



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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June 16th, 2024 : 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People
Sunday 10:00am Int. For TC's Intentions
Noon (Convent) Int.

Weekday Masses

Monday ST.BOTOLPH
9:30am Int.
Tuesday FERIA
9:30am Int.
Wednesday FERIA
No Mass today
Thursday ST.ALBAN
4:30pm (Convent) Int.
Friday ST.ALOYSIUS GONZAGA
11:30am Int.
Saturday FEAST OF ST.JOHN FISHER
AND ST.THOMAS MORE

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, Fri. & Sat.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays at 10.0am Benediction at 10.30am
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. 95 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.867 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 807, 959, 820, 716

THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we look at paragraphs 1585 to 1608.

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

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Chris Nelson (2019), Robert Boreham (2014), Florence Kitchingman (2001), Janet Doggett (2013) and Valerie Howes (2007). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £335.57 was given in the offertory and £10.0 for CAFOD.

There will be a retiring collection today for the work of Life Charities.

Missio (Red Boxes) Barbara writes : 'A date for your diary: Saturday July 27th Diocesan Mass to celebrate Mission at Newmarket Catholic Church at 10.30 am. All *Missio* Red Box Holders and supporters are invited. See invitation on notice board. If anyone has a Red Box they would like emptying I shall be going to the bank soon. The next Red Box collection will be October. Thank you, Barbara Lamberton 279373.'

Fr.John's Table There will be another table in the Hall during Coffee today. Do take whatever you wish. What remains will, as last week, be taken to the Red Cross Shop at the end of the road.

Any donations will be for Aid to the Church in need. Last week £24.0 was given

MASS FOR THE SICK

Our annual Mass for the Sick will take place a week on Tuesday, June 25th at 3.0pm. At it, the Sacrament for the Sick (anointing) will be administered. The current practice of the Church is to anoint not just those who are suffering a serious illness, but also those who are in a continuing state of infirmity. This would apply to not a few of us older people. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, God gives us grace to bear our sickness or infirmity, and, if it is his will, to recover from it. When a sick or infirm person is anointed, we can never know quite what the outcome will be. Certainly it is not magic, and instant or quick recovery should never be expected or assumed. But always – and this is what matters – grace is given : God-given help in the situation in which the person finds themselves.

You remember how in the Gospels people brought their sick friends to Jesus for healing. And regarding the Mass for the Sick taking place in ten days time, this is what YOU are called to do! Maybe you have a friend, neighbour, or relation who is sick or infirm, and who can't normally get to Mass? But maybe with your help and encouragement they could get to the Mass for the Sick? Please will you use these next few days to contact such a person, invite them to the Mass for the Sick, promise to accompany them, and arrange to either bring them to it yourself, or, if you have not got transport, to 'phone either Helping Hands (phone number overleaf) or myself and ask for help with transport. The success of this venture, and whether needy people receive help, really does depend upon you. Remember Jesus' words 'I was sick, and you did not visit me' : they could be expanded to 'I was sick, I needed help from God, and you didn't enable me to receive it'.

After the Mass, there will be the usual Afternoon Tea in the Hall, which Edwina and her friends are kindly arranging. It is such a good opportunity for people who can't normally get out to see people, and have some social contact with others. As well as to enjoy a really good tea!

THE OLD TESTAMENT AS PREPARATION

I think we should see the first part of the Bible, the Old Testament, as a long and careful preparation for that decisive moment in history when The Word was Made Flesh – when God the Son took our human nature in order that he might redeem it, and win salvation for us. When we see the events of the Old Testament in this light they speak to us powerfully of God the Father's plan of salvation, and of the central place of Our Lord Jesus Christ within it.

Yesterday at Mass, the first reading was the account of that wonderful incident which happened when Elijah spent the night in a cave on the mountainside. (I Kings 19:9, 11-16.) There the Lord God passed before him : there was a mighty wind, an earthquake, and fire, but God was not in any of these. And then there was the sound of a 'gentle breeze', and Elijah knew that here was the manifestation of God which he had been promised. This manifestation of God to Elijah points forward to the Christ, who came amongst us to reveal the likeness of God, and did so in so gentle a manner. When he came amongst us there was no mighty wind, earthquake, or fire but a little child lying in a manger. 'He came oh so still, as dew in April', the old carol says. Jesus is the 'gentle breeze', so hidden and yet so powerful, the One to whom that 'gentle breeze' heard by Elijah pointed forward. Elijah 'covered his face' in reverence at the sound of the 'gentle breeze'. We likewise are right to feel that greatest reverence and awe in the presence of Jesus, God made Man, and hidden in there in the Tabernacle. Reverence and awe, as well as the truest love and trust.

CHARITY AUCTION OF ITEMS AND PROMISES

***In aid of Mary's Meals
and Let the Children Live!***

**Friday, June 28th, 7.0pm, in the Hall
WINE & CHEESE**

Offers of items & Promises still required!