



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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April 28th, 2024 : FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. +Mary
Sunday 10:00am Int. Claudio Martinez
4:00pm (Convent) Int. For the People

Weekday Masses

Monday FEAST OF ST. CATHERINE
OF SIENNA
9:30am Int.
Tuesday EASTER FERIA
8.0am Int. +John Gardiner (FM)
Wednesday ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
9:30am Int. +Patricia Croombs
Thursday ST. ATHANASIUS
4:30pm (Convent) Int.
Friday FEAST OF ST. PHILIP AND
ST. JAMES
11:30am Int. +Vernon Watts
Saturday FEAST OF THE ENGLISH
MARTYR
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, Wed, Thurs, and 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 (during Exposition)

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.264 of the Parish

Mass Book, and on p.438 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 271, 770, 629, 652

THIS WEEK

Monday 9.30am The Parents and Toddlers Group meets in the Hall
11.0am We provide the monthly Service at the White Gables Home.

Tuesday Please note that Mass is at 8.0am today, as Fr. John has to go to a Governance Training Day at Poringland.
10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we look at paragraphs 1499 to 1518.

Saturday No 9.30am Mass today, as Fr. John says Mass at the Warren Hill and Hollesley Bay Prisons.

Next Sunday 11.15am The Confirmation Group meets at the Presbytery.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Patricia Amey (2007), Peter Sutcliffe (2017), John Clark (2023), Denise Croskell (2001), Elsie Castle (2020), Ruby Stevenson (2011), Vernon Watts (2019) and Lucy Buckwell (2002). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £465.99 was given in the Offertory, £18.60 for CAFOD and £133.60 in the collection for the Priests' Training Fund.

Married Couples Bishop Peter invites all married couples and their families to the annual Marriage Celebration Mass! This will take place on Saturday 1st June, starting at 11.30am at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich.

Those couples celebrating significant anniversaries are invited to fill in the online Booking Form and so have their names read out during Mass and receive a certificate. Certificates are for one year, five years and every multiple of five, until 60 years, then every individual year after 60 years. The Mass will include a renewal of Marriage Vows for all couples and there will also be a photographer present to take family/couple photos with the Bishop. After the Mass there will be tea, coffee and cake. There is no charge for the day or for the photos, but donations are welcome. To book a place please fill in the Booking Form at www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/ For all enquiries please contact Dr. Antonia Braithwaite mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk

Painting St. Joseph's Chapel I said that the only expense we had to bear regarding the recent redecoration of St. Joseph's Chapel was the cost of the paint : well now an anonymous parishioner has most kindly offered to pay for the paint that was used. We are most grateful to that good parishioner.

WHAT A WEEK!

This week the Church celebrates no less than three Feasts, plus two Memorias – it's rather like having a prestigious guest-list for a Party! Listen as the guests are introduced :

Monday is the feast of St. Catherine of Sienna. St. Catherine, who died in 1380 was a Dominican, and an influential spiritual leader; a writer and visionary. She played a part in persuading the papacy to return to Rome, after a prolonged exile at Avignon in France.

St. Joseph, whom we keep on Wednesday under his title St. Joseph the Worker, needs no introduction. His main feast, a Solemnity, is kept on March 19th, which is why this one is merely a Memoria. Today, we remember his having worked as a carpenter at Nazareth, a trade which he taught Our Lord. He reminds us of the dignity of human work, and how important it is to our fulfillment.

Then on Thursday this week we remember St. Athanasius, who died in 373. He was Bishop of the great city of Alexandria, in Egypt, and one of the most important Fathers of the Church (as we call the leading Catholic theologians of the early centuries, through whom the Holy Spirit formed

the Church's teachings.) We remember him especially as the great defender of the doctrine that Jesus was truly Man as well as truly God, through the Incarnation.

Friday sees the feast of the two Apostles St. Philip and St. James. There are several references to Philip in the Gospels, one of them being the approach made through him to Jesus by some Greeks. St. James is called St. James the Less to distinguish him from James the brother of John. The Letter of St. James in the New Testament is sometimes attributed to him.

And then finally on Saturday comes the Feast of the English Martyrs, those brave English men and women of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries who were put to cruel and terrible deaths for refusing to renounce their Catholic Faith. These heroes are powerful to inspire us still.

So here is the guest list for this week's Masses! Now it is for us to join them on their special days, remembering the wonderful graces poured out on these, our elder brothers and sisters in the Faith, and eagerly seeking their prayers!

OUR CHARITY AUCTION

On Friday, June 28th

I wrote a couple of weeks ago about the Charity Auction which we are planning to hold on Friday, June 28th, as a thanksgiving for the new glazing in the Nave windows. It should be great fun, and maybe you will be able to pick up a bargain or two – besides aiding worthy causes. It will be an auction of both Items and Promises, conducted by an experienced Auctioneer. I told you that already three promises have come in – An evening's Baby Sitting, A Dancing Lesson, and Afternoon Tea for Six. But since then another excellent Promise has come in : the use of a Beach Hut for a weekend, Friday to Monday, near the Fludgers Hotel. I'd like to be able to publish one or two more Promises in next week's Newsheet : can you think of anything you could offer?

Hopefully in next week's Newsheet there may also be news of one or two Items that are being offered, as well as Promises. For myself, I'm wondering whether to offer my vintage (1920's) bicycle, which is in excellent order, but now, sadly, unused. But would anyone, I wonder, bid for it?

Please be thinking whether YOU can offer a Promise or an Item! So good if you can!