



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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May 7th, 2023 : FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People
Sunday **11:00am** Int. For the King
4:00pm (Convent) Int. For the King

Weekday Masses

Monday EASTER FERIA
9:30am Int. +Kevin McMorro (Sen)
Tuesday EASTER FERIA
9:30am Int. +Mark Compton (FM)
Wednesday EASTER FERIA
9:30am Int. +Nicholas & Catherine O'Carroll
Thursday EASTER FERIA (FM)
4:30pm (Convent) Int.
Friday ST.PANCRAS
11:30am Int. The Ipswich Deanery
Saturday OUR LADY OF FATIMA
9:30am Int.
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, Wed, Fri, & Sat.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 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.265 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.381 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 11.0am : 955, 406, 898. Nat.Anthem

THIS WEEK

Today The International Lunch follows the 11.0am Mass, in the Hall.

Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we look at paragraphs 967-983. Why not join us?

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Ann Button (2013), Kathleen Greaves (2000), Winifred Barker (2004), Sr. Bernadette (2001), and Audrey Flynn (2018). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £328.42 was given at the Offertory, and £25.65 for CAFOD. There was a retiring collection for the Priests' Training Fund, in which £90.31 was given.

Mass for the Sick A few weeks ago I wrote that there would be a Mass for the Sick on Tuesday May 16th. This has now had to be changed, as the bishop has summoned the Deans to meet with him at Poringland on that day. Instead, the Mass will be on Tues. May 23rd, 3.0pm

DRINK THIS.....

I wrote in last Sunday's Newsheet that one of the things which I wanted us to discuss at the meeting of the Parish Council last week was the matter of restoring the Chalice to the laity, and this discussion duly happened. You remember that when the COVID pandemic began, the Bishops decided that it would be safer for the laity to receive the Blessed Sacrament under one kind - just the Host (the celebrating priest must receive

the Precious blood as part of a proper saying of the Mass). This was no serious deprivation, since the risen and living Christ is present in both the Host and the Chalice, and indeed the faithful received Holy Communion under one kind for many centuries, and will remain free to do so. However since the Second Vatican Council there has been a feeling - certainly amongst the bishops - that it is good to receive the Blessed Sacrament under both kinds, and that this should be encouraged.

The Bishops' Conference ruled that the Chalice could be restored if desired from last Maundy Thursday. Our own Bishop, following misgivings voiced by a number of priests, recommended a delay. But now he feels that the moment has come for a restoration, and has recommended that 'Communion under both kinds' should be available from Corpus Christi Day, which falls this year on Sunday June 11th. I put this recommendation to the Parish Council last Tuesday, and the general feeling was that we should indeed recommence making the Precious Blood available from that day. Which I accept.

But the Bishop also said that before this happens, there should be a period of careful instruction. He wants us to be made aware of what the *General Instructions of the Roman Missal* says about Communion under both kinds. And in particular, he wants us to think about why this 'double reception' is desirable, and think about how we rightly speak about and receive Holy Communion. This is good : few things which we do in this life are as important as receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, and the more we think and learn about this wondrous privilege the better.

I've wondered how best to carry out this teaching about the Blessed Sacrament. It's no good calling a meeting, or putting on a Course. I know by experience that only a few people would come. The only ways to get to people, I think, is by the Newsheet and by the homily. And so on the three Sundays before Corpus Christi both Newsheet and Mass homily will be geared to this subject. But also, and independently of this concentration on Communion under both Kinds, I would like to start a new series in the Newsheet introducing you to various sections of what the *General Instructions* says of the Mass as a whole. I think that

would be both interesting, and help us all to be more aware of the wonder and beauty of the Mass, and how it is rightly celebrated by the Roman Church.

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During the many decades when King Charles bore the title Prince of Wales, he used the traditional emblem of three white feathers shown above the ancient motto of the Princes of Wales, *Ich Dien*, meaning 'I serve'. And how well he served in that role, doing so much for the environment and the economy of our country, fostering the Arts, and encouraging young people.

Now that he comes to his Coronation as King he has chosen to pledge himself to continue in a life of service. Echoing the words of Our Lord, he stated right at the beginning of the Coronation Service that he is present amongst us as the one who serves, rather than as one who seeks to be served. We have every reason to expect that he will remain true to that undertaking, and that our country will benefit from having a head of state who sees his role as that of servant.

We Christian people can take great satisfaction in having a King who so avowedly undertakes to follow the example of Our Lord. But I think it should also lead us to review our own way of living. Are we truly seeking to serve others? Or is there a residual selfishness at work in us, at least on occasion? As King Charles vows to serve, let us be one with him in this undertaking..

At the end of the 11.0am Mass on Sunday we will sing the National Anthem. Here is a reminder of the words.

*God save our gracious king,
Long live our noble King,
God save the king!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King!*

*Thy choicest gifts in store,
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign!
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King!*