



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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September 1st, 2024 : 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
No Mass today
Tuesday ST.GREGORY THE GREAT
9:30am Int. Roy Combs – for Recovery
Wednesday ST.CUTHBERT
No Mass today
Thursday FERIA
4:30pm (Convent) Int.
Friday FERIA
11:30am Int.
3.0pm *Funeral Mass for Sheila Mann RIP*
Saturday FERIA
9:30am Int. Alfie
6:00pm Int. Decd. Members of the Badcock & Peacock families

The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) will be said a quarter of an hour before Mass on Tues, Fri, and 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.126 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.909 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 601, 803, 607, 716

THIS WEEK

NEXT SUNDAY THE PARISH MASS WILL BE AT 11.0AM, NOT THE USUAL 10.0AM, PRIOR TO THE PARISH BBQ
Mass at the Convent will be at 9.30am

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

Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group resumes after the Summer break, in the Cooper Room. This week we look at paragraphs 1680 to 1690.

Friday 3.0pm Funeral Mass for Sheila Mann, RIP, followed later by Cremation.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Annie Logan-Mann (2010), Terry Madden (2008), and Max Scott (2000). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £383.10 was given at the Offertory, and £233.20 for CAFOD. Next Sunday is Education Sunday : there will be a retiring collection for Catholic Education Services

Childrens' Liturgy Monica writes 'Children's Liturgy will resume next Sunday, September 8th, after the Summer break. We desperately need more people to join the rota of people who provide Children's Liturgy, so if there is anyone who would be willing to join the team, please speak to Monica Macdonald or any of the team of liturgists.

Fr. John's Celebration BBQ next Sunday, 12.0 following Mass at 11.0am

Philip Dance writes 'The arrangements for the BBQ are well in hand and we have over 120 guests signed up to come along. You are all very welcome to this free event to celebrate with Fr. John.

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. If you can help with setting up, the teams will be in the garden at 6.0pm on Saturday 7th and again at 8.30am on Sunday 8th. Donations of food should be taken to the kitchen in the Hall, where the team will be there to receive and care for them. 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.'

THE ROSARY WINDOW

No further sponsorship this week, but a kind parishioner has made the offer of a generous donation towards the work. If *you* don't feel able to sponsor a Mystery, but would similarly like to contribute, then that would be most welcome.

Meanwhile another Sponsor – husband and wife – say why they chose a particular Mystery :

THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS

'We chose this mystery because it echoes, for us, our path through life. We may encounter love and unexpected kindnesses, as well as blows and disappointments. It also brings back the special memory of a deceased family member playing the part of Simon of Cyrene in a Good Friday witness Service.'

MAKE ME A CHANNEL

I suppose one of the most popular modern hymns is *Make me a channel of your peace*, an adaption of some words of St. Francis of Assisi, sung to an easy and memorable tune. It is sung on all kinds of occasions. But it strikes me that even more important than being a channel of God's peace is being a channel of his love. Jesus has taught us to love one another, and this loving is always 'being a channel' of God's love. God loves all people, good or bad, profoundly. And he wants to manifest that love through you and me. He wants us to be channels, funnels, through

which his love is poured out. It is a wonderful and awesome task which we have been given, to be channels of his love. And of course it makes demands upon us. Channels, whether veins or sewers, must be kept clear. If they are blocked, they are no use. We must ensure that the channels through which God's love can pour out through us are kept clear. Sin is the major source of blockage. Confessions and God's forgiveness clears the blockage within us, and allows his love to flow out through us.

WHAT I'M GOING TO DO

It's possible that some of you knew Fr. Augustine Hoey, a renowned spiritual director and giver of retreats, who lived latterly in Walsingham. He assisted at the Shrine there, and died a few years ago, aged over one hundred.

Before becoming a Catholic priest, Fr. Hoey had been a member of an Anglican religious order - the Mirfield Fathers - and at one point had led a small group of the Fathers in establishing a Community house in the east end of London. He is remembered as saying with surprise "Some people have asked me what we are going to DO? We're not going to DO anything. We're simply going to BE". By which I think he meant that the Fathers would simply be a Christian presence where they settled, ready to meet whatever demands might be made upon them.

Several people have asked me recently what I'm going to DO in my retirement – now just a week away. I've been reminded of Fr. Hoey's reply to the same question! I too want to say that I'm not going to DO anything. I'm hoping just to pursue the priestly life, saying my Daily Office, and saying Mass each day in the tiny Oratory in my cottage. To say Mass each day is essentially what a priest is ordained to do. Offering the Holy Sacrifice for the living and the dead is the foundation of the priestly life, the priest's duty, joy, and privilege. But also, of course I'll seek to be available for any other work that God may call me to do, which I imagine is likely to include supplying for parish priests who are ill or on holiday. People already retired tell me that I will not be left wondering how on earth to fill my time! But as for 'doing', what I will do is entirely in the hands of God. I think that maybe retirement can mean being available to God in a new and exciting way