



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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July 9th, 2023 : 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People
Sunday 10:00am Int. +Anne Moroney of Ennis
4:00pm Int.

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
9:30am Int. For Ukraine
Tuesday FEAST OF ST.BENEDICT
9:30am Int.
Wednesday FERIA
No Mass today
Thursday FERIA
4:30pm (Convent) Int.
Friday FERIA
11:30am Int.
Saturday ST.BONAVENTURE
9:30am Int. +Marjorie Dawson (FM)
6:00pm Int. +Karen Thomson

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 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 Ex[position])

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.99 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.737 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 706, 963, 772

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group meet in the Cooper Room. This week we look at paragraphs 1091 to 1112.

Thursday 12.15pm Fr.John presides at the Mass of Welcome for the new statue of Our Lady of Ipswich at St.Pancras' Church. All are welcome to be present.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Mary Clapham (2003), Bernard Johnson (2009), Joan Styles (2003), Michael Taylor (2007) and Bill Sole (2016). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £366.34 was given in the Offertory, £25.85 for CAFOD and £88.71 for the 2nd collection.

Lay Ministers of Holy Communion

Lay ministers, we hope to begin administering the Precious Blood on the last Sunday of this month, Sunday July 30th. There will be a Meeting for Lay Ministers on Saturday July 22nd at 4.0pm, and I do hope that you will make every effort to be present. It seems a long time since we administered the Chalice, and it will be good to remind ourselves, amongst other things, of what exactly we do!

Statue of St.Felix When I came here, Bishop Alan told me to obtain a statue of St.Felix for the church. At last this has become possible. A kind and anonymous friend of mine has paid for the statue - which has been carved in wood and

coloured in the Italian Tyrol. It should be arriving soon.

THE NAVE WINDOWS

Last Wednesday the first of the new windows was installed. It took two members of the team from Devlin Plummer the whole of the day to carry out the work. I do hope that you are pleased with the result. How gloomy the old green frosted glass windows looks in comparison! We still need sponsors for several of the remaining windows. To sponsor a whole window is £8,118, to sponsor one of the three 'lights' that make up each window is £2,800. Please tell Fr. John if you would like to help, and let him know what inscription you would like on 'your' window.

We didn't receive any new sponsorship in the course of last week, but we did receive three generous donations of £100, £750, and £500 from kind parishioners, for which we are grateful.

A parishioner has asked whether it would be possible for a group of us to go to the workshop to see the work in progress : if several are interested, I will see what I can arrange. Please tell me if you would like to go on such a visit.

Looking ahead, the Bishop has agreed to come to dedicate the windows on Sunday, October 29th, at an 11.0am Mass. I wonder whether we could put on another Parish Lunch on that day, like the international Lunch we held for the Coronation? It would be a good opportunity for us all to meet and welcome the new Bishop - and have another good time!

HOLY COMMUNION VI

In this series in which, in compliance with the Bishop's directions, we have sought to remind ourselves of various aspects of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and of our reception of it, I think we should now consider how we speak about the Blessed Sacrament. I think the two things that should characterize our speaking on this subject are Reverence and Truth.

Truth : the fact is, as we've thought, that when the words of consecration have been spoken over the bread and the cup - 'This is my Body', this is my Blood' a change has taken place, a

transformation, which we call 'transubstantiation', one 'substance' being converted into another - in this case bread and wine being changed into the Body and Blood of Christ - whilst still seeming to be bread and wine to the outward senses. What is on the Altar after the consecration is, in truth, the Body and Blood of Christ, and at the simplest it is just inaccurate - untruthful if you like - to refer to them still as 'bread' and 'wine'. It's not what they are now.

Truth, and Reverence : it is irreverent, and offensive, to speak of the Body and Blood of Christ as 'the bread' and 'the wine'. You sometimes hear people say 'Are you going to receive the wine?' or 'I'm just going to receive the bread', and such language makes the devout Catholic wince. It is disrespectful, irreverent, to speak of 'the bread' and 'the wine' after consecration has taken place, and something which we must avoid. We must speak of the Sacred Body and of The Precious Blood. We should be ready, too, to pick-up people we hear doing so! I think speaking reverently about the Blessed Sacrament is both an expression of our love for Jesus, and something which promotes our love for Jesus. When speaking of holy things - and nothing is more holy than the Most Holy Sacrament - we must always take care over the language we use..

OUR LADY OF IPSWICH

Some of you will know about the great devotion that was paid, prior to the Reformation, to Our Lady of Ipswich, otherwise Our Lady of Grace. Whilst not as widespread as the devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham, it was considerable. It is said that at the Reformation, both the Walsingham and the Ipswich statues were taken to London and burnt. But it is believed by many that the Ipswich statue was in fact saved, and smuggled away to Italy. The image of Our Lady at Nettuno, a town in Italy, has always been known as 'The English Lady', which may be the ancient Ipswich statue.

Fr. Joseph has commissioned a very beautiful statue, a copy of that at Nettuno, for St. Pancras', and there is to be a Mass of Welcome for this new statue next Thursday at 12.15pm. He has asked me as Dean to be principal con-celebrant, to emphasize that this is not just a parish matter, but for the wider community. Representatives of other parishes in the area would be warmly welcomed : do come along if you can.