



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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March 3rd, 2024 : THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. +Karen, Ruth, & Alex
Thomson
Sunday 10:00am Int. For the People
4:00pm (Convent) Int.

Weekday Masses

Monday LENT FERIA
9:30am Int.
Tuesday LENT FERIA
9:30am Int.
Wednesday LENT FERIA
No Mass today
Thursday LENT FERIA
4:30pm (Convent) Int.
Friday FEAST OF ST. FELIX
11:30am Int. For our Parish
3.0pm *Funeral Mass for Tom Brazier RIP*
Saturday LENT 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..

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. 154 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.192 of The Sunday Missal.

Hymns at 10.0am : 960, 752, 659, 860

THE THIRD 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)

You are welcome to join any of the Groups

LENT LUNCH FOR CAFOD

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

ALSO THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we look at paragraphs 1430 to 1442

11.0am Fr. John attends a Meeting of the Deanery clergy at St. Mark's Church, Ipswich.

FRIDAY

FEAST OF ST. FELIX, OUR PATRON

*Mass at St. Felix at 11.30am
with the Reception of the new statue
of St. Felix*

Friday 3.0pm Funeral Mass for Tom Brazier RIP, followed by Cremation at the Crematorium of the Seven Hills.

Next Sunday is Mothering Sunday. Posies will be blessed and distributed to the children to give to their Mothers.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Kathleen Dillon (2002), Karen Thompson (2016), Helen Summers (2022), Helen Hurry (2017), Brian Evans (2017), John Sugden (2022), Dennis Haylock (2003), Leslie Hart (2006), Elizabeth Baston (2011), Anne-Marie Bayles (2014), Janina Drouet (2004), Mary Read (2008), Helen Lawrence (2015), Sr. Sebastian RJM (2016), Fr. David Hennessy (2019), Bridget Kaziow (2021). May they rest in peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £418.56 was given in cash at the Offertory and £450.32 for CAFOD Family Fast Day.

Tom Brazier RIP We were all saddened by the death of Tom Brazier, a faithful member of our Parish for many years, and a former Altar Server and member of the Knights of St.Columba. He was a quiet, gentle, and kindly man, with a ready smile. He was able to receive the Blessed Sacrament on the morning of his death, having received the Last Rites a day or two previously. We send our love and prayers to Brenda and the family.

Gift Aid Envelopes George Babbington, our Gift Aid Officer writes 'The new tax year starts on April 5th. New envelopes will be available in the Church entrance during March.'

THE EMPTY BRACKET

Many old churches in Suffolk and beyond have empty stone niches, shelves, and brackets where there once stood statues of Saints, torn down and destroyed by the vandalism of the Protestant Reformation in the sixteenth century. Here at St.Felix we now have an empty stone bracket, set on the right hand side of the Chancel arch, but one

newly installed and awaiting the carved wooden statue of St.Felix which will be set in place on his feast day on Friday this week.

The bracket was made by the firm Abbeygate Masonry from Bury St.,Edmund's, which provided the fine stonework in the Chancel – the Altar, Lectern, and Tabernacle plinth. The cost has been borne partly by the kind donor of the statue, and partly from our 'Alive in Faith' money, which was given for the re-ordering of the Sanctuary.

'IV'E GOTTA MOTTA'

Cities have them, Noblemen have them, Corporate bodies, etc. have them. What? A Motto. So why shouldn't ordinary people like you and me have one? Well I've decided to adopt a motto, and it's been provided for me by no less a person than Pope Benedict! The motto is, '*Choose to Love*', and it comes from one of the addresses he gave when he visited England a few years ago. The phrase appears in a sentence which reads

'Every day, we have to choose to love and this requires help. The help comes from Christ, from the wisdom of his word, and from the Grace which he bestows on us in the sacraments of his Church.'

'Choose' to love : yes, we have to make the decision to love – it is an act of will. At least it is with the sort of love which Our Lord speaks of when he tells us to love God and to love one another. It is nothing to do with our emotions – no matter of champagne and pink chiffon – it is to do with how we treat people, how we speak to them, how we allow ourselves to think about them. Christian love concerns the will – our decision making process – and not the 'feelings'. So that when we see people who we find difficult or unattractive, or who are opposed to us, we CHOOSE to love them because we are disciples of Jesus – we choose to act, speak, and think in a way that is gentle, kindly, generous. Rather than being unfriendly,sullen, even hostile.

I'm grateful to Pope Benedict– one of my heroes – for providing me with a motto. Whether I'll live up to it is another matter. We can only try.....