



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## September 3rd, 2023 : 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int.+Gerald & Nell Mulqueen  
Sunday 10:00am Int. For the People  
4:00pm (Convent) Int. Sr.Veronica  
Heffernan RJM

### Weekday Masses

Monday ST.CUTHBERT  
**8.0am** Int. +Ron Frost  
Tuesday FERIA  
**8.0am** Int. +Alex McCartan  
Wednesday FERIA  
**8.0am** Int. +John Hatchett (FM)  
Thursday FERIA  
**8.0am** Int.  
Friday FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
11:30am Int. +Douglas Birchall (TD)  
4.30pm (Convent) Int.  
Saturday 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, Wed, Thurs, Fri, and Sat.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Friday at Noon

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm, or by Appointment  
Tues. 10.0am (during Exposition)

The Rosary Friday at Noon (during Exposition)

### The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.123 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.766 of The Sunday Missal.  
Hymns at 10.0am : 601, 956, 627, 880

### THIS WEEK

**Today** From Noon, The Parish Barbeque takes place in the Presbytery Garden.

**Monday** 9.30am The Parents & Toddlers Group meets in the Hall  
11.0am The monthly Service which we provide at the White Gables Care Home.

**Tuesday** The Catechism Group resumes next week after the Summer break.

**Friday** The Feast of Our Lady's Birthday. Please note that there will be a Mass at the Convent **today**, 4.30pm, **instead** of the normal 4.30pm Mass on Thursday.

**Saturday** The Suffolk Churches Sponsored Ride & Stride. Our walk to churches begins at 10.0am.

Next Sunday, September 10th  
**THE TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC**

in the Presbytery Garden  
3.0pm -5.0pm

For Children & Young Families  
Please bring your Teddy ; there will be Teddy  
Bear Games and Activities  
and a Teddy Bear Tea

## PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries this week** Terry Madden (2008), Max Scott (2000), Helen Gorham (2016) and Rosemary Banks (2021). May they Rest in Peace.

**Money Matters** Last Sunday £340.73 was given in cash at the Offertory, and £32.96 for CAFOD. Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for Catholic Education.

**Childrens' Liturgy** Monica writes 'Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume next Sunday, September 10th. This is for children aged 4 and over, to listen to and celebrate the Gospel in an age appropriate way. 'We always need more people to help with Children's Liturgy, so if anyone can help or would like to find out more, please contact Monica.

**Excursions** Last week I asked you whether you might be interested in a visit to the Cathedral in the Autumn. No response. I also asked whether you thought it was good idea to have an Auction of Promises & Items for Charity, as a thanksgiving for the new windows. No response. But someone has mentioned that they would like there to be a Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Is there any interest in that? I'm only too ready to arrange a Pilgrimage if people would like to go. Please tell me.

### THE NAVE WINDOWS

The installation of the new Nave Windows is due to begin tomorrow, and will continue each day this week. Because of this, Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be at 8.0am, so that the glaziers can get going at 8.30am each day. On Friday, being an important feast, the Mass will be at the usual 11.30am time, but whether Exposition & Rosary will be able to follow on as usual is not clear at present. I hope so.

**First Holy Communion** In the next (very) few weeks it will be time to begin preparation for First

Holy Communion in Summer 2024. Children should be starting Year Three at School now to be eligible. Please will Parents wishing their children to be prepared make contact with Fr.John as a first step.

**BUT** It has happened not infrequently in the past few years that children have appeared, who, with their parents, are quite unknown to us, and seem to have had no prior involvement with the Church - at least since Baptism. We have duly prepared them, and then they have disappeared once more almost immediately after having made their First Holy Communion. This is less than satisfactory. And so we are no longer happy about accepting children for First Holy Communion preparation just 'out of the blue'. We intend asking that Children who, with their parents, have not had anything previously to do with the life of the Church should attend Children's Liturgy and Mass on Sunday mornings - regularly - for a year before we think about First Holy Communion preparation. It is depressing as regards Baptism that we so often seem to be producing instantly lapsed Catholics. We do not want to produce instantly lapsed Catholic communicants as well!.

### ON SATURDAY THIS WEEK *THE SUFFOLK CHURCHES* *SPONSORED* *RIDE AND STRIDE*

Why not take part this year?

A group of us (hopefully) will leave St.Felix' just after 10.0am on Saturday morning, to visit Nine town-centre churches.

Back by 11.30am

Just take a Sponsorship Form from the Porch, get some people to sponsor you, and join in!  
Proceeds -50/50 St.Felix & Suffolk Churches

We also need Stewards to be at the back of church to sign the riders/striders in :  
if you can help, please sign the rota in the Porch.