



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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March 31st, 2024 : EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday Masses

Saturday 8:0pm Int. For the People
Sunday 10:00am Int. The Conlon, Padden, &
Kelly families.
Noon (Convent) Int.

Weekday Masses

Monday EASTER OCTAVE
9:30am Int. +Rosemary Bantick
Tuesday EASTER OCTAVE
9:30am Int. +Robert Aylward (FM)
Wednesday EASTER OCTAVE
No Mass today
Thursday EASTER OCTAVE
4:30pm (Convent) Int.
Friday EASTER OCTAVE
11:30am Int. A Special Intention (for MM)
Saturday EASTER OCTAVE
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, and Fri.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Because of the work which begins in the St.Joseph Chapel on Tuesday (see overleaf) Exposition and Benediction will take place this week after the 9.30am Mass on **Monday** rather than on Tuesday as usual.

There won't be Exposition and Rosary on Friday this week.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm, or by appointment.

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.251 of the Parish

Mass Book, and on p.363 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 267, 287, 278, 268

THIS WEEK

Today There won't be tea and coffee in the Hall after Mass today.

Monday The Parents and Toddlers Group are on holiday this Bank Holiday Monday. The Group resumes next week.

Tuesday Likewise the Catechism Group are not meeting today, but will recommence next Tuesday.

Friday 10.30am to 4.0pm The Confirmation Candidates have a Retreat Day at the Convent, led by the diocesan Ignite Youth Team.

Saturday Fr.John says Mass at the Warren Hill and Hollesley Bay Prisons, so no 9.30am Mass here today.

2.30pm Baptism of Ben Royal, son of Krizsti and Barry Royal. So good to have a Baptism within the Easter Octave!

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Eileen Wilson (2008), Peter O'Connor (2013), William Twomey (2015), and Elsie Barratt. May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £501.27 was given in cash at the Offertory, and £35.57 for CAFOD. Today the collection goes to the Parish Priest, as a basic constituent of his annual income.

Thank you Kate Pinto writes 'The Lenten soup lunches were a huge success. A huge thank you to

all the soup makers, the servers, and all who supported the lunches by attending. This has been a very successful Lenten soup season : we have raised £1,006.00 for CAFOD. Thank you for your support.'

Fr. John adds ; And thank you Kate for organizing the Lunches! They were most enjoyable, with delicious home-made soups each week. How we will miss them on the Fridays ahead!

The Lent Groups Although, sadly, the Groups were not particularly well-attended, those who did take part seem to have enjoyed doing so. I am very grateful to Kate Williams, The Sisters, and Hayly Dossor who led the other three groups. I felt that the 'Meeting the Master' operation was a worthwhile Lent venture, as a number of people have told me that they found the leaflets which were given out after Mass each Sunday, thought-provoking. And hopefully, prayer-provoking too.

RE-DECORATION

You don't need to look too closely at St. Joseph's Chapel to see how very much in need of re-decoration it is. The walls and ceiling are very dirty, and much in need of attention. Well the work of redecoration is going to begin on Tuesday this week! You may remember that before COVID (that great divide in recent history) men from Hollesley Bay Prison decorated the Sacristies, most successfully. And for us, most economically, as we only had to provide the paint and a hot meal at the end of each day. Happily the same arrangement is going to be used for St. Joseph's Chapel. The Masses won't be affected – only, as you saw overleaf, Exposition & Benediction will be on Monday rather than Tuesday this week, and there will not be Exposition and Rosary on Friday.

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Last week a man at the Warren Hill Prison asked me what Easter was all about. We can't these days just assume that people will know such things, as they did years ago. We are no longer a Christian country. But it is a good question to be asked, as it focuses our mind. It's not impossible that someone will ask **you** this Easter 'what is it all about?', and it is good if all of us have thought out what kind of answer we might give. It is certainly

not all about those wretched 'Easter bunnies', who try to nudge Our Lord out of centre place just as 'Santa' does at Christmas!

I think we must start with Jesus – who he is, and why he came among us – God the Son, 'through whom all things were made', taking our human flesh, born of a human Mother. And Why? – to bring us God's truth, about himself, the world, the future, and ourselves. And to put things right between us and the Father, to mend our relationship with the Father, which had been ruptured by sin (= disobedience). And how did he do that? By offering himself to the Father on the Cross, making the sacrifice of his perfect manhood, which the Father accepted – and he accepts us too, who are joined to Jesus by Baptism. And also by bearing on the Cross a token of the punishment due to sin : God's justice says that sin must be punished, God's love says that God the Son will bear the punishment himself on our behalf.

And then comes the Resurrection. God the Son could not remain in death. He conquered death - on the third day, Easter Sunday, he was alive again, risen with new life to share with us.. The tomb was empty; he appeared to his disciples several times, so that they could be quite sure he was risen. This is what Easter is about : the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, and our great celebration of a wonderful fact, a fact which affects us personally, since we can sacramentally share in that new and endless life.

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