

Dear Friends,

Jeremiah, in the first reading, bemoans the sufferings and hardships of being a prophet. In the Gospel, Jesus asks his followers to be brave in promoting their faith.

The Second Vatican Council taught that every Christian should give a living witness to Christ, at least through living a life of faith and charity and by joining in worship and prayer. We are all successors, through our baptism, to Jeremiah and the apostles: we are all baptised priest, prophet, and king and our job is to share Christ's message with the world.

This is not an easy task. The spirit of today's society, the example of our contemporaries, and the irreligious mood of much of the media do not always foster God-fearing attitudes or encourage sound moral standards.

In most countries, Christians are not persecuted for showing their faith in Christ and the Gospel - thank God. Even where the freedom to do so is guaranteed, the going is not easy: living according to this teaching is 'swimming against the tide' of a culture of materialism.

Jesus warns that being a Christian will cost sacrifice and suffering. In the centre of their souls, prophetic people have the happiness of working with the Lord, who is the ultimate truth on whom we all depend.

We are bound to face opposition from a world that does not gladly submit to the word of God, that makes so many demands on human nature, but there is real satisfaction in standing up for the truth of things.

Dcn Huw ☺

ST FELIX CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, HAVERHILL
is holding
**A CONSULTATION ON REDUCING
THEIR ADMISSION NUMBER**

Please read the consultation document sent with this newsletter.

A response form has also been sent.

You can return this by one of the means described on

page 4 of the document.

Thank you.



PARISH OF ST. FELIX
**TWELTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
'DAY FOR LIFE'

Sunday 21st June 2020

[Psalter Week 4]

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NO CHURCH SERVICES until further notice
however the church will be open for **private prayer only**
Tuesday 6-8 p.m., Friday 9-11 a.m., Sunday 2-4 p.m.

LITURGY of the WORD – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: *He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.*
Jeremiah chapter 20 verses 10-13

Psalm: *In your great love, answer me, O God.*
Psalm 68 verses 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35.

2nd reading: *The gift considerably outweighed the fall*
Romans chapter 5 verses 12-15

Gospel: *Do not be afraid of those who kill the body.*
The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 10 verses 26-33

An Alternative Act of Spiritual Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
I come before you at this Mass,
in this way,
seeking your blessing
and offering you my life.

I am not able to receive you
in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood
but I have received the grace
of being called into your presence.

May my present hunger for the Eucharist,
my longing to be reunited with you, Lord,
and your holy people,
lead me to a deeper appreciation
of my faith and its place in my life.

During these days, in particular,
and during this Year of the Word,
may I draw strength and nourishment
from the Scriptures:
the Gospels which speak directly of you,
and those passages with which you
opened the minds of the disciples
on the Road to Emmaus.

Amen

(cf. St George's RC Church, Norwich website... with thanks)



SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

Although we are not able to use our church at the moment, the parish still has regular financial commitments to meet, even though we are not currently able to make our weekly offertory in church. If you usually give to the parish in this way would you please consider setting up a standing order to make your regular payment, if you are able to do this. You could also make single payments through your bank as and when you can. The parish bank details are:- **Account name: ST FELIX CATHOLIC CHURCH.**

Sort code: 60-10-21

Account number: 90018850

New items for the newsletter can be sent by email to:

stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

*"... if there is anything you need, pray for it,
asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving" (Philippians 4:6)*

**Please pray for all who are sick, those who are anxious or troubled,
and for all those requesting our prayers:**

*[As we cannot put our intentions in our prayer intentions book in church
at the present time please send them to linda.pector@gmail.com
if you would like to do so, to be included here]*

- Pray for all who are sick, that they may recover speedily and fully.
- Pray for all affected in various ways by Covid-19
- Pray for the pupils, their parents and the staff of our schools seeking to give children good educational opportunities in challenging circumstances.
- On this Day for Life, pray that all people may be treated with respect and have their God-given dignity acknowledged throughout life.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Kavanagh and for his family

God our Father,

we pray for the many people who have asked for our prayers
for their healing and their peace.

Hold them, shelter them and keep them in your tender care.

Comfort those who grieve and give courage to those who are fearful.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Florence Clements, John Coggans, Ernest Barton, Margaret Manning,
Conrad Kravze Jnr, Nina Brochman, Mary Anne Callinan,
Nellie Duncombe, Francesca Rae, Colin Staight.

During Summer (up to September), we are asked to pray for:

A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those
experiencing Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights;
Human Life; Europe; Seafarers.

Pray with Pope Francis:

In June Pope Francis asks us to join him in praying for

The Way of the Heart.

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing
themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

LITURGY of the WORD

Bishop Alan has asked Deacon Huw to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in St. Felix Church when he can. Dcn. Huw will be alone, behind closed, locked doors. However we can unite with him from home, reading and reflecting on the day's readings using a Missal if we have one, or a Bible.

10.00 a.m. Sunday 21st June – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for Sunday are listed above.

6.00 p.m. Wednesday 24th June

The Nativity of St John the Baptist

Isaiah 49 v. 1-6, Psalm: 138 v. 1-3, 13-15, Acts 13 v. 22-26

The Gospel according to Luke: 1 v. 57-66, 80.

