



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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February 25th, 2024 : SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday LENT FERIA
9:30am Int.
Tuesday LENT FERIA
9:30am Int. +Louis Lazell (FM)
Wednesday LENT FERIA
No Mass today
Thursday LENT FERIA
4:30pm (Convent) Int.
Friday FEAST OF ST.DAVID
11.30am Int.
1.30pm FUNERAL MASS FOR YVONNE
BALCHIN RIP
Saturday LENT FERIA
9:30am Int. +Rosemary Chase (FM)
6:00pm Int. +Karen, Ruth, and Alex Thomson

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.151 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.187 of The Sunday Missal.

Hymns at 10.0am : 199, 770, 795, 205

THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Today (Sunday) 5.0pm, St.Felix

'MEETING THE MASTER' GROUPS

Monday The Presbytery, 7.0pm-8.0pm
Tuesday The Convent, 2.30pm-3.30pm
Wednesday 36, Penfold Road, 2.30pm-3.30pm
Friday The Cooper Room, 1.0pm-2.0pm
(following the Lent Lunch)

THE DEANERY STATION MASS

Thursday this week
St.Mary's, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich
Exposition & Confessions 6.0pm
The Bishop's Mass 7.0pm
Soup and rolls 8.0pm

LENT LUNCH FOR CAFOD

Friday, from Noon, in the Hall
Delicious home-made soup!

ALSO THIS WEEK

Today 11.15pm-12.15pm The Confirmation Group meets at the Presbytery.

Monday 9.30am The Parents and Toddlers Group meets in the Hall.
11.30am We provide the monthly Service at the White Gables Home.

Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we look at paragraphs 1420 to 1433.

5.0pm Fr.John says Mass at the Cathedral, as Canon on duty.

Wednesday 10.30am Fr.John attends a Meeting of the Cathedral Trustees at Cathedral House, Norwich.

Thursday 7.0pm The Deanery Station Mass, at St.Mary's, Ipswich

Friday 1.30pm Funeral Mass for Yvonne Balchin, followed by Cremation at the Crematorium of the Seven Hills.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Wanda Turner (2006), Evelyn Foster (2011), John Pitt (2014), Veronica Histed (2018), Ferdinando Conti (2011), Ellen Newman (2006), Bertie Simpkin-Kane (2009), Ernie Veitch (2017), Patricia McGrath (2023), Kathleen Thomson (2007), and Karen Thomson (2018), May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £686.93 was given in cash at the Offertory, and £25.12 for CAFOD. There is a retiring collection today for CAFOD, following the Lent Family Fast Day.

From 'Right to Life' 'Support an amendment to reduce our abortion law from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving and there is a contradiction in our abortion law. Collect a postcard today from the back of church and post it to your MP in support of this amendment! A huge number of postcards received by MPs will help decide this particular issue.'

SO HOW'S LENT GOING?

Well not terribly well, on the surface at least. We made a good beginning with the number of people attending an Ash Wednesday Mass being up on last year. But since then we have rather fallen away. There were only seven people at the first of the Sunday Stations of the Cross, and one hasn't needed two hands to count the number of people attending any of the 'Meeting the Master' Lent Groups. I'm just hoping that maybe people are availing themselves of the weekly paper 'Meeting the Master' at home, and are privately

following the Lent disciplines of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. A Lent well kept to the glory of God is a great blessing – it can reinvigorate our faith. But just 'not to bother' is an opportunity missed, and does nothing to build up our faith. I do hope that this week you will make an effort to be at St.Mary's Ipswich on Thursday evening, when the Bishop comes to our Deanery to celebrate the annual Station Mass. It is an ancient tradition for a bishop to travel around his diocese in this way during Lent, and it is right that the people of the Deanery gather around him. I can offer lifts to three people.

ST.DAVID

Next Friday is St.David's Day, and I imagine that our Welsh bishop would like us to recall who St.David was! He was a monk and bishop back in the sixth century, and is the only Welsh saint to have been canonized by the Western Church. Comparatively little, however, is known about his life, but it seems certain that he was active mainly in south west Wales – in the area now called Pembrokeshire. There he seems to have founded several monastic communities, where the monks followed an austere way of life, drinking only water. Tradition says that he visited Cornwall and Brittany, and in those places there are certainly ancient churches dedicated in his honour. He is remembered especially in the place called St.David's in Pembrokeshire, where there is one of the most beautiful cathedrals in the British Isles, set in an area of outstanding natural beauty. There he is said to have lived, and indeed the Welsh name for the village/city of St.David's is Ty Dewi, meaning David's House. It somehow makes us feel close to him.