



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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May 14th, 2023 : SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday EASTER FERIA
9:30am Int. + Pauline Brannan
Tuesday EASTER FERIA
9:30am Int. + Stephen Mulkeen
Wednesday EASTER FERIA
No Mass today

Thursday	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Holyday of Obligation)
9.30am	Int. + Alan Deveney
11.30am	(Convent) Int.
7.30pm	Int.

Friday EASTER FERIA
11:30am Int. + Eileen Clancy
Saturday EASTER FERIA
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, Thurs, Fri, & Sat. Vespers on Thursday at 7.15pm

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 (during Exposition)

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.268 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.386 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 268, 807, 720, 366

Mary's Month of May During this month which we keep in honour of Our Lady, we will sing a Mary hymn at the end of the Sunday 10.0am Mass, and sing the *Regina Coeli* at the end of weekday Masses (unless Exposition follows.)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we look at paragraphs 981 to 1004.
12.45pm Fr. John attends a Deans' Meeting at Poringland.

Thursday ASCENSION DAY, when the Church calls us all to attend Mass.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Madge Hallinan (2000), Mary Moore (2003), John Davy (2003), Kathleen Deannaly (2020). May they rest in peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £310.13 was given in the Offertory and £19.15 for CAFOD. Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for Catholic Communications.

Congratulations to Douglas and Jenny Birchall, who are celebrating their Silver Wedding. We wish them many more happy years together.

Kevin Williams RIP We were all shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death of Kevin Williams last Sunday, although he had not been in good health for some time, and had been confined to the house in recent years. Formerly a headmaster, and a renowned Organist at St.Felix, he was a man of deep faith and notable courtesy. We send our sympathy to Kate, who until very recently looked after him so faithfully at home, and to the family. May he rest in peace. Kevin's funeral Mass will be at 11.0am on Tuesday, May 30th.

The International Lunch The International Lunch to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III was a great success, with the Hall full of people and the table groaning with a wonderful variety of foodstuffs from various parts of the world. We were grateful to Edwina for organizing the event, and to her team of helpers. We much admired the special cake which Edwina had made, in the shape of a crowned teddy bear, and we enjoyed eating it, too! Thank you to all the people who took part, and who had taken such trouble over the food they contributed. It was a most happy occasion, and it seemed to be generally agreed that we should have an international lunch each year in future!

Rosemary - Red Tricycle Rosemary would like to thank all those who supported her on her 5 mile a day for the '40 Days of Lent Tricycle Ride'. £660 was raised or promised and this has been sent to Water Aid.

CELEBRATING THE MASS

This is the first of a selection of quotations from the *General Instructions* which come at the beginning of *The Roman Missal*. They direct how the Mass, which lies at the heart of Catholic life, is to be celebrated in the Church throughout the world. They are not suggestions, but rules as to how it must be done. The Bishop recently urged us to revisit the *General Instructions*, and to see that we are guided by them. This is a useful exercise, and valuable as we prepare for the feast of Corpus Christi, and the restoration of the Chalice then. Here is a quotation from Chapter I of the *Instructions*, which is headed *The Importance and dignity of the celebration of the Eucharist* :

'The celebration of Mass, as the action of Christ and of the People of God, is the centre of the whole of Christian life for the Church both universal and local, as well as for each of the faithful individually. For in it is found the high point both of the action by which God sanctifies the world in Christ and of the worship which the human race offers to the Father, adoring him through Christ, the Son of God, in the Holy Spirit. In it, moreover, during the course of the year, the mysteries of redemption are celebrated, so as to be in some way made present. As to the other sacred actions and all the activities of Christian life, these are bound up with it, flow from it, and are ordered by it.'

And in Chapter II, *The Structure of the Mass*

'At Mass or the Lord's Supper the People of God is called together, with a Priest presiding and acting in the person of Christ, to celebrate the memorial of the Lord, or Eucharistic Sacrifice. In an outstanding way there applies to such a local gathering of the holy Church the promise of Christ: 'Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst.' For in the celebration of Mass, in which the Sacrifice of the Cross is perpetuated, Christ is really present in the very assembly gathered in his name, in the presence of the minister, in his word, and indeed substantially and uninterruptedly under the Eucharistic species.

The Mass consists in some sense of two parts, namely the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, these being so closely interconnected that they form one single act of worship. For in the Mass is spread the table both of God's Word and the Body of Christ, and from it the faithful are to be instructed and refreshed. There are also certain rites that open and conclude the celebration.'

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