



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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July 21st, 2024 : 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00p Int. For the People
Sunday 10:00am Int. The First Communicants
Noon (Convent) Int.

Weekday Masses

Monday FEAST OF ST.MARY
MAGDALEN
No Mass today
Tuesday FEAST OF ST.BRIDGET
No Mass today
Wednesday FERIA
No Mass today
Thursday FEAST OF ST.JAMES
No Mass today
Friday ST.JOACHIM & ST.ANNE
No Mass today
Saturday FERIA
6:00pm (St.F) Int.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm, or by appointment.

The Rosary Friday at Noon

The Mass today

The readings for the 6.0pm and Noon Masses can be found on p.109 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.885 of The Sunday Missal. The Readings for the 10.0am are special readings for the First Holy Communion Mass.

Hymns at 10.0am : 629, 803, 659, 652.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The 10.0am Mass today will be the First Holy Communion Mass : those who will be making their First Communions are

AISHA AYED
EMILIA D'CUNHA
FRANCISZEK MATUSZEK
&
CHARLOTTE STARK

We send our Congratulations to them and to their families on this happy occasion!

THIS WEEK

Fr.John plans to have a week of Summer Holiday this week, leaving this afternoon and returning on Saturday morning. He will be in North Norfolk, making some preparations for his move in September.

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 1643 to 1668.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Arthur Green (2006), Brian Tehan (2009), Maurice Simms (2004), Charles Buckley (2018) and James Shevlin (2011). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £367.41 was given in cash in the Offertory, £18.40 for CAFOD and £209.67 in the second collection for Stella Maris.

Missio – Red Boxes Barbara writes : ‘The Missio Mass is on Saturday July 27th 10.30 am at St Etheldreda’s Church Newmarket. See invitation on the notice board. I shall be going, so if anyone would like to join me, please call me.

Salsa Dancing Lesson Barbara writes : ‘The dance lesson donated at the recent Charity Auction will be on Friday August 2nd at 1pm led by dance teacher Kristi Royal. No special clothing or shoes required. Please let me know if you would like to take part, Barbara Lamberton.

THROUGH THE YEAR...

I feel rather badly about being away this coming week, when no less than three Feasts occur! And two of them rather special. On Monday, the Feast of St Mary Magdalen, an especially joyful feast as we remember her on Easter morning, being one of the first disciples to encounter the risen Christ. And then St.James on Thursday, James one of the ‘inner-circle’ of the Apostles, present on the Mount of the Transfiguration, and the first Apostle to be martyred for the Faith. Then also this week, the happy commemoration of St Joachim and St.Anne, the Parents of Our Lady. How important they were in preparing Mary, humanly speaking, for the great role she was to fulfill in God’s scheme of Redemption. I’m sorry not to be here to keep these holy days with you : I will be saying Mass each day in the tiny Oratory in my cottage at Wells-next-the-Sea, and I will be praying for the Parish at that daily celebration.

But whilst I regret being away at the time when these particular holy days occur, in whatever week one chooses to be away there will fall some special day in the Church’s Year! For the fact is that the year is scattered with days when we remember the various saints, saints from every continent and century. They are rather like the myriad of stars which light up the heavens. The Saints – several in the course of each week - enlighten us, encourage us, and urge us on in the path of Christian discipleship. We give thanks to

God for them. And we look forward to the day when, hopefully, we will be in their company!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Today we have the joy of our First Holy Communion, a very special day in the year for every parish. It is rather sad that this year there are only four candidates. But a compensation is the fact that each of the four comes from a family of practicing Catholics, who we can be sure will continue to give the children support and leadership as they begin their lives as Communicant members of the Church. There have been occasions in the past when the numbers have been greater, but when some of candidates have rarely or never been seen at the Altar again. A great sadness. I’m confident that this will not be the case with Aisha, Emilia, Franciszek, and Charlotte. And here it is right to say a word of appreciation to Pauline and Monica, who are such excellent catechists. They carry out their work on behalf of us all, and we are grateful to them.

I think that First Holy Communion Sunday should be a special time for each one of us. As we join in the excitement, the sense of anticipation and occasion, of the candidates we should renew our own joy in receiving our Blessed Lord at the Altar! It is wonderful, extraordinary, that God the Son should come to us so quietly, so gently, so humbly, in Holy Communion. A mystery and a wonder., and a great showing of God’s infinite love for us. ‘I am not worthy’ we say in the Communion devotions at Mass. We are not worthy; we never could be, and yet unresponsive as we sometimes are, Jesus comes into our mouths, into our hearts, into our lives. All out of love. How right it is that we should try to be as recollected and receptive as we can be.

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