



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## July 7th, 2024 : 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Sunday Masses

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

### Weekday Masses

Monday ST.WITHBURGA  
9:30am Int. +Anthony Mulqueen  
Tuesday FERIA  
9:30am Int. +Lawrence Michael Lochner  
Wednesday FERIA  
No Mass today  
Thursday FEAST OF ST.BENEDICT  
9.30am Int. +Fr.Denis Brophy (FM)  
Friday FERIA  
11:30am Int.  
Saturday FERIA  
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,Thurs.& 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.104 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.878 of The Sunday Missal.

Hymns at 10.0am : 880, 956, 833, 846

### 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 1626 to 1642,

**Thursday** Please note that Mass will be said at St.Felix at 9.30am – no Mass at the Convent today

**Friday** 7.0pm First Holy Communion Parents meeting in the Cooper Room.

**Saturday** Fr.John says the Prison Masses again today, so no 9.30am Mass at St.Felix.

### PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries this week** Mary Clapham (2003), Bernard Johnson (2009), Joan Styles (2003) and Michael Taylor (2007). May they Rest in Peace,

**Money Matters** Last Sunday £443.11 was given in cash at the Offertory, £18.72 for CAFOD and £148.97 for the second collection, which was Peter's Pence.

**Sea Sunday** Barbara writes : 'Next Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup>, is Sea Sunday and there will be a second collection for Stella Maris, the Catholic charity which supports seafarers and fishermen. We are a port town with a hard-working chaplain, Julian Wong, and a close relationship with seafarers so please give what you can.'

**The Election** I imagine that many of us were sad to lose our Catholic member of Parliament in

last week's election. Therese Coffey sometimes joined us here for Mass when in this part of the constituency, but far more important we had no worries as to how she would vote when Life Issues came up in parliament. I don't know what the stance of our new MP is, but we must wish her well, remember her in our prayers, and maybe it will be necessary for us to write to her from time to time when votes on Abortion and Euthanasia come up, urging her to vote in a pro-life way.....

### **The Rosary Window**

Last week I told you that the Parish Council had voted unanimously to make the conservation of the east window of the Church our next objective in using of the money which has accumulated from the *Alive in Faith* project over the past ten years. That money, I explained, can only be used for some specific project approved by the Diocese – it can't be used for general maintenance or running expenses. The Rosary window is of the same age as the Nave windows which needed to be conserved last year, and as with them the leading is past its effective life. Also the sheets of plastic which were placed over the outside of the Rosary window perhaps thirty years ago need to be removed. The Stained Glass experts which we used in the Nave state in their report 'We noted that all of the sheeting has a micro-climate in the interspace between the leaded window and the sheeting. This was more than likely put on as the panels were leaking, but this has caused even more failures within the panels. .... We noted that at worst case the glazing is buckling to approximately 40mm from the true parallel position. We discussed various options including the removal and flattening of the panels, but we felt that as the panels have buckled too badly, it may be prudent to carry out a full re-leading which will ensure the stability of the glazing for at least one hundred plus years. Obviously we would not recommend covering the glazing again using Perspex.'

### **JULY – MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD**

Last month, June, was the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and now that we are in July

the devotion of the month is The Precious Blood. We don't seem to hear much about the traditional devotions for each month these days, and yet how edifying the pattern is : each month our attention is focused upon a particular truth about the Faith, in which we see unfolding the wonderful working of God.

The Precious Blood brings before us the profound love of Our Lord Jesus Christ , and in doing so it follow on very naturally from The Sacred Heart in June. But now this further devotion highlights the cost of that love. True love always, I suppose, has an element of sacrifice and self-renunciation, and here we are reminded of the terrible cost of Our Lord's saving work. His love for us is so profound that he was ready to undergo death on the Cross, the Cross where his life – symbolized by his blood – was poured out for us. The supreme sacrifice, the giving up of his very life, was offered so that we might have endless life in the heavenly kingdom.

Perhaps as we keep this Month of the Precious Blood we might feel a deep gratitude for Jesus not only having shed his Blood for us on the Cross, but also in making that precious Blood available to us at the Altar. I remember venerating the famous Relic of the Precious Blood at Bruges some years ago. It wasn't a memorable experience because the person conducting the veneration was rattling a money box in front of Pilgrims – you virtually had to pay to venerate. Most unedifying. How different is our Holy Communion when in an atmosphere of reverence and devotion Jesus makes his precious Blood available to the communicant – not just to venerate, but to receive. A wonderful privilege. It would be good for us to reflect during this month of July on the love of Jesus revealed in his Passion and Cross, and also to seek to deepen our sense of reverence and awe as we receive that Precious Blood at the Altar.

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