A Reflection – Spiritual Communion

It's been 13 weeks since I received Holy Communion. Who's counting? **I am!**

Early in lockdown I had some very powerful, and what I usually describe as, 'Jesus Moments'. One in particular took my breath away. Whilst watching Sion Community's online-Mass, as the words of 'Spiritual Communion' were being read out, paradoxically, I felt an overwhelming union with our Lord, yet a piercing reality of the poverty within my spirit, a sort of starvation of Communion.

As the days and weeks have gone on, I've been hoping and praying for this moment of union to return and I'm still living in hope that I will experience this again. I'm feeling now, that I will only experience this once I receive Jesus again in the real presence, the Eucharist. Online Mass now feels as though I am a spectator, an observer into something I don't feel part of.

Some years ago when I first read Justin Martyr's early accounts of the Mass, I felt, what I can now only describe as a 'Baptism in the Holy Spirit'. Martyr's words spoke so deeply to me! Our call is that we should literally run to receive the Body of Christ at Mass, and then literally run from Mass (Missa/Sent) to share with everyone what we have received. Sadly, I do not feel this command to go share what I have not received in these days. One could argue, of course, I have received by virtue of my baptism and I have a call on my life to share the Good News, and of course I do still have the desire to do this, but the Eucharist feeds me in order to go out, it is 'The Source and Summit' of our faith. Justin Martyr's words have and will forever resonate with me as part of my mission in life.

Do you have an experience of 'Spiritual Communion' you would like to share?
United in prayer.

Karen Shurety, Sion Community

During lockdown **ST FELIX'S TEAM of FLOWER ARRANGERS**

have been keeping their 'hands and eyes' in.

While we are not yet able to enjoy and appreciate their talents in church we can do so here....



WHERE DO WE GO FOR LIVE-STREAMED MASSES?

The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales [CBCEW] has produced a **Directory of 'Live-streamed' Catholic Masses** in different locations, at different times and in different languages.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/online-mass-directory/>

'Radio Maria England' broadcasts Masses and other prayers.

DAB: Radio Maria England (Band 11C 220.352 MHz)

Radio Maria can also be accessed through the 'Tune-in' app on any smartphone.

Opening of St Felix Church
for PRIVATE PRAYER

Churches are now able to open their doors to allow people to enter for private individual prayer.

[Group praying of the rosary is not yet allowed]

Churches must comply with Covid-19 safety requirements

St Felix will initially be open 3 times a week

To try to give an opportunity for people in different situations to come the times have been spread across the week:-

Tuesdays 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Fridays 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.,

Sundays 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

This will depend on having sufficient volunteer stewards.

If you are able to help during any of these times please let Dcn. Huw know (contact details below)

Coming into church is currently a very different experience -

The main entrance and narthex will remain closed.

Entering St. Felix church will be by the door on the organ/choir side of the church.

You will be required to use the hand sanitising facilities before entering the church.

In church, movement around will be according to a set route.

The recommended social distance will be required at all times (except by members of the same family/household).

The stewards will help you find a seat in church and will control the numbers entering to ensure social distancing.

The red seats are not in use. If you find the benches uncomfortable you may wish to bring your own cushion.

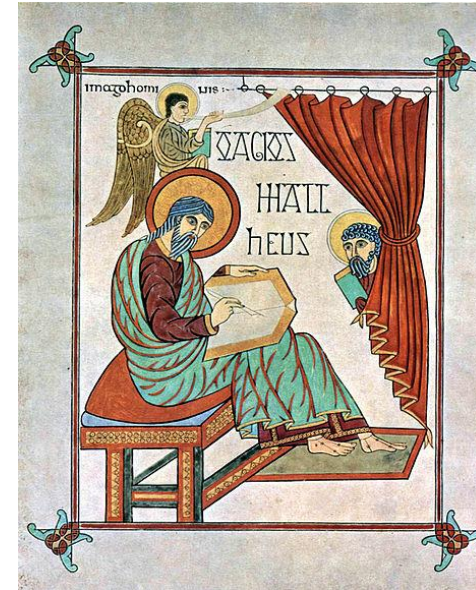
Exit will be by the other side door where there will be another hand sanitation station.

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ORDINARY TIME:



*Grant that your faithful, O Lord,
whom you nourish and endow with life
through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament,
may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts
that we may merit an eternal share in his life.*

Roman Missal, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Besides the times of year that have their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honoured in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary Time.

Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar, 42

Beginning with the Third Sunday, there is a semi-continuous reading of the Synoptic Gospels. This reading is arranged in such a way that as the Lord's life and preaching unfold the teaching proper to each of these Gospels is presented.

Lectionary: Introduction 105

[from the website of the CBCEW]

In the Liturgy of the Word we are now predominantly back in 'Ordinary Time'.

Our Sunday cycle is Year A and the weekday cycle is Year II.

