



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## May 19th, 2024 : SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

### Sunday Masses

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

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### THIS WEEK

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

### Weekday Masses

**Monday** MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH  
9:30am Int. +Nich. & Catherine O'Carroll  
**Tuesday** FERIA (FM)  
**7.0pm CONFIRMATION MASS**  
**Wednesday** FERIA  
**8.0am** Int. The newly Confirmed  
**Thursday** FEAST OF JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST  
4:30pm (Convent) Int.  
**Friday** FERIA  
11:30am Int.  
**Saturday** ST.BEDE THE VENERABLE  
9:30am Int. +Elsie Fenton (FM)  
6:00pm Int. For the People

**Tuesday** 10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. Paras.1533 to 1553.  
5.0pm Members of the Finance Committee meet with the Bishop in the Cooper Room.  
5.30pm Those who regularly or occasionally attend Parish Council Meetings meet with the Bishop in the Cooper Room.  
7.0pm The Confirmation Mass (Note : there is no 9.30am Mass today : when a Bishop says Mass in a Parish, it is appropriate that it should be the only Mass of the day, with the whole parish coming together around its bishop.

**Thursday** 11.0am Fr.John attends the annual Celebration of Priesthood, at Poringland.

### The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) will be said a quarter of an hour before Mass on Mon, Wed, Fri. & Sat.

### 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. 286 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.461 of The Sunday Missal.  
Hymns at 10.0am : 303, 301 (Sequence), 771,

### PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries this week** Anna Maria Button (2023), Lloyd Fenton (2010), John King (2014), Bob Fisher (2018), William Strachan (2016), Loris Squirrell (2017) and Robert Fisher (2018). May they Rest in Peace.

**Money Matters** Last week £504.41 was given in cash at the Offertory, £16.05 for CAFOD and £141.22 in the second collection for Catholic Communications.

**Water Aid Ride** Rosemary writes: 'Water Aid has asked me to thank everyone who sponsored my trike ride, which raised £400. I have received some "late payments" so I will be sending an additional cheque. Many thanks.'

**Marriage Celebration Reminder!** Bishop Peter invites all married couples and their families to the annual Marriage Celebration Mass! This will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June, starting at 11.30am at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich. Those couple 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. 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/](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/)

### **COME, HOLY SPIRIT!**

At Pentecost we celebrate God the Holy Spirit coming to the Apostles, the foundation stones of the Church. And the time when we recall that God the Holy Spirit has come to each one of us, at our Baptism. He came to us then bringing the gift of new life, the life of the risen Christ, and thereby establishing that union with Our Lord which will be ours for eternity. At our Confirmation, his work within us was strengthened and renewed, empowering us to proclaim Christ by our words and by our way of life..

The Holy Spirit within us is seeking to guide the course of our life, to bring about the Father's good plan for each one of us ; he seeks to lead us into a deeper union with Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. But does he find us sensitive and responsive to his leading? Or does he more often find a deaf ear, and a stubborn will? I think Pentecost is a time for renewing our determination to seek His guidance, and to follow it. That is both the way of true discipleship, and the way to deep and lasting happiness.

It is so good that our Parish Confirmation is occurring just a couple of days after Pentecost. Pray for the seven candidates, six teenagers and one adult, and come along on Tuesday evening to support them and welcome them into full membership of the Catholic Church. May they know the enlivenment which the Holy Spirit brings, and be led by grace to commit themselves

to loving and serving Our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **CORPUS CHRISTI IS COMING!**

A fortnight today will be the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, our great annual celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. It is customary to show our gratitude for this precious gift by having a time of Exposition, when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the Altar for adoration. Our thanksgiving should be characterized by generosity, and I'm proposing that we should offer to God as a parish nine hours of adoration. We will divide this into three sections : Three hours after the Saturday evening Anticipatory Mass (7.0pm until 10.0pm), Four hours before the 10.0am Parish Mass (6.0am until 10.0am), and two hours in the afternoon. Next Sunday there will be a rota for you to sign, saying which half-hour you would like to be responsible for. I do hope that Our Lord's own wonderful generosity in giving himself to us in the Holy Sacrament will be answered by a generosity in our giving our time to Him, to watch and to worship.

### **HIDDEN TREASURE**

Those of you who have been in the Priest's Sacristy will know that at the far end, above the Vesting Chest, there are an array of drawers, stretching right up to the ceiling. Last week Fr.Peter of *Let the Children Live!* was staying with me, and asked what those high-level drawers contained. I said that in my ten years here, I have never looked inside them : I've always liked to fantasize that they were packed with sumptuous vestments, precious relics, and superb pieces of Altar plate... Being younger than me (I taught him when he was a schoolboy) Fr.Peter shinned up on high, and discovered that one of the drawers DID contain treasure, but not of the kind I had imagined. It contained old parish records and photographs, some going back to the earliest days of the Parish.

I've always bemoaned the fact that we had so very few such records, and so this was a great find. As I go through them, I'll perhaps relate here some things which might interest you. The earliest item seems to be Fr.Cooper's note book, recording the expenses connected with the building of the church in 1912.