



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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October 8th, 2023 : 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN
9:30am Int. +Danny Boyle
Tuesday FERIA
8.0am Int. +Stephanie O'Mahony (FM)
Wednesday ST. JOHN XXIII
No Mass today
Thursday ST. WILFRID
4:30pm (Convent) Int.
Friday ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR
11:30am Int. +Fr. Kieron Connolly (FM)
Saturday FERIA
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, & Fri.

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.137 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.784 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 707, 644, 968, 761

THIS WEEK

This week is being kept as Prisons Week, in which

we are asked to pray for Prisoners and their Families.

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

10.30am A Meeting of the Parish Finance Committee, at the Presbytery.

Tuesday 10.30am Fr. John attends a Meeting of the Historic Churches Committee, at Poringland.

10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we look at paragraphs 1174 to 1186. All welcome.

Thursday 10.30am Fr. John attends a Meeting of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, at Poringland.

Saturday No 9.30am Mass today, as Fr. John has to again say Mass at the Prisons, 9.0am at Warren Hill Prison, and 10.30am at Hollesley Bay Prison.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Joe Bonner (2006), Glynis Loube, Sheila Gow (2002) and Mary Scott (2006). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters The Offertory collections for the previous three Sundays are as follows:

Sunday 17th September - Offertory: £330.43

CAFOD: £17.05; **Sunday 24th September** -

Offertory: £317.58 CAFOD: £10.85; **1st October**

- Offertory: £372.61, CAFOD: £14.38

Missio Red Boxes Barbara writes 'Dear Red Box Holders I shall be collecting Red Boxes on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th October. If this is not convenient for you, I can collect any time this month. Just let me know when and where. Please put your name on the box so that I can issue a receipt. Thank you all for your continued support. Barbara Lamberton

Parish Council Our quarterly Parish Council Meeting, open to all, is due - this being

the Autumn one. It will be held on Monday 23rd at 7.0pm in the Hall. It is difficult to know whether these meetings are best held in the afternoon or the evening - afternoons being best for retired people, and evenings for working people. Maybe we should alternate, and as the last few meetings have been held in the afternoon, this one will be in the evening.

The 2023 Sponsored Ride and Stride I think all of the sponsorship money has now come in, and so I have sent it off to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. In this parish we raised the splendid sum of £588.00. As you know, half of that will go to the Trust towards repair work to churches of all denominations throughout the county, and half will be sent back to us for our own church funds.

Of our Riders and Striders (I think only Sr.Lucy and Rosemary Chilcott were riders this year) Barbara Lamberton raised £35 in sponsorship, Phil & Anne Dance £50, Kate Williams £63, Sr.Lucy £120, Rosemary Chilcott £130, and Fr.John (who has an unfair advantage) £190. We are so grateful to those who took part, and to those who sponsored them so generously.

COME TO YOUR CATHEDRAL!

A week tomorrow, October 16th, our Parish Visit to St.John's Cathedral in Norwich takes place. We will leave for Norwich from St.Felix at 9.30am by car, parking on arrival on the Cathedral car park. Then at 11.30am the Cathedral Heritage Officer, Dr.Richard Maguire will give us a guided tour of the building, telling us something of its history and pointing out the many features of interest, not least the magnificent stained glass, which has been called the best of its period in Europe. At 12.30pm we will have Mass in the Sunken Chapel, and then lunch in the attractive Garden Cafe the Cathedral Narthex. After lunch there will be time to either look around the Cathedral on our own, or slip down into the town. We will reassemble for Afternoon Prayer at 3.15pm, and leave for home at 3.30pm.

It looks as if we might be alright for lifts ; just add your name to the List on the noticeboard in the Porch, and if there are any further drivers able to offer lifts, please indicate that.

After Westminster Cathedral, our own Cathedral in Norwich is the largest and finest Catholic cathedral in Great Britain. Here is a chance to get to know it better, and realise what a treasure we have. Do come along!

THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

At the Catechism Group last week we reached a point in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* where we read about the Church's Year, and how at its heart is the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord, week by week. For that is what Sunday, every Sunday, is : the day of the Resurrection, when we rejoice that Christ is Risen, alive for ever, and the source for us of endless life. From the very start Christians recognised the significance of the Resurrection : if Christ had risen from the dead, then not only did it prove that he was who he claimed to be, but also that he had new and endless life to share with his followers. And from the beginning Christians knew that the way to celebrate this event week by week was to 'do' the Mass - the Mass which Jesus himself left as his memorial, 'Do this, in remembrance of me'. And so week by week for two thousand years Christians have met together around the Altar, Sunday by Sunday to offer to the Father, and to plead, the Holy Sacrifice, Jesus himself, and then to feed on the Holy and life-giving Sacrifice, the Body and Blood of the Lord.

To offer, to feed, and to encounter. Because Jesus becomes present upon the Altar, our coming to Mass is always an encounter with the risen Christ. We encounter him each Sunday as truly as the disciples encountered him on the first Easter day in the garden, on the road, in the upper room. And so when we make our way to Mass on Sundays, we should always come with a sense of purpose : our purpose is to encounter Jesus. To come to where he is, and where he wants to welcome us, and give himself to us anew. It's why Holy Church, as our loving Mother, tells us to be at Mass EVERY Sunday - not just when it is convenient or when we feel like it. It is a strict rule of the Catholic Church that her sons and daughters should be at Mass every Sunday. And a wise and loving rule, because nothing could be better for us than to encounter our living and most loving Lord week by week.