



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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March 17th, 2024 : FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People
Sunday 10:00am Int. Bishop Alan Hope's
(80th Birthday)
4:00pm (Convent) Int.

Weekday Masses

Monday LENT FERIA
9:30am Int. +Marie & Basil Richardson
Tuesday SOLEMNITY OF ST.JOSEPH
8.0am Int. +Tom Brazier (LP)
4.30pm (Convent) Int.
Wednesday LENT FERIA
9:30am Int. Anthony Pittachio (95th Birthday)
Thursday LENT FERIA
4:30pm (Convent) Int.
Friday LENT FERIA
11:30am Int. +Fr.John McNally
Saturday LENT FERIA
6:00pm Int. +Phyliss O'Hora

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

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.170 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.203 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 788, 748, 799, 846

THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Today (Sunday) 5.0pm, St.Felix

'MEETING THE MASTER'

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 these Groups

PENITENTIAL SERVICE BEFORE EASTER

Thursday at 2.0pm

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 1447 to 1460
11.30am Fr.John attends the 80th Birthday Mass for Bishop Alan, at the Cathedral. This is why Mass is at 8.0am. But there is also a Mass at the Convent at 4.30pm today.

Thursday 2.0pm The Penitential Service before Easter. Fr.Paul Chanh has kindly agreed to help me.

Saturday 9.0am and 10.30am - Fr.John says

Mass at Warren Hill and Hollesley Bay Prisons.
No 9.30am Mass here today

PALM CROSS MAKING!

2.0pm in the Cooper Room
Help needed, please; tuition available,
and Hot Cross Buns too!

4.0pm Penitential Service for the First Holy
Communion candidates.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Ron Howell (2015),
Catherine Pooley (2009), Clarita Smy (2011),
Molly Versey (2017), Kathleen Williams (2003),
Sr. Francis (2001), Marie Richardson (2014),
Norman Cawston (2018), Frederick Sykes (2007).
May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters No figures were available.

Many thanks ‘Brenda Brazier and her family
thank Fr. John and the members of the parish for
their love and support shown to us after the death
of Tom Brazier, their loving husband, father,
grandfather and great grandfather.’

(Tom’s cremated remains were interred in the
Memorial Garden last Thursday. RIP. Fr. John)

Palm Sunday Monica writes ‘Children may
like to bring leafy branches to church next Sunday
to carry in the Palm Sunday Procession, or make
banners saying ‘Hosanna’. The childrens’ *Day by
Day* puzzle books for Easter are available on the
table in the Porch. Please take them for your
children and grandchildren.’

Walsingham Pilgrimage 5th-7th May Hayly
writes ‘Please don’t forget to put your names on
the list on the noticeboard as soon as possible, as
we wish to reserve accommodation as soon as we
can.’

Correction When I arranged our Parish
Confirmation with Bishop’s House some months
ago I was given the date Thursday May 23rd. It
now appears that the date is **Tuesday 21st May**.
Please will those whom this affects take note!

VEILED

I think we are always rather taken-back
when we come into church on this Fifth Sunday of
Lent, and see all the statues and crosses veiled.

We’ve seen it so many times before, and yet there
is still a strangeness about it. The veiling begins
today, and continues until Holy Saturday, in a
fortnight’s time. We traditionally call these last
two weeks of Lent ‘Passiontide’, the time when
we concentrate upon Our Lord’s Passion
(suffering) and death, prior to our great celebration
of his glorious Resurrection.

But why the veiling – especially the veiling
of the Crucifixes, just when we are thinking about
Our Lord’s death? I think the reason why we veil
the crucifixes is different from the reason why we
veil the statues. We veil the Crucifixes in
connection with the great Liturgy of Good Friday,
when we solemnly celebrate Our Lord’s death. In
that Good Friday liturgy, a veiled Crucifix is
carried into church, and gradually unveiled and
held up by the Celebrant for veneration. It is one
of the most dramatic and moving moments in Holy
Week. But much of the impact of that solemn
entry and unveiling would be lost if there were
already other crucifixes visible in the church. With
the other crucifixes veiled – and having been so
for some time – the appearance of the Crucifix in
the Good Friday liturgy is moment of high drama.

Whereas I think we veil the statues because
the Saints are pre-eminently ‘Easter People’,
Christians in whom the love and joy of the risen
Christ are strikingly evident. It seems appropriate
that they should disappear from view during
Passiontide, and then appear again at Easter, when
the Christ himself appears amongst us, alive and
triumphant.

NEXT SUNDAY....

.....is Palm Sunday, when we begin the keeping
of Holy Week, the great week in the Church’s
Year. The Palm Sunday liturgy begins with the
Blessing of Palms – hopefully out of doors – and
then we enter church in the Palm Procession. The
doorway of the church at that moment is the city
gateway of Jerusalem, and we are entering
Jerusalem with Jesus in order to be with him as the
events of Holy week unfold. We hope to be here
when he eats the Last Supper with his disciples,
dies on the Cross, and rises triumphantly from the
dead on Easter Night. Holy Week is exciting,
demanding, and an opportunity to show our love
for Jesus. Please take a Holy Week Leaflet today.