



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## May 28th, 2023 : SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

### Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People  
Sunday 10:00am Int. +Kevin Williams (P&CR)  
4:00pm (Convent) Int.

### Weekday Masses

Monday MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH  
9:30am Int. +Joe Cox (M&BM)  
Tuesday ST. WALSTAN  
**11.0am FUNERAL MASS FOR KEVIN WILLIAMS, RIP**  
Wednesday FEAST OF THE VISITATION  
**4.30pm (Convent) Int.**  
Thursday FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST  
**8.0am Int.**  
Friday FERIA  
11:30am Int. +Joe Cox (JM)  
Saturday ST. CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS  
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, Thurs, Fri, & Sat..

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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.288 of the Parish

Mass Book, and on p.418 of The Sunday Missal.  
Hymns at 10.0am : 771, 303, 801, 356

### THIS WEEK

**Monday** 11.0am The monthly Service at the White Gables Residential Home.

**Tuesday** 11.0am Funeral Mass for Kevin Williams RIP., followed by Cremation at the Crematorium of the Seven Hills.  
Because of this funeral, the Catechism Group will not be meeting this week. We resume next week.

**Thursday** 11.0am Fr. John attends the annual Celebration of priesthood at Poringland.

**Saturday** The Meeting of St.Felix Lay Ministers of the Eucharist has been postponed. See over.

### PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries this week** James Kanna (2003), Maureen Packer (2006), Percy Oliver (2003), Christine Hodgen (2012), Joyce Irvine (2001), Rose Gaffney (2001), Janet Sims (2009), Peter Love (2009). May they Rest in Peace.

**Money Matters** Last Sunday £301.77 was given in the Offertory, £32.20 for CAFOD and £80.52 for the second collection, which was for the Catholic Communications Network.

**Calling all Knitters** 'If anyone has any completed teddies (for seafarers) please could you let me have them so that I can deliver them to Rachel at St Peter & Paul. Barbara Lamberton '

**The Mass for the Sick** Held last Tuesday, this was a very good occasion, even though a number of the sick and infirm people in the parish were unable to attend because of their condition. Between fifteen and twenty people received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Mass was followed by a quite splendid Afternoon Tea in the Hall, when those who are not able to get out very much were able to meet up with old friends. We were very grateful to Edwina and her most efficient team for presenting the Tea.

### **THE NAVE WINDOWS**

I do hope that you have now had the opportunity to read the presentation in the Porch concerning the replacement of the glass in the eight windows which light the Nave. You will have seen how the lead in the windows is failing, so that new lead 'comes' as they are called can be introduced to hold the diamond-shaped panes of glass ('quarries') in place. And how we plan to replace the greenish frosted glass with clear glass, which will let in far more light, and also, I think, will set off much better the collection of stained glass which we are fortunate to possess.

Things are progressing quickly, and last Monday four men from the firm Devlin & Plummer, Lead Glaziers, came to make the cardboard templates of the windows, which will be used in the production of new glazing. It is planned that one window will be installed first of all, so that we can all see the effect - that window will be the window over the door into the Sacristies.

You will also have read in the presentation in the Porch how we are hoping that sponsorship will be offered for the work, and how to sponsor one of the three sections into which each window is divided will cost £2,800. A sponsor will then be able to have an engraved quarry in 'their' section, saying in whose memory the section has been glazed. Or maybe what special occasion it commemorates - perhaps a Wedding Anniversary, or something like that. Already one section has been spoken for, and because the window aforementioned is soon going to be made up, it would be good if two others who are minded to sponsor a section would speak up as soon as possible. Speak up, please to Fr. John, so that we can work out just what wording you would like to have on your commemorative quarry.

### **RESTORING THE CHALICE**

A few weeks ago I said that we hoped to restore the Chalice - the Precious Blood of Jesus - to the people at Mass on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, June 11th, it having been withdrawn two or three years ago on account of COVID. I now think that this is going to have to be delayed - and this for two reasons.

First because several of our Lay Ministers of Holy Communion - the number already being depleted by retirement over the past two years - have said that they are uncomfortable about administering the Chalice at this time. We therefore need to augment the number of Ministers by recruitment and training, and this can't be done in the course of a mere couple of weeks.

Second, the Bishop has been insistent that careful catechesis should be undertaken before the restoration - teaching about the Holy Sacrament, and why it is good to receive both the Host and from the Chalice ; also about our manner of reception, and even how we speak about the Blessed Sacrament. This can't really be done, I now realize, today and next Sunday, when we are concentrating on the Holy Spirit (today) and the Holy Trinity (next Sunday). Further, the Bishop has promised catechetical material, which has not yet arrived.

I'm hoping that we can get on with these things, and be ready to restore the Chalice in July, which, of course, is traditionally kept as the month of the Precious Blood - an ideal time.

Lay Ministers, I think we will postpone the Meeting we were going to have next Saturday, and which some of you couldn't make, but the re-commissioning of the existing Ministers will take place on Corpus Christi Day just as planned.

### **COME, HOLY SPIRIT**

St. Paul writes 'The Spirit yields a harvest of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, forbearance, gentleness, faith, courtesy, temperateness, purity.' (Galatians 5:22-25). It's a picture of Jesus. And it is how we want to be, because we realize how happy and attractive we would be if only the Holy Spirit bore those same fruits in our own lives. We have only to ask - 'ask, and you will receive'. Lord Holy Spirit, open my heart to your working, that I may bear these fruits.