



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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August 25th, 2024 : 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

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

of The Sunday Missal.

Hymns at 10.0am : 880, 698, 662, 715

THIS WEEK

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
9:30am Int.
Tuesday ST.MONICA
9:30am Int.
Wednesday ST.AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO
8.0am Int.
Thursday THE PASSION OF ST.JOHN
THE BAPTIST
4:30pm (Convent) Int.
Friday ST.MARGARET CLITHEROW
11:30am Int.
Saturday ST.AIDAN
9:30am (Int.
6:00pm (St.F) Int. Fo

Monday No Parents and Toddlers Group today, as today is a Bank Holiday.

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

Saturday Fr.John says his final Masses at the Warren Hill and Hollesley Bay Prisons, so no 9.30am Mass here today.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week John Chapman (2005), and Sr.Margaret Mary Flynn RJM (2000). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £453.49 was given in cash at the Offertory, and £18.45 for CAFOD.

Annual Ipswich Deanery Quiz 'The Knights of St.Columba are holding the 2024 Deanery Quiz in St.Mary's Hall, Woodbridge Road, on Saturday 28th September, Start time is 7.30pm. Up to 3 teams of four adults (plus any children) per parish. Entry fee £5 per adult – includes buffet. Please would each team contact the KSC Quiz Organiser to book a place. See Quiz advert on Noticeboard for further information.'

The Daily Office

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

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. 123 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.905

Suffolk Ride and Stride 2024 – Volunteer walk leader wanted! Haley Dossor, our Parish Organiser, writes 'We need a volunteer to take Fr.John's place in leading the walk around the

nine Felixstowe churches on the afternoon of Saturday 14th September. The walk would normally start at St.Felix at 2.0pm and finish by 3.30pm. Please let me know if you can help.'

Fr.John's Celebration BBQ, 8th September

Philip Dance writes :

Dear fellow parishioner,

The arrangements for the BBQ are well in hand and we have over 100 guests signed up to come along. If you haven't done so already, please add your name to the list. We have had many offers of side dishes and desserts for the day and if you plan to bring something along, please be sure to let us know so that we can finalise the catering arrangements.

Donations for raffle prizes should be placed in the box in the sacristy as soon as possible and we really need these by Friday 6th September at the latest so that we can be ready in time. If you plan to help with the arrangements on the day, the set-up teams will be in the garden at 6.0pm on Saturday 7th and again at 8.30am on Sunday 8th. Do come along and contribute in any way you can to a great parish family party in recognition of Fr. John's long years of service.

(Please don't forget that Mass on the 8th will be at 11.0am, so that you can go straight from it into the BBQ.)

THE ROSARY WINDOW

Since last week another of the Mysteries in the Rosary window has been sponsored!

Two more of the kind Sponsors of the scenes in the Rosary window have written – anonymously – about why they chose to sponsor their particular panels:

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

“Our Lord Jesus Christ, born in a stable, so innocent an infant, so he could be the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world. Our Lady had deep faith and total trust in God. Like Mary, we are asked to trust in God.

We have been very blessed to have visited Bethlehem twice, the place of Our Lord's birth. It was awesome.

Christmas is also very special, because it is such a joyful time! We know as parents, it is such

a joy when our children are born, and it must have been so with Mary and Joseph, with the angels' announcement to the shepherds, and their singing 'Glory to God in the highest and peace among men'. What happiness Christmas brings to everyone, irrespective of each one's belief, because the joy is simply beyond one's comprehension.”

THE ANNUNCIATION

“I've always loved the beauty and colour of all the windows in St.Felix', but as a child I particularly liked the Annunciation window because the angel Gabriel's dress was pink. Many years on, I see the Annunciation as representing an opportunity and encouragement to say 'yes' to God, as Mary bravely did.”

“SEE YOU LATER”

This morning the jolly Assistant at TESCO concluded our transaction with the words 'See you later'. It's not an uncommon phrase - it seems to be a current substitute for 'Goodbye'. But I always find it rather unnerving. 'See you later' : had we, I wondered, got some arrangement that she would visit me later in the day? Had I forgotten something that had been fixed previously? Was I meant to return to the store this afternoon? 'See you later' : I honestly couldn't recall that we were going to meet up later.....

But then as I walked home, puzzled and a little anxious, it struck me that the words 'See you later' could be used by fellow-Christians as a rather impressive Act of faith. 'See you later' – yes, this is our Christian hope. That we will, as St.Thomas More put it , 'meet up merrily in heaven', when on the last day we are part of that general Resurrection which has been promised to us. So yes, 'See you later' – see you later in the heavenly kingdom, when all parting is finally over and we rejoice together in the presence of God.