



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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August 13th, 2023 : 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. +Kathleen Hughes
Sunday 10:00am Int. +Douglas Birchall
4:00pm (Con) Int. For the People

Weekday Masses

Monday ST.MAXIMILIAN KOLBE
9:30am Int. Tom & Brenda Brazier

Tuesday
SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF OUR LADY
Holyday of Obligation

9.30am Int. For the People
11.0am (Convent) Int.
7.30pm Int. +Michael McGuire (FM)

Wednesday FERIA

No Mass today

Thursday FERIA

4:30pm (Convent) Int.

Friday FERIA

11:30am Int. +John Gardiner (FM)

Saturday OF OUR LADY

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, and Fri.

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.114 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.756 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 852, 863, 808, 862

THIS WEEK

Monday 9.30am The Parents and Toddlers Group meets in the Hall.

Tuesday The Catechism Group is on holiday.

Saturday 9.30am & 11.0am Fr. John says Mass at the Warren Hill & Hollesley Bay Prisons, so no morning Mass at St. Felix' today.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Sr. Angela Foody (2008), Lilian Hart (2000), Maria Connell (2008), Elizabeth Bartholomew (2011), June Elson (2001) and Bridie Burns (2015). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £322.21 was given in the Offertory and £26.25 for CAFOD.

Doug Birchall RIP It was a great shock to hear of Doug's sudden death last Thursday, even though he has seemed to be far from well in recent months. He was a most faithful parishioner, and made a special contribution to our common life, not least through his providing music for the Sunday Mass with the 'music box'. Besides his faithfulness, he was also marked by his being devout and gentle, and by his willingness to assist with any of our parish activities. We will miss him greatly. We send our love and sympathy to Jenny.

Flowers for Our Lady People are invited to bring flowers for Our Lady, to decorate the Lady Altar for the joyful Solemnity of her Assumption on Tuesday. If you leave your flowers on or near the Lady Altar, they will speedily be placed in a vase of water.

A bit of bother We've recently had some bother in church caused by a band of young teenagers. They have not done any willful damage, nor have they stolen anything, but they have been behaving in an inappropriate way in church - running around, shouting, trying to access the Tabernacle, and playing about with the candles. The fact is that they are bored, and have not been taught to behave in a sensible and disciplined way. It's really very sad, and I do wish that we had people in the parish able to take them in hand. For myself, I feel inadequate in not being able to do something positive with them. Anyhow, it has unfortunately been necessary to lock the church on some afternoons recently (the trouble having occurred during afternoons). The hope is that this will break their habit of coming into the church to fool about, and that soon we will get back to normal, with our usual 7.0am to 7.0pm opening.

The Parish Barbeque Disappointingly, only two people turned up last week at the Meeting to plan the Barbeque. Which I suppose calls into question whether it will take place. It would be a pity for it not to, as it has been greatly enjoyed in past years. But without helpers, it can hardly go ahead.....

GLORIOUS ASSUMPTION

There are various feasts of Our Lady in the course of the year, including the feast of her Birthday on September 8th, her Immaculate Conception on December 8th, and of especial important for us living in East Anglia, the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham on September 24th. But the Solemnity of the Assumption is the prime feast of Mary in the Church's Year. It is a day of great joy, as we celebrate each year the taking up into heaven of Mary, body and soul, after her death. For Our Lady, as the one who gave flesh to God the Son, the incarnate Lord, there could be no corruption in the tomb - that body was too holy to be reduced to dust and ashes, as our bodies will be

But whilst what happened to Mary is so different from what will happen to us at the time of our own death, that difference is only for the short term. Because resurrection - and Mary's assumption - was essentially resurrection - has been promised to us too. So the only difference between us and Mary is that whilst she did not have to wait to follow her Son into heaven, we will have to wait for our resurrection until the Last Day. Mary was the same as us in that she was fully and truly human, but she was different from us in that she was kept free from all sin, and was chosen to give flesh to the Saviour. The same, but also different. And whilst we, like her, will enjoy the glory of bodily resurrection, she has not had to wait as we will : she has already entered Heaven in glory.

THE NAVE WINDOWS

More good news! A kind and generous parishioner has come forward to sponsor the last full-size window 'light'. (She spoke movingly to me of how she had been guided through prayer to do this). The donor does not want an inscribed 'quarry', and so has agreed that in 'her' light there will be a quarry recording that the re-glazing was undertaken in 2023.

This just leaves the half-window over the Lady Chapel arch, which will cost £5,920 to re-glaze. I'm not expecting any sponsor, as inscribed quarries set in that window would be too high-up to be easily read. But possibly some people might like to make a contribution towards the cost, and thereby identify themselves with this whole significant piece of work in our church?

The glazier has been in touch to say that the work of installing the new windows should begin on Monday, September 4th : in plenty of time for the Bishops' coming here to bless the work on Sunday, October 29th!