



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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October 22nd, 2023 : 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
9:30am Int. +John O'Mahony (FM)
Tuesday FERIA
9:30am Int. +Roy Fenton (FM)
Wednesday FERIA
9:30am Int.
Thursday ST.CHAD & ST.CEDD
4:30pm (Convent) Int. Peace in the Middle East
Friday FERIA
11:30am Int.
Saturday FEAST OF ST.SIMON &
ST.JUDE
9.30am Int.
6:00pm Int. For he People

The Daily Office

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

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.143 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.793 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 722, 708, 629, 652

NEXT SUNDAY

THE BISHOP COMES TO BLESS THE NEW NAVE WINDOWS

Please note that Mass will be at
11.0am
and will be followed by a
SHARED PARISH LUNCH

Do come to the Lunch, and, if you can, bring a plate of something to share. Please signify that you are coming, and write down what food you plan to bring, on the notice in the Porch. Food should be brought to the Hall before the Mass, and please say if it is to be heated, or contains ingredients to which some may be allergic. Please bring your own alcoholic drinks, soft drinks will be provided. Let's make this event a great success, and a fitting welcome to our Bishop on his first visit.

THIS WEEK

Today Noon Baptism of David Zian Crisan, son of Liviu and Oana Crisan.

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

7.0pm Autumn Meeting of the Parish Advisory Council in the Hall. All welcome.

Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we look at paragraphs 1226 to 1245. Why not join us? No

qualifications required, just good-humour.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Elsie Fordham (2001), Veronica McDonald (2003), Arthur Burgess (2009), Alice Gotch (2004), James Dunne (2010), Allan Stevenson (2022), Benito Dimascio (2022), John O'Brien (2002), Michael Brookes (2009) and Mary Cooper (2013). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £371.79 was given in the Offertory and £58.03 for CAFOD. There will be a retiring collection for Foreign Missions today..

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting *Missio*, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Mary who has given her whole life to bring the love and hope of Jesus to situations of extreme poverty and injustice. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit *Missio's* website to give a single gift, or set up a Direct Debit. Gift Aid your donation if possible: missio.org.uk

Sacramental Preparation Preparation for First Holy Communion will begin a fortnight today, on Sunday November 5th. Just as last year, the classes will immediately follow the 10.0am Parish Mass, allowing Parents to have coffee in the Hall whilst waiting for the children. It is most important that Parents fill in the Registration Form before classes commence. Forms can be obtained from Pauline Mayes or Fr.John. Children should be in Year 3 or older.

I wonder whether there are any young people who would like to be prepared for Confirmation? They should be at least thirteen by next Summer. And are there any adults who would like to be prepared for becoming part of the Catholic Church, by Reception or Baptism? Please tell Fr.John if you would like this.

MOBILE OR ROSARY?

Have you noticed how when people come into doctor's or dentist's waiting room, they sit down and then immediately pull out their mobile 'phones? It's the same with people waiting for a bus, or travelling by bus or train. It seems that these days when waiting for something to happen, or indeed filling-in any odd moments, most people immediately turn to their mobile 'phones. It's the 'go to' odd-moment activity.

But we Catholics know of another way of filling in odd moments - a way which is more positive, and to our greater advantage. It's good that every Catholic should carry a small Rosary in their pocket, and that it, rather than a mobile 'phone, it should be whipped out when there is time to fill in. I mentioned recently the saying of Pope St.John Paul II that the Rosary is 'looking at Jesus with Mary'. And how much better it is to be looking at Jesus rather than looking at the screen of a mobile 'phone! One of the strengths of the Rosary is that it is very flexible, and we can use it for just a very few minutes - reciting only one of the Mysteries, or for a longer time using two or three or all five of the Joyful Mysteries, Mysteries of Light, Sorrowful Mysteries, or Glorious Mysteries. A short - or longer - time of meditation; a few moments spent consciously in the presence of the Lord. How good, how positive. Surely much better than staring at the screen of any mobile 'phone!

I suspect that there are some people who own a Rosary - maybe given them for their First Holy Communion or Confirmation, years ago - and who are not sure quite how to use it. Something I would really like to do is to show anyone who wished what to do. I've also got some very good cards which explain how to use the Rosary. I'm very grateful when anyone shows me how to do something on my mobile 'phone, and I'd be delighted in return to show anyone how to use their Rosary! October is the Month of the Holy Rosary : why don't we, whilst this month is still running, resolve to use the Rosary more frequently? And not least in odd moments!