



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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April 16th, 2023 : SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. Tom & Brenda Brazier
Sunday 10:00am Int. +Stephen Mulkeen
4:00pm (Convent) Int. For the People

Weekday Masses

Monday EASTER FERIA
No Mass today
Tuesday EASTER FERIA
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Wednesday EASTER FERIA
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Thursday EASTER FERIA
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Friday EASTER FERIA
No Mass today
Saturday EASTER FERIA
6:00pm Int. +Ruth, Alex, & Karen Thomson

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.256 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.368 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at Noon : 270, 269, 278

THIS WEEK

Fr. John hopes to take his post-Easter break this week, from Monday until Saturday. He is hoping to spend a few days in North Yorkshire.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Gwendoline Jones (2018), Phyllis Miller (2001), Bruce Fisk (2013), Kevin Hendley (2015), Bernard Moran (2006) and Cornelius Lane (2002). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £1,059.90 was given at the Offertory, £22.50 for CAFOD and £228.30 for the second collection, which was for the Holy Land Shrines..

Thank you to all those who worked hard to make Holy Week and Easter memorable. We are particularly grateful to John our Sacristan, to Giavana and Sylvia for the lovely flowers, to Ian and Douglas for music, to our Servers, to Fiona and the Readers, to the faithful Cleaners, to Austina for activities with the children, and to all others who made a contribution. As always, it was very much a team effort - which is as it should be. Now we hope to enjoy the fifty days of Eastertide.

Parish AGM A date for your diary : the next Parish Council meeting, which will be our AGM, will take place on Tuesday April 27th, at 2.30pm. There is an action-packed Agenda.....

A Mass for the Sick When the Social Committee met last week, it chose a provisional date for the Mass, followed by Afternoon Tea : it is Tuesday, May 16th.

WAITING

At the Dentist yesterday I spent time in the room marked WAITING ROOM, and it led me to reflect once more on how much of our time is spent in waiting : Waiting for an event or a person, a telephone call or a letter. Waiting for an operation, or a birthday. Waiting a few minutes, or

waiting a few weeks or a few months. The quantity of waiting in our individual lives must be considerable. It's something, I think, which we should reflect on, maybe asking if we can somehow make what is often tedious or stressful into something which is positive and creative. I certainly think that prayer has an important part to play in this.

But I'm thinking now about how all of us Baptized Christian people are waiting, and waiting for nothing less than the completion of our salvation. At present we are rather suspended in mid air - the glorious work is not yet complete. We've just been celebrating, in this first half of the Church's Year, the saving actions of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We have duly celebrated his Incarnation - the Word, God the Son, taking our humanity, our flesh, and more recently we have celebrated his Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Soon we will be celebrating his Ascension and his sending of the Holy Spirit. So where are we up to? * Jesus has joined our human nature to his divine nature. * He has offered to the Father, on the Cross and throughout his incarnate life, that perfect, obedient, unstained humanity, and his offering has been accepted. * He has joined us to himself sacramentally, through Baptism and the Eucharist, which means that as the Father accepts the Christ, so he accepts us too, who are the Body of Christ. *In joining us to himself through Baptism, he has shared his eternal life with us. So is that it? Job done? Salvation accomplished? No. We're still waiting for its completion, which will only come about with our resurrection on the Last Day. Then we will benefit completely from Christ's saving work ; then we will enter fully into the gloriously life of heaven, when our souls - which are already in God's loving care - will be joined to our resurrection bodies, and we will be complete once more! Then and only then will our waiting be at an end.

Meanwhile, whilst we wait, the work of our sanctification continues - our growth in holiness, our putting on of those spiritual garments which will prevent us from feeling out of place in heaven. Hopefully, the life of Prayer and Sacrament is slowly but surely bringing about our sanctification, as we 'put on Christ' day by day, and are conformed more and more to his likeness.

This is the work that the Holy Spirit is seeking to bring about in each one of us. Does he, I wonder, find us eager and co-operative? Or does he find us hard work?

THE CORONATION

Only three weeks to go now to the Coronation! The Bishop has informed the parishes that there should be a special evening Mass for the King's Intentions on the Eve of the Coronation - Friday, May 5th. Our Mass here will be at 7.0pm on that evening. And then on the day after the Coronation, Sunday May 7th, there will be special prayers in the course of the Prayer of the Faithful at the **11.0am** Parish Mass, and the National Anthem will be sung at the end.

On Sunday 7th our special International Lunch to mark the event will take place (which is why the Parish Mass will be at 11.0am, not 10.0am, that day). It will be held in the Hall after the Mass, and parishioners attending are asked to bring a dish native to their own country to share. A list will be appearing on the noticeboard in the church porch, on which you are asked to say (i) if you are coming to the Lunch (ii) what dish you hope to bring (iii) whether the dish is sweet or savoury, and (iv) whether it is hot or cold. I do hope that many of you will take part : it should be most enjoyable, and a appropriate way to celebrate a historic event. Further details in due course.

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