



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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November 26th, 2017 : SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People
Sunday 10:00am Int. +Marianna Jozwiak &
Dec'd Rokoszynski Family
4:00pm (Convent) Int.

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
9:30am Int.
Tuesday FERIA
9:30am Int. +Mark Poole
Wednesday FERIA
No Mass today
Thursday FEAST OF ST. ANDREW
4:30pm (Convent) Int. +Mary Smith
Friday FERIA
8.0am Int. +The Holy Souls
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, Fri. & Sat. Sat.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday at 10.0am Benediction at 10.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm, or by appointment.

Rosary To be said privately this week.

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.158 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.812 of The Sunday Missal.

Hymns at 10.0am : 322, 320, 804, 761

THIS WEEK

Today 11.0am First Holy Communion preparation in the Cooper Room.

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

11.0am The Monthly Service at the White Gables Care Home.

Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we look at paragraphs **1293 to 1314**.

Wednesday Noon Fr. John attends a meeting of the Cathedral Chapter at St. John's Cathedral.

Thursday 12.30pm Funeral Mass for Mark Poole, at St. Mary's, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich.

Friday 10.30am Fr. John attends a Meeting of the Cathedral Trustees at the Cathedral. No 11.30am Mass today; Mass will be at 8.0am.
7.0pm Meeting for the First Holy Communion childrens' parents, at the Presbytery.

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. The First Holy Communion Children will make their Act of Commitment at the 10.0am Mass, and the Confirmation candidates will meet after it, at the Presbytery.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Charles Burnham-Slipper (2013), Patricia Thompson (2012), Joan Emmerson (2018), Patrick Hall (2007), Bernard

Brooks (2019), Sr. Carmel Murphy (2003), Mary Smith (2021), Mary Kalo (2003) and Kenneth Hylins (2013). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £352.62 was given in cash at the Offertory and £24.40 for CAFOD.

The Giving Tree : Suffolk Refugee Support - Barbara writes "Dear friends, we shall again be collecting gifts for refugee and asylum-seeker children. The tree will be in place next Sunday for the beginning of Advent. It will have various labels on, stating age and gender (e.g. 2 year old boy). If you can, take a label and return an appropriate gift to the box provided. Attach the label to your gift so we know which child it is intended for Please note the closing date for gifts is SUNDAY DECEMBER 17TH because they will be collected from me on 18th. If you need any further information please call Barbara on Felixstowe 279373."

Christmas Flowers This Christmas Giavanna, our directrice of flowers, is hoping to be in Italy for the festival, and her assistant, Sylvia, expects to be convalescing after surgery. In this situation, I'm asking whether there are maybe half a dozen or more people who would be prepared to help me fill this gap? If you are prepared to help, please will you tell me, and we will then be able to plan who will do what, and when we will do it. Giavanna has kindly offered to order the flowers before she goes away, and I will then collect them from Ipswich. You don't need to be a Constance Stry to assist! (I think that maybe dates me?)

The Posada The list is now up on the notice board. Would you like to welcome Mary and Joseph into your home as they make their way to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus? The Posada figure will be blessed at the end of Mass next Sunday (Advent Sunday), and will then (hopefully) begin to make its way around the parish, as different people 'take in' Mary & Joseph overnight. It can be a very special part of our preparation for Christmas, heightening our awareness of how this is a time when we await with prayer the Nativity of Our Lord. There is a short Act of Worship which is made when the Posada is in your home : copies of this are

provided, and I've put one of them up on the noticeboard for you to see. We are encouraged to invite one or two of our friends and neighbours in to join us for this - and maybe a cup of coffee or something afterwards. It can have the effect of spreading the Gospel message to others - all of us, remember, are commissioned to share the Faith. I'm especially hoping that someone will offer to take in the Posada on the night of Advent Sunday ; it would be nice to be able to hand it over to its first 'hosts' straight after it has been blessed at Mass.

IS HE TRULY YOUR KING?

Today we joyfully acclaim Jesus as our King, as we come to the end of the Church's year, and prepare to begin a new year next Sunday, when the season of Advent begins.

But what are we saying when we address Our Lord Jesus Christ in this way? What are we really saying about him, and about ourselves?

One of the functions of kingship is to make laws - to legislate (all laws passed by Parliament in our own country have to receive the Royal Assent) : the King gives his subjects laws which they are bound to obey. If we acclaim Jesus as our King, then, we must obey the laws which he gives us - we are not free to do what he says or not, just as we please. Amongst the rules which he gives us, are those that we should forgive, that we should not judge others, and that we should love our neighbour. We cannot properly call Jesus our king if we are not ready to obey him. He is only truly our king if we accept him as such by willingly submitting our own will to his, as his loyal, obedient, and loving subjects.

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