



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## June 30th, 2024 : SOLEMNITY OF ST.PETER & ST.PAUL

### Sunday Masses

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

### Weekday Masses

Monday ST.OLIVER PLUNKET  
Noon Int. +Gerard Healey  
Tuesday FERIA  
9:30am Int.+Douglas Birchall  
Wednesday FEAST OF ST.THOMAS  
No Mass today  
Thursday FERIA  
4:30pm (Convent) Int.  
Friday FERIA  
11:30am Int.  
Saturday ST.MARIA GORETTI  
6:00pm Int.

### The Daily Office

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

### 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.173 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.1159 of The Sunday Missal.  
Hymns at 10.0-am : 837, 371, 908, 862

### THIS WEEK

**Monday** 9.30am The Parents and Toddlers Group meets in the Hall.  
9.30am Fr.John (as Dean) concelebrates a special Mass of St.Alban at St.Alban's High School, Ipswich. Please note that the Mass here today will be at Noon.

**Tuesday** 10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we look at paragraphs 1615 to 1632.

**Thursday** 11.0am Fr.John attends a Meeting of the Council of Priests, at Poringland.

**Saturday** Fr.John says the Masses at Warren Hill and Hollesley Bay Prisons, so no morning Mass here today.

### PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries this Week** John Ryan (2006) and Betty Adams (2004). May they Rest in Peace.

**Money Matters** Last Sunday £374.01 was given in cash at the Offertory and £11.35 for CAFOD

### ELECTION

What a run-up to the election there has been! We can be forgiven if we're feeling a bit saturated by it all. But now the fateful week has come!

As we decide how to cast our vote on Thursday we have to take into account both social and financial matters. But for us Catholics there is a further dimension to consider, and that is the moral dimension. We feel passionately about the

value and dignity of human life, a precious gift from God – a gift to us, and yet one which also continues to belong to Him. We are not free to dispose of this gift. All life is His. And so we view with horror and revulsion the threats - which grow ever louder - to both the beginning and end of human life. There are loud and insistent calls being made for both the further easing of the process of obtaining an abortion, and also in the legalisation of euthanasia. These are terrible offences against God, and against our dignity as human beings.

Personally, I would not wish to vote in the election for any candidate who supported either of these great evils – abortion or euthanasia. We must vote not just as citizens but as Catholics.

**Contactless Donations** The Treasurer writes ‘If any parishioner would like to use the DONA device at the back of church, but is still unsure how to use it, then please let either Stephen Badcock or Fr John know, and we can arrange for someone to go through it with you. **DON’T FORGET** you can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.’

**Fire Safety Awareness Course** Stephen Badcock writes ‘The Course will be on Thursday August 1<sup>st</sup> 10.00am – 12.30pm in the Church Hall. It will provide a general overview of what to do in the event of a fire, the principles of fire prevention and the use of fire extinguishers. The instructor is an experienced former member of the Fire Service. It is being run as part of our parishes’ Fire Prevention Plan and was recommended by our fire risk assessors. It is free to attend, and all parishioners and volunteers are welcome. There are 15 places and to reserve a place, please enter your name and contact details on the sheet at the back of the church. This is an ideal opportunity for us to increase our understanding of fire risk and to improve our personal safety both at church and at home.’

### **A NEW PROJECT**

Since the *Alive in Faith* project nearly ten years ago, the money which comes back to the parish for a Parish Project (agreed by the diocese), has been accruing. Initially our project was the renewal of the Sanctuary, but since that was paid for nearly thirty thousand pounds has gradually become

available. It was agreed at a recent meeting of the Parish Council that we should seek permission to use this money for the restoration of the East (Rosary) window behind the Altar. It is of a similar age to the Nave windows, and as with them, the leading has become in need of renewal. The Rosary window is a great treasure, loved by us all, and I’m sure you will agree that its preservation is a most worthy project. We have made application to the diocese to use the money in this way. I’ll say more about this plan next week.

### **THE CHARITY AUCTION**

The Charity Auction held last Friday as a thanksgiving for the restoration of the Nave windows was a huge success. Both socially – everyone said what a very enjoyable evening it had been – and also financially: we raised the incredible sum of £2,183 to be divided between the charities *Mary’s Meals* and *Let the Children Live!* - both charities providing food and education for deprived children in the poorest parts of the world. We are very grateful to both those who donated Promises and Items, and those who purchased them. Also to Richard May who came over from Dereham to act as Auctioneer; to Donal Hannan who organized the Auction ; to Edwina and her Team who prepared and served delicious refreshments – and to many others who helped in one way or another to make the event such a great success. An evening to remember with pleasure.

### **OUR OWN BILLY ELLIOT**

You may have read in the local press about ‘Felixtsowe’s Billy Elliot’ a young man with an extraordinary talent for dancing. He is none other than our own Raphael Fragata, who, with his brother Carlos, serves at the 6.0pm Saturday Mass each week. Raphael has been accepted for training at a number of prestigious dancing schools, but has chosen one at Bromley, in Kent. The problem is that being only sixteen, he is not eligible for grants. His family have chosen to attempt to ‘crowd fund’ the cost of his accommodation in Bromley, and we are all invited to contribute. If you would like to do so, visit [gofundme.com](http://gofundme.com) and search ‘Please help Raffy Raise Funds for College Accommodation’. Alternatively, you can hand Fr.John a contribution in an envelope clearly marked, and he will pass it on. (Cheques should be made out to ‘Sandy Fragata’)