



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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April 23rd, 2023 : THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. +Ruth, Alex, & Karen
Thomson

Sunday 10:00am Int. +Marjorie Yelverton
4:00pm (Convent) Int. For the People

Weekday Masses

Monday SOLEMNITY OF ST. GEORGE
9:30am Int. +Fr. Gerald Creasey

Tuesday FEAST OF ST. MARK
9:30am Int.

Wednesday EASTER FERIA
No Mass today

Thursday EASTER FERIA
4:30pm (Convent) Int. Mary Thomas

Friday EASTER FERIA
8.0am Int. +Jose Pereira

Saturday FEAST OF ST. CATHERINE OF
9:30am Int. Stephen Mulkeen SIENNA
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, & Sat.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday at 10.0am, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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.259 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.372 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 272, 287, 644

THIS WEEK

Monday 11.0am The monthly Service at the White Gables Home. Hopefully members of the Team will be available?

Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group resumes after the Easter break. We meet in the Cooper Room of the Hall, and new members are always welcome. This week we will be looking at paragraphs 930 to 953.

Thursday 10.30am A Meeting of the Parish Finance Committee, at the Presbytery.

Friday 10.30am Fr. John attends a Meeting of the Cathedral Trustees, at the Cathedral. This means that Mass will be at 8.0am this morning, and there will be no 11.30am Mass or Exposition today.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Mary Harney (2000), Vera Pawlowski (2006), George Friel (2010), and Stanislaw Janikowski (2015). R.I.P.

Money Matters Last Sunday £374.50 was given in cash at the Offertory, with £19.84 for CAFOD.

Correction I said in last week's Newsheet that the Parish AGM is on April 27th ; it should have read Tuesday, May 2nd, at 2.30pm. So sorry.

ST. GEORGE

Is it St. George's Day today or not? Well it is and it isn't. April 23rd is certainly the date of his

feast, but this year it has fallen on a Sunday, which makes a difference. Only feasts of Our Lord and our Lady can displace a Sunday ; every Sunday ranks as a Solemnity, because it is a weekly celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord. And so this year the Church is celebrating St.George tomorrow, Monday.

But who was St.George, Patron Saint of England? He was a Christian martyr, put to death for the Faith in about the year AD 303 in Palestine. He may have been a soldier. Certainly his cult is ancient, and he has long been venerated both in the Eastern and Western Churches. *The Oxford Dictionary of Saints* says of him

'The famous story of George and the Dragon is by no means primitive, but became immensely popular in the West through The Golden Legend, translated and printed by Caxton. The dragon, a local pest which terrorized the whole country, poisoned with its breath all who approached it. Every day it was appeased with an offering of two sheep, but when these grew scarce, a human victim, chosen by lot, was to be substituted instead. The lot had fallen on the king's daughter, who went to her fate dressed as a bride. But George attacked the dragon pierced it with his lance, and led it captive with the princess's girdle, as if it were completely tame. George told the people not to be afraid : if they would believe in Jesus Christ and be baptized, he would rid them of this monster. The king and people agreed; George killed the dragon, and 15,000 men were baptized. George would take no reward, but asked the king to maintain churches, honour priests, and show compassion to the poor. The Legend continued with an account of the sufferings and death of George in the persecution of the Emperors Diocletian and Maximian, this last point being probably the only historical element in the story.'

So the story of George and the Dragon is legend, not history, and yet it points us to an important truth - namely that disciples of Christ must be ready to battle against aggression and persecution, and always be ready to defend the weak and powerless, at whatever cost. And in doing so, to follow Christ who laid down his life for us. Just as St.George, the faithful servant of

Christ, did in actual fact lay down his life for the Faith as a Christian martyr.

INTERNATIONAL LUNCH
on Sunday, May 7th
A FORTNIGHT TODAY!
to celebrate the Coronation of
King Charles III
at 12.0pm Noon

This will take place after Mass at 11.0am (not 10.0am on that day) . You are invited to bring a dish to share, from your own country. Soft drinks will be provided, but please bring bottles if you wish (wine glasses are available). The Hall will be decorated, and there will be music. Do join in this celebration!

There is a notice on the noticeboard in the church porch which we ask you to sign, so that we have some idea of numbers and of the food which will be coming in. We ask you to say if you are coming, and what, if you are able to bring a dish, it is; also whether it is savoury or sweet, hot or cold. We have some capacity in the kitchen for keeping hot food warm. Happily various countries are represented in our parish, and it would be good to taste some of each others traditional dishes!

There will be a 7.0pm Mass for the King on the Eve of the Coronation, Friday May 5th, and after that Mass maybe some of you could help with putting out the tables and chairs in the Hall, and putting up decorations, ready for the Sunday lunch?

Do let's make this a really memorable parish event!