



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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July 14th, 2024 : 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday ST.BONAVENTURE
9:30am Int. +Fr.Peter Walters
Tuesday OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
9:30am Int. +Marjorie Dawson
Wednesday FERIA
No Mass today
Thursday FERIA
4:30pm (Convent) Int.
Friday FERIA
11:30am Int.
Saturday FERIA
9:30am Int. +John Barnes Snr.
6:00pm Int. For the People

The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) will be said a quarter of an hour before Mass.

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.106 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.882 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 720, 963, 627, 910

THIS WEEK

Today is being kept as Sea Sunday. There will be a retiring collection for the work of *Stella Maris*, in which we have a particular interest here, as it operates in the Port of Felixstowe.

Monday 9.30am The Parents and Toddlers Group meets in the Hall.
3.30pm The first of the annual Afternoon Teas for Church Cleaners, at the Presbytery.

Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we look at paragraphs 1633 to 1645.

Thursday 9.30am Fr.John concelebrates a Mass with the Bishop at St.Alban's School.

Friday 3.30pm The second Church Cleaners Tea, at the Presbytery.

Saturday 4.0pm Confessions & Rehearsal for the First Holy Communion children.

Next Sunday The First Holy Communions will take place at the 10.0am Mass.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Bill Sole (2016), Anthony McGrath (2010), Sean McManus (2011), Sr.Monica Brennan RJM, (2011), and Teresa McNeill (2017). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £311.33 was given in cash in the Offertory, and £14.60 for CAFOD.

Childrens' Liturgy Monica writes : 'This Sunday will be the last week for Children's Liturgy, as next Sunday is First Holy Communion Sunday, and the schools break up for the long Summer holiday after that. Childrens' Liturgy will resume at the beginning of September.

The Rosary Window I've written about our hope to use the *Alive in Faith* money which has accrued over the past few years, and which can only be used for a Parish Project approved by the diocese, for the restoration of the Rosary window, in which the lead-work is failing, just as it did in the contemporary Nave windows. This use of the *Alive in Faith* money was approved unanimously at the last meeting of the Parish Council, which as ever was open to all to attend. The application was duly made, but so far no reply has come from the diocese. I very much hope that we might hear before everything closes down for the summer holidays. The *Alive in Faith* money is not in itself sufficient to pay the total cost of the work, but I've got an idea for how we can raise the shortfall. However it would be rather premature to launch this before we have heard that we have approval to use the accrued money in this way.....

CONTRASTS

Two friends came to lunch last Thursday – priests from London, come to choose some of my redundant books. They didn't know Felixstowe, so I took them on a tour after lunch, first to the Viewing Point, and then to Felixstowe Ferry. They marveled at the contrast between the two scenes : the Orwell with its huge cranes and huge boats, a busy commercial river, and the Deben with its myriad of tiny craft, a relaxed place of quiet recreation. It's one of the fascinating things about Felixstowe that it contains this contrast at either end of the town.

Perhaps there is – perhaps there should be - a similar contrast within our life of prayer. There are of course two kinds of prayer, the prayer which we all make together, usually in church and centered upon the Mass, and the prayer which we make on our own, silently, and often at home. Our Public Prayer and our Private Prayer. The one mostly has a 'busy', active, character. The other is quiet and still. The Orwell and the Deben. But both fit together, both are necessary and valuable,

parts of our prayer life – and neither is dispensable. Some say 'I don't need to join with others in church', whilst some simply don't bother with daily private prayer. But both are necessary for completeness, wholeness, in prayer, and for our spiritual well-being. Just as Felixstowe would not be complete, would not be itself, if either of the two rivers were missing.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

I thought you might be interested in an article from the journal THE BUILDING NEWS, which appeared on May 16th 1913. It was headed *Church of St.Felix, Felixstowe, Suffolk.*

' This Roman Catholic Church is partly built, and the first portion, consisting of the sanctuary and four bays of the nave and aisles, is now in use. The aisles are 5ft. 6in. wide, and are only intended for processions. The nave, which is 30ft wide and 65ft.long, gives the necessary accommodation for seating and worship. The height of the church from the floor to the apex of the vault (which is barrel shape) is 34ft, and the height of the wall to the springing line being 19ft. The aisles are vaulted in concrete, and have a pleasing effect. The church is built of stone in random ashlar, with stone dressings on the outside ; the interior has stone dressings and plaster fillings. The work was begun by the late Mr.Fred Thurman, of Walton, and, on his death, was finished by Mr.W.F.Cross of Felixstowe. The Chapel and Choir and the last bay of the nave, including the façade, still remain to be built. – the work of Mr.J.C.Fowell, of Hammersmith, London. The architect is Mr.F.E.Banham of Beccles, who designed the Minster of St.Benedict in that town. '

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