



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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March 24th, 2024 : PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People

Sunday 10:00am Int.

4:00pm (Convent) Int.

Weekday Masses

Monday MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

9:30am Int. + Michael Butterworth

Tuesday TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

8.0am Int.

Wednesday WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

9:30am Int.

The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) will be said a quarter of an hour before Mass on Mon, Tues, & Wed., and together with the Office of Readings at 9.0am on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday 10.0am

Wednesday 10.0am and 7.0pm

Thursday Noon, 3.0pm, and 5.0pm

Good Friday 4.30pm (approx..-after the Liturgy)

Holy Saturday Noon, 3.0pm, and 5.0pm

The Mass today

The Mass is preceded by the Blessing & Procession of Palms – Parish Mass Book p.178. The readings can be found on p.183 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.244 of The Sunday Missal. Hymns at 10.0am : The Processional Hymns is in the Parish Mass Book, then 237, 756, 809

THIS WEEK

Please take a Holy Week leaflet from the Porch for details of the Holy Week Services.

Today Please note that Stations of the Cross is at **5.30pm** this week, rather than 5.0pm, because the 4.0pm Mass at the Convent will take longer it being Palm Sunday.

Tuesday Please note that Mass is at 8.0am, because of the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral, which is at 11.30am. The Catechism Group will not meet this week or next.

Thursday There is a list on the Noticeboard for

Maundy Thursday

9.0am Offices of Readings and Lauds

8.0pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Maundy Watch until 11.0pm

Good Friday

9.0am Offices of Readings and Lauds

10.0am Stations of the Cross for Children

3.0pm CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

7.0pm Mater Desolata

Holy Saturday

9.0am Offices of Readings and Lauds

11.0am Blessing of Polish Easter Baskets

8.0pm THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

Easter Day

10.0am THE PARISH MASS OF EASTER

Noon Easter Mass at the Convent

the names of those who would be prepared to take part in the Foot washing Ceremony during the Mass on Maundy Thursday. Please sign up!

Saturday Please note that there is **No 6.0pm Mass next Saturday, Holy Saturday.** The Mass on Easter Eve must not take place until darkness has fallen – it is at 8.0pm this year.

Next Sunday is Easter Sunday : Easter eggs will be blessed and distributed to the children at the end of the 10.0am Mass.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Donovan Stocker (2012), Norman Cawston (2018), Pamela Vickers (2020), Leslie Styles (2007), John Mitchell (2015). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £419.06 was given in cash at the offertory and £28.07 for CAFOD.

Stella Maris Julian Wong, the Stella Maris Port Chaplain writes ‘Stella Maris is looking for a volunteer ship visitor at Ipswich and Felixstowe Port to help provide practical, emotional and spiritual support to seafarers visiting these ports. If you have a few hours spare and would like to help out at the weekends, please speak to Julian (07758356372 or email julian.wong@stellamarisemail.org), Stella Maris Reginal Port Chaplain. Thank you.’

AND NOW IT’S HOLY WEEK

I don’t know about you, but somehow I find Holy Week seems to come upon us each year rather suddenly - we’ve reached it almost before we realise! We’ve been chugging along through the weeks of Lent, and then lo and behold we’ve reached the time for which we’ve been preparing. As for a Parish Priest, he feels rather overwhelmed by all the things which have got to be prepared, arranged, and done - and rather apprehensive, too : will he have remembered everything? Will the great Liturgies of Holy Week go well? Will he get everything ready in time?

But no, this isn’t, shouldn’t be, a time for anxiety and stress. It is wonderful to have reached Holy Week once more, the great week of the

Christian Year. It is a time to be savoured, because it is a time when in a unique way we are with Our Lord, witnessing the events of the first Holy Week, and seeing once more the depths of his great love for us.

Today, Palm Sunday : where else would we want to be other than walking with Jesus in his Palm Procession, and entering with him into Jerusalem? And then as the festive atmosphere of the Procession gives way to the Solemn Mass of the Passion, where else but hearing once more of the terrible sufferings which He endured for us?

And then on Maundy Thursday, where else would we want to be but in the Upper Room with Jesus, as he institutes the Mass and the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper? (8.0pm) And then would we really choose not to go out with him into Gethsemane, to watch with him in the Garden?

On Good Friday, what true disciple of Jesus would not want to stand with Our Lady and St.John at the foot of the Cross, as the Good Friday Liturgy unfolds? (3.0pm) – hearing in St.John’s words an account of the terrible things which happened on that first Good Friday, and then humbly coming forward with others to Venerate the Cross?

On Saturday evening, as darkness falls and the New Fire is kindled (8.0pm), where else will we want to be other than rejoicing with our fellow Christians as the wonderful Easter Night Liturgy unfolds, and we become caught up in the joy of the Resurrection?

Let us then look forward to these great days of Holy Week and their solemn Liturgies with eager anticipation, and determine to put Jesus and his saving work before everything else in this week ahead!

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