



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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October 1st, 2023 : 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People
Sunday 10:00am Int.
4:00pm (Convent) Int.

Weekday Masses

Monday HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS
9:30am Int.
Tuesday FERIA
9:30am Int.
Wednesday ST.FRANCIS OF ASSISI
9:30am Int.
Thursday FERIA
4:30pm (Convent) Int.
Friday FERIA
11:30am Int.
Saturday OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
6:00pm Int.

The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) will be said a quarter of an hour before Mass on Mon, Tues, Wed, 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

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.134 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.780 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 725, 959, 600, 406

THIS WEEK

Today we again welcome Fr. Kevin Jordan, Parish Priest of St. John's Wood, London, together with his faithful dog, Milo. We are most grateful to him for agreeing to say the Masses at 6.0pm and 10.0am. Fr. John returns from his holiday later today, and the daily Mass will resume tomorrow.

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

11.30am A Meeting of the Deanery Clergy in the Cooper Room, to be attended by the Bishop.

Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room.

Saturday Fr. John says Mass at Warren Hill Prison (9.0am) and Hollesley Bay Prison (10.30am), so no 9.30am Mass here today.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Clement Loizeau (2018), Kathleen Healy (2021), John Douglas (2001), John Harwood, Ellen Bayley (2000), Jane Reid (2015), and Fred Barnett (2006). R.I.P.

A Reminder That we are hoping to make a visit to the Cathedral on Monday, October 16th - a fortnight tomorrow. In the next day or two a notice will appear on the board for you to sign if you would like to come. The visit will include a guided tour of the Cathedral, a Mass, and lunch in the Cafe there.

Instruction for Children A Mother has very properly reminded me that we are not offering

instruction in the Faith to young people , in particular those who are not at Catholic schools. Yes, we offer Childrens' Liturgy on a Sunday morning to younger children, and specific instruction for those preparing for First Holy Communion, but there is still a gap. We used to offer Instruction to older children on Saturday mornings at the Convent, and after that at St.Felix on a Saturday morning in the context of a weekly Childrens' Mass. But that ceased with the COVID disruption. It is now time - it is overdue - for us to try to make some such provision again. As a first step, please will any Parents who would like something to be available whereby their older children - I mean post-First Holy Communion age - could receive teaching about the Faith, speak to me : then we could arrange to meet together to discuss what might be available, and when.

HOLY ANGELS

Last week we kept the feast of the three mighty Archangels : St.Michael (of whom we read in the book of Daniel), St.Gabriel (of whom we read in St.Luke's Gospel), and St.Raphael (of whom we read in the Book of Tobit). And now tomorrow we turn from these three Archangels,

the chief agents of God in his saving and healing work, to contemplate the Holy Guardian angels. Our Lord says in the Gospels that each of us has a Guardian Angel assigned to us. And so we are turning from the universal - the Archangels whose ministry affects us all - to, we might say, the domestic - to our own personal guardian..

It's sad that maybe most of us don't pay the attention to our guardian angel that we should do. It's easy to neglect this wonderful gift which God in his love and care for us, has bestowed upon each one of us individually. It is very comforting that day by day our guardian angel is there at our side, directing and prompting us. I sometimes wonder how the direction which God the Holy Spirit gives us relates to the work of our guardian angel. Maybe our angel works under the direction of the Holy Spirit. Or maybe the Holy Spirit guides us in the larger matters relating to our salvation and the salvation of others, whereas our guardian angel assists us in the lesser events of our everyday life. We can't know, I think, precisely. Sufficient that in addition to the work of God the Holy Spirit in our life, there is also the blessed and welcome ministry of our guardian angel - truly our friend and our protector.