



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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August 18th, 2024 : 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
9:30am Int. +Martin Linnane
Tuesday ST.BERNARD
No Mass today
Wednesday ST.PIUS X
No Mass today
Thursday QUEENSHIP OF MARY
No Mass today
Friday FERIA
11:30am Int.
Saturday FEAST OF ST.BARTHOLOMEW
9:30am Int.
6:00pm Int. +Blodwen & Kevin Greene

The Daily Office

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday at Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm, or by appointment.

The Rosary Friday at Noon

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.121 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p. 901 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 725, 913, 660, 360

THIS WEEK

Fr. John regrets that he has reached a point where he really needs to apply him self to preparing for his move. Therefore Mass will only be offered here this week on Sunday, Monday, Friday and Saturday. We think we've still got so much time to do things, but then... !

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

Tuesday The Catechism Group resumes on September 3rd after the Summer break.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Bridie Burns (2015) and William Demko (2008). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £267.46 was given in cash at the Offertory, and £10.09 for CAFOD. The retiring collection was for the Missionary Society of St.Paul : £480.16 was given, plus other donations which were made through the Missioner's own Dona machine.

Parents & Toddlers Group Kriszti, who leads our Group, writes :

Dear All,

We've been running St.Felix Toddlers on and off for three years now (minus a bit of maternity leave) and have had some lovely people helping out over that time. However recently we've had to cancel a few times because of last minute illness/holiday, when there weren't enough people to cover the Group. It has highlighted the need to have more volunteers. The main things that volunteers are asked to do are :

1. Arrive early to open up and put the toys out.
2. Be the tea/coffee maker.
3. Be responsible for putting the toys away and locking up.

It would be really wonderful if some of you felt you could help with this on a relatively regular basis, then I could make

a rota that would make things easier of our current volunteers (and me.)

Anyone who would like to help, please email back to me what you are able to do - stfelixtoddlers@gmail.com – or call me if you would like to ask more questions.

Thanks so much! Any help given will keep our little group running for future babies & toddlers.’

(Fr. John adds “We so grateful to Kriszti and her current volunteers. We mustn’t let them down. It is a lovely group, which I think you would enjoy supporting. I always enjoy my own visits to it!”)

The BBQ on September 8th Philip Dance writes :
‘The arrangements for the BBQ are well in hand and we have received offers of help, food for the celebration and prizes for the Raffle. This is a free celebration for the whole parish family and if you have not already done so, please add your name to the guest list. The Mass that day will be at 11.0am, so that the BBQ follows on seamlessly. After Mass today there will be folks available to answer questions and you will find forms at the back of church. Over the next two Sundays after the 10.0am Mass there will be a meeting over coffee to look at the details of the day, and if you have offered to help, here will be your chance to get an insight into what is needed.’

The Sponsored Ride and Stride – Saturday September 14th

Following my appeal last week, Hayly Dossor has most kindly offered to be our Parish Representative. Shortly he will be putting out the Sponsorship forms at the back of church. Do take one, ask your family and friends to sponsor you, and then on the day, Cycle, Walk, or Drive to as many churches as you can! The money raised goes to the repair of Suffolk’s churches – of all denominations. Half to the Suffolk Historic Churches organization, and half to the church you nominate (hopefully St. Felix!)

We also have to man the church on that day to sign in the riders and walkers and offer them refreshments. A Rota for that will also be appearing on the noticeboard. Please sign up to do an hour if you can.

THE ROSARY WINDOW

Since last week three more kind people have offered sponsorship for the individual Mysteries depicted in the window, bringing the total up to eight out of twenty! It occurred to me that it might be interesting if the donors told us - anonymously – why they have chosen to sponsor a particular Mystery. Here are the first two :

THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE

“About thirty years ago I attended an Ignation Thirty Day Retreat. In such a retreat, the retreatant meditates on the various incidents in

Our Lord’s life, and using the imagination, puts him or herself into the event – having a sense of really having been there. I found my meditation on the Presentation particularly vivid. I really felt that Mary and Joseph were inviting me to go with them to the Temple. I’ve never forgotten this, and so this particular Mystery of the Rosary remains very special to me.”

THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

“I chose this panel in the window because I have been to the Garden of Gethsemane, and the guide told us that some of the Olive trees there are more than 2,000 years old, and could have been there when Jesus was on the earth. Also I love gardens – visiting them, working in them, and just relaxing in them. Whatever the weather, the garden is full of solace and peace.”

Other donors, please will you consider writing a paragraph about why you chose ‘your’ Mystery? And other parishioners, are you maybe thinking about sponsoring the conservation of one of the panels? If so, you will find full details on the board in the porch – including which Mysteries are still available.

TWO POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Our Lord Jesus Christ knows us through and through. He knows all that we would prefer to remain unknown. He knows how selfish and mean we can be. He knows our weakness and our half-truths. He knows our faults and many failings. He knows our pretences and our foolish ambitions. He knows our refusals to be involved, he knows how we sometimes turn our back on those in need. He knows our prejudices and our refusal to understand and to forgive. And yet, and yet, he loves us, loves us infinitely and always.

Jesus is always waiting for us. Waiting for us to remember him, to speak to him, to tell him our needs and our troubles. Waiting for us to tell him that we love him, and that we want to follow him, and please him in all that we do. In Our Lord’s waiting we see his wonderful patience, a patience which again points to his great love for us. The love of Jesus is at the heart of all