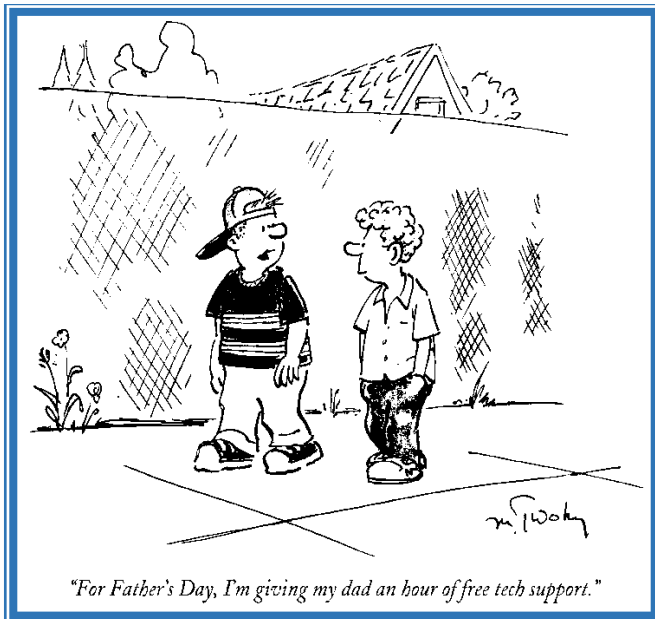
That means that our focus Gospel for the current Liturgical year is 'Matthew'



ST FELIX'S OPEN DOOR

15.06.20

*Lord,
In your mercy
hear our
prayer*



HEALING THE DIVIDE

Representatives from various Churches across Suffolk recently held a virtual meeting to see how we might prayerfully respond to the movement "Black Lives Matter". We invite all churches to mark:

**Thursday, 25th June
as a special Day of Prayer
(one month after the death of George Floyd).
The title for the day is: *Healing the Divide*.**

Go to www.light-wave.org/healingthedivide for an introduction to the day; a calendar to sign up for an hour of prayer on that day and resources.

Prayer for Racial Justice

Father,
you created each one of us in your own image.
Yet yours is a world made glorious by its rich diversity.
This we sometimes misunderstand, sometimes fear.
Give us the patience to build on what unites us,
to celebrate our differences and to learn from them.
Grant us the wisdom to recognise your Church,
beyond the walls of a building,
reaching out across all communities, countries and cultures.
Give us the courage to offer refuge to those in need,
to challenge prejudice and seek justice for all.
Help us see that you created us in your image.

Neighbour or stranger,
always our brother or sister.

Amen.

(Catholic Association for Racial Justice)

David Bagstaff
[The Vicar General]



Which famous Bible character had no parents?

Joshua, son of Nun.

ST. FELIX YOUNG PARISHIONERS

I hope you and your families continue to keep well. The Children's Liturgy Group are keeping you all in our prayers each day. Remember many churches are live-streaming Sunday Mass and other masses and services during the week. There are details in this newsletter.

Children's Liturgy activities for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time are in the file sent out with this newsletter

Parents, please continue to encourage the children to keep their church activities in a folder of some kind, and when we are back together, they could bring it into church and we will celebrate what they have done.

Keep safe and well. With best wishes and prayers,

Angela Wilson, Children's Liturgy Group



**Please donate at local stores:
Small jars coffee, tea bags, long
life milk and juice, sugar,
tinned vegetables and fruit,
toiletries and hygiene products.**

Thank you

ST FELIX 100 CLUB UPDATE

Monthly '100 Club' subs: I have put a box in the church near the current EXIT door. If you are able and willing to do so you can leave any 'catch-up' money and future payments in a sealed envelope with your name and 100 Club number on it, in the box.

I can then catch up on the draws. March, April and May are overdue.
(Members who usually pay regularly will still be included in the draw even if they have not been able to get their payments up to date.

We will deduct outstanding subs from their winnings ☺)

Annual subs are now due:

Anyone who normally pays annually, or anyone else who wishes to, can pay the **£60.00** directly into the Parish Building Fund account using these details:

St Felix Catholic Church, Sort code: 60 10 21.

Account number: **90032055** Reference: **100club your number**

[If you make an electronic payment please let me know so I can update the book – joe@bullfarm.co.uk]

Thank you, Joe Staight.

Celebrate 7 Years of Pope Francis



**Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology
Zoom Seminar Series
led by Dr Peter Coughlan**

Pope Francis completed his seventh year as Bishop of Rome in March this year. This seminar – with three sessions in July and three in October - will reflect on some of the significant features of his pontificate to date.

First session - The heart of Francis' pontificate.

Second session - *Evangelli gaudium*;

The Joy of the Gospel,

Third session - 'The name of God is mercy'.

Fourth session - Seeking renewal in the Church,
especially through 'synodality

Fifth & Sixth sessions –

questions of crucial importance for Pope Francis:

'Care for humanity's common home', the environment.

The inequalities and injustice present in our world.

Wednesdays 10am–12pm BST,

8, 15, 22 July & 7, 14, 21 October 2020.

£20 per seminar or £100 if you sign up for all 6 seminars

To book email mbitadm@hermes.cam.ac.uk