass of the Easter Vigil must take place after darkness has fallen, and will be at 8.30pm.

## PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries this week** William Twomey (2015), Elsie Barratt (2011) and Helen Samkin (2009). May they Rest in Peace.

**Money Matters** Last Sunday £346.25 was given at the Offertory and £30.65 for CAFOD. On Good Friday there is the traditional retiring collection for the Holy Land Shrines, and next Sunday the collection is given to the Parish Priest as a basic part of his income.

**Easter Gardens** Austina writes 'After the Children's Station of the Cross on Friday, the children and parents are invited to come into the hall to make an Easter Garden that they can display in church or take home with them. As this can get a little messy, children are encouraged to come in play clothes. There will be a few things that they will need to bring with them: a deep old tray/plate/dish around 30cms to form the base of the garden and if they want, little farm animals/people that will fit into their tray. All other materials will be provided! Kindly get in touch with Austina for any queries. Thank you.'

**Calling all Knitters!** Barbara writes 'Would any knitters like to knit teddies for seafarers to take home for their children? I have a simple pattern and we will be doing this in conjunction with other churches in Felixstowe co-ordinated by St. Peter and Paul Church. I will collect the teddies at the end of April. See me for the pattern. Barbara Lamberton

**Childrens' Easter Booklets** Monica writes: 'The new Children's Day by Day puzzle books for Easter are available on the table in the church porch. Please take them for your children or grandchildren.'

## WE'RE THERE!

Where? In Jerusalem. We entered the city in the Palm Procession of Jesus today. Why are we here? We're here to witness the saving events

which took place this most special week in the Church's Year.

There is rather a lull at the beginning of Holy Week. We think of Our Lord teaching in the Temple, and doubtless preparing his disciples for what is to come. Whilst Judas opens negotiations with the Jewish authorities in his betrayal of Jesus.

We reach Maundy Thursday, when, in the evening, we join Jesus in the Upper Room to eat the Last Supper with him. He invites us to be with him, at the 8.0pm Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, and how can we refuse? We see him, represented by the Celebrant of the Mass, washing his disciples feet to teach us humility ; we hear him instituting the Eucharist, and thereby giving us the priceless gift of his very self. We see him, present in the Holy Sacrament, leaving the Upper Room and going out to Gethsemane. The Altar of Repose, decked with flowers, is that garden on Thursday night.

Then comes Friday, called Good Friday because of the great good that has come to us from Jesus having offered himself for us to the Father on the altar of the cross - reconciliation, liberation. We join in the Solemn Liturgy at 3.0pm, the hour when he died. How can we refuse to be with him as he does so wonderful and so generous a thing for us? We hear St.John's account of the Passion read, and we honour the Holy Cross on which Jesus, God the Son, died for us.

Finally we reach Holy Saturday. a quiet day spiritually, when we think of Jesus body resting in the tomb, whilst in spirit he was setting free the souls of those held captive in the underworld. But when darkness falls we assemble, at 8.30pm, for the great Service of the Church's Year, in which we use the symbols of Light and Water to celebrate the glory of the resurrection - and its consequences for us. This is no ordinary Saturday night. No time for watching television, or going out for a meal. This is the moment of the life-giving resurrection of the Lord, where all committed Catholics come together for this great annual celebration. An opportunity to experience the joy which the risen Christ brings to his people, in which he wants us to share. Jesus gave himself for us. Let us give ourselves to him.