



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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September 8th, 2024 : 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People

Sunday **11:00am** Int.

9.30am (Convent) Int.

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA

8.0am Int. +Joe Lynch

Tuesday FERIA

No Mass today

Wednesday FERIA

No Mass today

Thursday MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

No Mass today

Friday ST.JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

No Mass today

Saturday FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS

6:00pm Int For the People

The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) will be said at 7.45am on Monday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before the 6.0pm Mass on Saturday, by request.

The Rosary Friday at Noon

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.130 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.913 of The Sunday Missal.

Hymns at 10.0am : 720, 883, 795, 761

THIS WEEK

Today The Parish Barbeque follows the

11.0am Mass, at twelve Noon. Please enter the Presbytery Garden by way of the Memorial Garden.

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

Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we look at paragraphs 1691 to 1700.

Next Sunday Fr.Chris Dobson, a retired priest living near Framlingham, has kindly agreed to say the Masses. Fr.Michael, our new Parish Priest, hopes to arrive in the parish a week on Tuesday, and will say his first Mass here on the following Thursday.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Helen Gorham (2016), Rosmary Banks (2021), Pamela Russell (2009), Sr. Genevieve Devereux (2019), Felix Shaw (2000), Monica Barsby (2008). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £363.12 was given in cash at the Offertory, and £10.08 for CAFOD. Today being dubbed Education Sunday, there is a retiring collection for Catholic Education.

Helga Barnett RIP Many were sad to hear of Helga's recent death – it only seems a few weeks ago since she was brought to Mass in a wheelchair by her faithful son Nick. She had been a member of the congregation for many years, and was quite a character. She received the Sacraments shortly

before her death. May she Rest in Peace. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday September 20th, at 11.30am.

The Sponsored Ride & Stride This takes place next Saturday, September 14th. It's not too late to take a Sponsorship Form today, and round up some sponsors before walking or cycling to as many churches as you can on Saturday! You would be supporting a very worthy cause. Our churches throughout Suffolk are constantly in need of repair. Also we need two or three more volunteers to 'man' our own church on Saturday, to sign people in and welcome them. The Rota is on the noticeboard. Do please help, it's fun.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP FOR EDUCATION SUNDAY 2024

On this Education Sunday we give thanks to almighty God for the work undertaken by all our Catholic Schools, Colleges and Universities across England and Wales. Our Catholic educational institutions are essential instruments in the mission of the Church and we can be proud of their achievements. I call on the diocesan family to pray for all who contribute to the great enterprise of Catholic education. We can rejoice that our children and young people are guided and supported by a great cohort of dedicated governors, leaders and staff.

Bishop Marcus Stock, who heads the Episcopal Conference Department for Catholic Education and Formation, writes: Christ is the foundation of the whole educational enterprise in a Catholic school. As "the way, the truth, and the life" Christ is both the object and subject of Catholic education. A Catholic educational institution seeks to root the gospel of Christ in the minds of students, providing a holistic formation that promotes human flourishing, inspiring a lifelong love of learning and fostering the virtues that will assist all people to discover in themselves and in others the truth, goodness and beauty of God.

The Diocese of East Anglia is blessed with a flourishing network of Catholic schools. Our schools are popular and highly regarded. I am happy to report that over the past year three more of our schools have joined, or are in the process of joining, one or other of our Catholic Multi Academy Trusts (MAT) – the St. John the Baptist MAT or Our Lady of Walsingham MAT. The objective of the Diocese is that all our Catholic schools will join the MAT system by September 2025.

I wish to offer particular thanks to the volunteers who support the governance of our schools and trusts. There are over 200 volunteer foundation governors and foundation directors serving the needs of the Diocese. With great generosity and professional commitment, these governors and directors offer their time and expertise to ensure that our schools provide the best possible Catholic environment for teaching and learning.

On this Day of Prayer for Catholic Education I invite you to consider whether you might contribute to the work of governance. Our schools and trusts cannot function without the voluntary service provided by foundation governors and foundation directors. Could you provide the support, challenge and oversight that is needed? I ask you to consider stepping forward to assist in the mission of Catholic education. You can contact the Diocesan Schools' Service directly to seek information and to discuss possibilities.

As the new academic year commences, I urge you to join me in praying earnestly for all our school communities.

Yours in Christ,

+ Peter

The Right Reverend Peter G. Collins

Bishop of East Anglia

'WISH ME LUCK AS YOU WAVE ME GOODBYE'!

(I've wondered whether I dare have that song at the end of my Funeral Mass, but some might be shocked!) However, today is when I have to say 'Goodbye' to you all in Felixstowe. For me, it is a case of 'all good things must come to an end', because I've certainly enjoyed my ten years here. They have been good years, and it is you, all of you, who have made them so. I'm deeply grateful. (One of the things that I've particularly enjoyed has been 'doing' the Newsheet week by week. I'll really miss that!)

Recently I came upon my 'Goodbye' Newsheet for my last parish. In it I apologised for all my shortcomings during my years as Parish priest there. So many things that I might have done, and hadn't done. So many opportunities missed. So many mistakes made. I find that I need to say just the same things on this occasion. I suspect that at the BBQ today people will say nice things. But I know the other side of the picture. I've not been as good a parish priest as I would have liked to have been. And for that I'm truly sorry, and ask your forgiveness.

I think there is an old French saying that 'to part is to die a little', and I certainly feel that as I leave you, my adopted family. I will miss you, your kindness and your generosity, but I will be comforted by the knowledge that we remain one in Christ, part together of that great family which is the Catholic Church. And also by the knowledge that an excellent priest is to follow me here, who you will find to have big pastoral heart. And so goodbye, and thank you for everything.