



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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October 15th, 2023 : 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People
Sunday 10:00am Int. + Decd. members of the
Badcock & Peacock families
4:00pm (Convent) Int.

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
The Parish Mass today is at the Cathedral, at
12.30am Int. For the Cathedral
Tuesday ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH
9:30am Int. + Doug Birchall
Wednesday FEAST OF ST. LUKE
9:30am Int. Peace in the Middle East
Thursday FERIA
4:30pm (Convent) Int.
Friday FERIA
11:30am Int.
Saturday FERIA
6:00pm Int. + Raymond Smith

The Daily Office

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays 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.140 of the Parish
Mass Book, and on p.789 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0-am : 794, 683, 607, 971

THIS WEEK Monday 9.30am The Parents
& Toddlers Group meets in the Hall.

9.30am Cars leave for the Parish Visit to the
Cathedral. There are still one or two seats
available in cars if anyone else would like to
come.

Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group
meets in the Cooper Room. This week we look at
paragraphs 1210 to 1228.

Thursday 10.30am Fr. John attends a Meeting
of Deans at Poringland.

Saturday Fr. John again says Mass at the two
Prisons, and so there will not be a 9.30am Mass at
St. Felix.

A Fortnight today, Sunday Oct. 29th

THE BISHOP COMES TO BLESS THE NEW WINDOWS

**Mass will be at 11.0am,
and will be followed by a
SHARED PARISH LUNCH
in the Hall**

**The Lunch will be like the Coronation Lunch
we had a few months ago, with - hopefully - all
of us rallying round and bringing a dish to
share. Please write down on the list in the Porch
how many you will be, and what dish you are
able to bring. Let's all come together to
welcome our Bishop, and make this event a
great success!**

As before, we will bring our own drinks.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week

Catherine Rundle (2001), Joyce Hughes (2006), Audrey Beech (2001), Lionel Rickett (2012), Maureen Newman (2007), Nellie Raffe (2007), Peggy Colson (2016), Raymond Smith (2017). May they rest in peace.

Money Matters

Last Sunday £396.75 was given at the Offertory, and £306 in the second collection, following the CAFOD Family Fast Day.

World Mission Sunday Barbara writes : Next Sunday, October 22nd, is World Mission Sunday when the entire global church comes together to support mission. All worldwide Mass collections and every donation supports churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. It is our opportunity to assist the growth of the Church and the spread of the gospel. Please give what you can. Let me know if you would like a *Missio* Red Box to collect loose change throughout the year and help yourself to a *Missio* magazine in the porch to learn more about this Papal charity. Barbara Lamberton.

Preparation for the Sacraments First Holy Communion preparation will begin after half-term. Are there any Candidates for Confirmation, or adults for Baptism or Reception? Please tell me.

ATTENTIVENESS

Recently, when meditating on St Luke's account of the Transfiguration of Jesus - that event which is both mysterious and wondrous - I was struck by the sentence 'the disciples kept awake and saw his glory'. St Luke says that that they were 'heavy with sleep', but that nevertheless 'they kept awake and saw his glory'. Despite their tiredness, they watched and listened. They were attentive, and were rewarded by a wonderful experience of the glory of Jesus, the incarnate God.

Very often we are tired. And when not tired, distracted - distracted by all the things we have got to do and by all the things happening around us. We find it, even in our prayers, difficult to be attentive. And when we are not attentive to God, then we fail to see his glory. His glory revealed in the world around us - in nature in

people, in events - and in the course of our own life.

I think we should pray for the grace of attentiveness - and seek to co-operate with that grace when it is given. Pray to have eyes that see and ears that hear. By grace, the disciples on the holy mountain kept awake, and so saw the glory of Christ. That glory, in a hidden way, is there for us to witness in all kinds of ways. Only we must look out for it and be ready to see God's workings in ourselves, in others and in his world. Our eyes need to be open, and our ears open too. The divine is there always, sometimes hidden under the surface of things, waiting for us to notice and discover. It is easy to fail in awareness through inattentiveness. We must, like the apostles, keep awake, and be attentive. It is a vital ingredient in our searching for God.

OUR LOVING MOTHER

Last Saturday was the Feast of the Holy Rosary, and so at the end of both of the Prison Masses, at Warren Hill and Hollesley Bay, we sang a hymn in honour of Our Lady. We sang those hymns with great gusto, and I found it strangely moving. When we are at a difficult time in our lives - as I suppose someone in prison must be - then the maternal care of Mary is especially precious. Mary, who loves us as the brothers and sisters of her beloved Son, is not absent or judgmental ; she is always there for us. She supports us by her prayers, and looks upon us with eyes of compassion and understanding. She doesn't turn away from us, however much we may have got things wrong - as all of us do.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary, and we remember the profound saying of Pope St. John Paul II, that whenever we pray the Rosary we are 'looking at Jesus with Mary'. As we use the Rosary in this special month, as we 'look at Jesus with Mary', let us be especially aware that the Mother at our side loves us and cares for us. We fly to her like children, knowing our need of her maternal love, so constant, so unwavering. And knowing that although we are unworthy of that love, it is always available to us. We are never alone - Mary Our Mother is always beside us, even as she was beside her beloved Son when he hung on the Cross.