

PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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August 11th, 2024 : 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA 9:30am Int. + Michael McGuire (FM) Tuesday FERIA 9:30am Int. Wednesday ST.MAXIMILIAN KOLBE 9:30am Int.

Thursday SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM Holy day of Obligation

Masses : 9.30am at St.Felix Int. Special Intent. 11.0am at the Convent 7.30pm at St.Felix Int. For the People

FridayFERIA11:30amInt.SaturdayOF OUR LADY9:30amInt.6:00pmInt. For Bernadette's recovery

The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) will be said at 9.15am on Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri. & Sat. Vespers on Thurs. at 7.15pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesdays at10.0am, 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. 118 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.897 of The Sunday Missal. Hymns at 10.0am : 924, 644, 982, 761

THIS WEEK

Today The annual Foreign Missions Appeal will be made by Fr.Fidelis on behalf of the Missionary Society of St.Paul (MSP). 'The MSP is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. The MSP warmly invites you to support their mission appeal. There will be a retiring collection at all Masses today.'

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

Tuesday The Catechism Group is on holiday.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Eileen Stafford (2012), John Sullivan (2002), Sr. Angela Foody (2008), Lilian Hart (2000), Maria Connell (2008), Elizabeth Batholomew (2011) and June Elson (2001). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £365.49 was given in cash at the Offertory and £14 for CAFOD.

From the Diocesan Director of Youth Service

'Just left school or university? The Diocesan Youth Service is looking for one more person (age 18-30) to join the Ignite Team, sharing the Gospel Message with young people. This is a full-time position with training, food, accommodation and a monthly allowance provided. For more information see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth'

The Parish Barbecue Philip Dance writes: 'The arrangements for the BBQ on 8th September are gathering pace. We do need to know the number of guests so if you are coming please sign up on one of the forms at the back of the church. The BBQ is a celebration for the whole parish family and to make it a great success sharing plates of food, either sweet or savoury, would really make a difference. To help defray the costs and to keep the BBO free for all we will be holding a raffle, donations of prizes will be most welcome. Forms for donations of food and or raffle prizes are also available at the back of the church. Finally, we need help from all on the day to set up and clear away after the event. If you are able to help, please sign up to be part of the crew.'

Rearranged Fire Safety Awareness Course Wednesday, August 28th, 10.0am - 12.30pm. Stephen Badcock writes 'This course provides 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 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.'

The Charity Auction The final figure raised by the Auction was a magnificent £2,879.17. Subsequently, £1,439.59 has been sent to both *Mary's Meals* and *Let the Children Live!* Well done, everyone, and thank-you to every one who took part! An evidence that we are not just concerned with raising money for our own parish. **National Eucharistic Conference** This is to be held at Oscott, Birmingham, on Saturday September 14th. The diocese is sending a motor coach, on which free seats are available for two lay-people from each Deanery. Are you interested? It means getting to Newmarket under your own steam to pick up the coach, and taking a packed lunch. Cardinal Vincent Nicols will preside at the Mass. The time of departure from Newmarket has not yet been revealed, but the Congress begins at Oscott at 11.0am, and ends at 6.0pm. Please tell me if you would like to go.

Vases Two lovely cut glass vases have been given for use on the Lady Altar. They are the perfect size for lilies and gladioli.

THE ROSARY WINDOW

Amazingly, five out of the twenty panels of the windows have now been sponsored! It is interesting to see on the board in the Porch which these are. I wonder which one will be the next to find a sponsor? The more and more I look at the Rosary window, the finer I think it is. The balance in the placing of the different colours is masterly, as is the whole arrangement of the different mysteries. The window is infinitely worthy of restoration and preservation, and I do hope that there will be further sponsors for the work.

RIDE AND STRIDE 2024

This year the annual Sponsored Ride and Stride event is to take place on Saturday, September 14th. It is aid of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, which awards grants for the repair of churches of all denominations within the county. For the last few years our parish has been one of the most faithful and successful contributors to the Trust, as a result of our Ride and Stride support. This year, I will just have left the parish, and Fr. Michael will not quite have moved in. It would be sad if support for the event collapsed. What we need is a volunteer to act as Parish Organiser this year. It is not a difficult or over time-consuming task, and I would explain to a volunteer exactly what to do. All the material we need arrived a few days ago. Is anyone willing to take this on? I'd be so pleased if some one would assume my mantle in this!