



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## April 14th, 2024 : THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Sunday Masses

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

### Weekday Masses

Monday EASTER FERIA  
No Mass today  
Tuesday EASTER FERIA  
No Mass today.  
Wednesday EASTER FERIA  
No Mass today  
Thursday EASTER FERIA  
No Mass today  
Friday EASTER FERIA  
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Saturday EASTER FERIA  
6:00pm Int. For the People

### 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.259 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.430 of The Sunday Missal.  
Hymns at 10.0am : 268, 279, 287, 283

### THIS WEEK

**Fr. John hopes to take his Easter break this week. He will be in North Norfolk**

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

**Tuesday** 10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we look at paragraphs 1451 to 1470.

**Next Sunday** 11.15am to 12.15pm The Confirmation Group meets at the Presbytery.

### PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries this week** David Holding (2009), Margaret Smyth (2010), Ida Shaw (2012), Gwendoline Jones (2018), Bruce Fisk (2013), and Kevin Hendley (2015). May they Rest in Peace.

**Money Matters** Last Sunday £434.34 was given in cash at the Offertory, and £17.45 for CAFOD. Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for the Diocesan Priests' Training Fund.

**Childrens' Liturgy** Monica writes 'Please can you help? The Team that arranges Childrens' Liturgy each Sunday is in need of more people. The rota of volunteers always works in pairs, and there are plenty of resources for ideas. If you would be willing to join the team, or for more information, please speak to Fr. John, Monica Macdonald or any of the present team.'

**Missio : Red Boxes** Barbara writes 'In 2023 our parish raised £972.00 through Red Boxes and donations to Missio direct. Many thanks to you all. We at St. Felix' are part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance.. This is the Pope's charity and he considers us all special collaborators in promoting the mission of the Church. We face difficult and challenging times, so I am very grateful to all Red Box holders and

*Missio* donators – please, if you can, continue to support this valuable work. I shall be collecting Red Boxes on Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> & Sun. 21<sup>st</sup>, or if this is not convenient, any time to suit you. Contact Barbara Lamberton.

**St. Joseph's Chapel** What a difference the redecoration of St. Joseph's Chapel has made! It was more than shabby, it was really gloomy. Now, the whitened ceiling positively glows. And how good to have got rid of that horrid yellow colour behind the altarpiece – it didn't look at all nice. We are grateful to Miles and Chris from Hollesley Bay who have worked with such care and expertise, and to our own Dennis McGeachie who made the arrangements. There is talk now of carrying out a similar operation in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Highly desirable : I wonder whether it will happen?

### **The Parish Confirmation**

This important event in our Parish Calendar will take place on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. There are six teenage candidates and one adult candidate. The teenage candidates had a Retreat Day at the Convent last week, conducted by the Diocesan Youth Director, Hamish Macqueen and a member of his team, which included a picnic lunch on the beach, and ended with a Mass in the Convent Chapel. We are grateful to Hamish, and also to the Sisters for hosting us. In the course of his visit to confirm on May 21<sup>st</sup>, the Bishop will bless the new statue of St. Felix.

The Bishop has asked to meet with the Finance Committee and the Parish Council during his visit – this is now his standard practice. He plans to arrive at 4.30pm, and after a cup of tea he would like to meet the Finance Committee at 5.0pm, and the Parish Council at 5.30pm (for us the Parish Council means any of those good people who tend to come along to the quarterly meetings). Please will both groups put the date firmly in their diary : we all want to give a good impression of our parish life.

### **AN AUCTION OF ITEMS AND PROMISES**

It was suggested a little while ago that we should have an Auction for charity as a thanksgiving for the successful installation of the

new glazing in the Nave. That seemed to be a very good idea, and now a date has been fixed – Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> – just before the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul, which this year is being kept on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>. It will come just before we lapse into the holiday period. Mr. Richard May from Dereham has agreed to come and conduct the Auction – something which he does very well, with electronic gadgets.

I do hope that you will share my enthusiasm for this : it can be great fun, as well as raising a surprising amount of money for charity. The Auction will be of both items and promises, which will be set out in a programme. Some promises have already been received : Offers such as for: Babysitting, Dancing Lessons, and an Afternoon Tea for six. Is there something which you could offer? Items too – but rather good items – not bric-a-brac or jumble sale material! Again, please could you think whether you have something which could be auctioned? More details later, but please save the date!

### **REBORN!**

I had a wonderful Easter experience yesterday, when I took the motor car to the car wash. As the waters raged and roared about me, I felt as if the car was being cleansed and purged by baptismal waters. And of course afterwards the car seemed to have been transformed. It was filthy before, a disgrace, and now it was sparkling and seemed positively reborn!

Of course it was the car, not me, which underwent this wonderful renewal through a kind of baptism. But I remembered how when I made my Confession in Holy Week, I too had been cleansed and renewed by absolution to my baptismal purity. At least for a time. Happy motor car, happy Christian!

We call Baptism the Easter Sacrament, because by it we are cleansed from sin and joined to the risen Christ. How wonderful that we can regain innocence through Confession and Absolution! The Confessional may be a quieter place than the car wash, but both are wonderfully effective!