

PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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May 21st, 2023: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People

Sunday 10:00am Int. +Kevin Williams (JY&NP)

4:00pm (Convent) Int.

Weekday Masses

Monday EASTER FERIA 9:30am Int. +Alan Deveney Tuesday EASTER FERIA

3.0pm *MASS FOR THE SICK*

Wednesday EASTER FERIA

No Mass today

Thursday ST.BEDE THE VENERABLE

8.0am Int. +Joe Cox (P&CR) Friday ST.PHILIP NERI

10.45am FUNERAL MASS FOR JOHN AND

VALERIE CLARKE

4.30pm (Convent) Int. +Joe Cox (DT)

Saturday FEAST OF ST.AUGUSTINE

OF CANTERBURY

9:30am Int. Leelamma Jacob6:00pm Int. For the People

The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) will be said a quarter of an hour before Mass on Mon, Thurs, & Sat. . Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm, or by appointment

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.275 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.400 of The Sunday Missal. Hymns at 10.0am : 283, 769, 278, 360

THIS WEEK

Tuesday No 9.30am Mass etc. today, because of the Mass for the Sick this afternoon.

10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we look at paragraphs 1005 - 1019.

Tuesday, May 23rd, at 3.0pm
MASS FOR THE SICK
with the Sacrament of the Anointing
of the Sick

Followed by Afternoon Tea in the Hall

Thursday Noon Fr.John attends a meeting of all the Priests in the diocese at Newmarket. Because of this, the 4.30pm Mass at the Convent will be TOMORROW this week, Friday

Friday 10.45am Double Funeral Mass for John and Valerie Clarke, followed by Cremation at the Crematorium of the Seven Hills at Noon. This means that there will not be an 11.30am Mass today.

2.0pm Burial of the Cremated Remains of Jessie Watters RIP in the Memorial Garden.

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Pentecost.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Lloyd Fenton (2010), John King (2014), Bob Fisher (2018), William Strachan (2016), Loris Squirrell (2017), Robert Fisher (2015), and Betty Cuthbertson (2017). RIP

Money Matters Last Sunday £394.70 was given in cash at the Offertory, and £33.00 for CAFOD. Today there is a retiring collection for Catholic Communications Network.

St.Felix Lay Ministers Please collect a letter about your re-commissioning from the letter rack.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On Tuesday this week our annual Mass for the Sick takes place at 3.0pm, and in the course of it, the administration of the Sacrament for the Sick will take place. This is one of the seven Sacraments of the Church, a special means of grace. As in each of the Sacraments, there is an outward part - here the Holy Oil for the Sick, blessed by the Bishop just before Easter - and there is the spiritual gift which is given under that outward sign. The gift given in this sacrament is either an improvement in the sick persons health even complete recovery - or, if it God's will that the condition should persist, strength to bear the current infirmity. In either case it is God reaching out to us in our need with his mercy and love, and our being open to receive the help which he wants to give us.

Who should receive this sacrament? In past years, the administration of the Anointing was seen as something confined to the end of life. But now the Church has returned to an earlier understanding, and the Sacrament for the Sick is no longer confined to end of life ministry. It is given to people who have a serious illness, people who are to undergo surgery, and people with the kind of long-term infirmity that old age often brings about.

If you are in need of the grace given in this sacrament, then do come along on Tuesday afternoon. And if you are in good health, then why not come along and give thanks for that gift, and pray with and for those who are less fortunate?

FROM THE GENERAL INSTRUCTION

At the beginning of the *Roman Missal* is the *General Instruction*, which says how Mass is to be celebrated. In this series some of its provision are being highlighted, this week what it says about the Ministry of the Word, the first part of the Mass:

'When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the church, God himself speaks to his people., and Christ, present in the word, proclaims the Gospel. Therefore the readings from the Word of God are to be listened to reverently by everyone, for they

are an element of the greatest importance in the Liturgy. Although in the readings from Sacred Scripture the Word of God is addressed to all people of whatever era and is understandable to them, a fuller understanding and a greater efficaciousness of the word is nevertheless fostered by a living commentary on the word, that is, by the Homily, as part of the liturgical action.'

THE WINDOWS

Today we launch the drive to try and achieve sponsorship and other funding for the repair of the eight windows in the Nave of the church. There is a board in the Porch which explains exactly what is to be done and why it is needed. Please read the information carefully, and see whether you might be able to help.

Sometimes people want to have some sort of memorial to a person whom they have loved and who has died, or to commemorate some special event in their lives. The engraved quarry which you could have placed in a 'light' which you had sponsored would be a very good and lasting memorial. As part of the display you will see just such an engraved quarry, which was prepared for another church.

And do please look carefully at the eight windows in question: a particularly good place to look from is the Presbytery doorstep! Someone might say - "well I think the glazing might go on for a few more years....": yes, in some windows it would perhaps do so, but meanwhile the cost of the work would be mounting.

At the recent Parish AGM - which everyone was invited to attend - there was enthusiasm for the scheme, and especially for the introduction of clear glass in place of the present frosted glass. It should look very good.

Good Dog It's said that many people don't use their dining rooms these days, eating instead in front of the TV. So I was impressed by a favourite dog of mine who visited the Presbytery yesterday with her owner. She followed me to the Pantry, and asked politely for a biscuit: I gave her one, but instead of eating it straight away, she carried it out through the Kitchen, and into the Dining Room, and ate it there! A well brought up animal!