

ST FELIX MASSES & MASS INTENTIONS
[All Masses are celebrated in church & live-streamed]

Link for Live Streamed Masses is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEHq3Ww93rfGfMGzXS25A2w/>

Sixth Sunday of Easter

SATURDAY 8th MAY: 6.30 p.m. *The People of the Parish*

SUNDAY 9th MAY: 10.00 a.m. *Fr. Michael Teader RIP*

Sixth Week of Easter

TUESDAY 11th MAY: 7.30 p.m. *Mary Thomas RIP*

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD [Solemnity]

THURSDAY 13th MAY: 10.00 a.m. *The People of the Parish*
7.30 p.m. *Private Int.*

FRIDAY 14th MAY: 10.00 a.m. *Mary and Ray Banham RIP*

Seventh Sunday of Easter

SATURDAY 15th MAY: 6.30 p.m. *Colin and Dorothy Staight RIP*

SUNDAY 16th MAY: 10.00 a.m. *The People of the Parish*

CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR INDIA

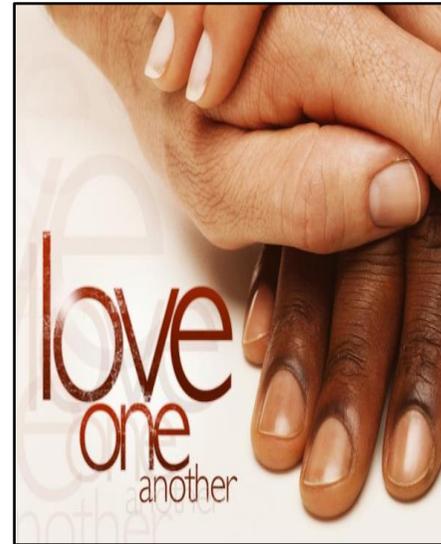
As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities.

Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India:

- distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers,
- promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns,
- and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres.

You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give or in the plate at the back of church this weekend.

Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.



PARISH OF ST. FELIX
SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

9th May 2021

[Psalter Week 2]

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Our School: St. Felix Catholic Primary School: Tel: 01440 703775
Head of School: Mrs. A. Dodds

WHEN ATTENDING MASS & SERVICES IN OUR CHURCH
Please check and follow St Felix's Covid security requirements

Items for the newsletter should be sent to
stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com
by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Dear Friends,

The theme of love is clear in the readings we hear this weekend. From our earliest years we have learned to know what genuine love is, not from lessons in words, but by being loved ourselves. True love expresses itself in action rather than in words. True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be, and will not be.

The readings invite us to recognise that the Paschal Mystery, that is the centre of our Easter celebration, is an expression of God's love for us, and an invitation to enter into the love of Jesus and his Father, and to give expression to it in our own lives. The Father's love was expressed when he 'sent into the world his only Son, so that we could have life in him'. God's love is an outreach of utter generosity and it comes before any response on our part. Jesus reminds us how complete is the gift which he brings, as an expression of the love which he shares with the Father: 'A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friend'.

Jesus commands us to practise this type of sacrificial and selfless *agápe* love as he practised it. Coming to a deeper appreciation of the love that the Father and the Son have for us will give us enthusiasm and energy for the Gospel message which we must express through our lives in the coming week.

The most effective way of communicating God's love to others is by treating everyone as a friend, giving each the respect he or she deserves as a human being; as God's creation. In moments of trial and stress, when people are hostile or ungrateful and we feel the pull of bitter resentment in our hearts, it is important for us to remember that Christ's own love was not limited to the people he liked.

Dcn Huw ☺

Parish Gardening Group

We are looking to set up a Parish Gardening Group to look after the grounds around our church - to keep them tidy and share ideas of how we can best develop the green spaces to reflect some of Pope Francis' ideas from his 2015 Encyclical 'Laudato Si' on Care for our Common Home.

If you are interested and have some time available to be part of this group, please let Fr John know as soon as possible by email to:

john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk

[Current Covid rules mean we can only meet outside in groups of 6]

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

Your weekly offering to the church is essential to our parish. There are collection plates by the doors for your weekly offering to the parish when you attend Mass.

However, it would be a great help if you could set up a standing order for your regular payment to the parish. You can also make single payments through your bank.

The parish bank details are:-

Account name: **ST FELIX CATHOLIC CHURCH.**

Sort code: **60-10-21** *Account number:* **90018850**

Reference: **'Your name'**

**If you Gift-Aid your donations to the church
add 'GA' and the number on your payment envelope to the
reference e.g. *Baggins-GA598***

There are still a few new Gift Aid Envelopes for 21/22 for people who do not pay through the bank available in church. Please ask a steward to get yours for you when you are in church. *Thank you*

Live Streaming from St Felix Church

Currently our live streamed Masses on our Parish YouTube Channel are from my mobile phone. We did get a quote for a permanent system to be installed in our church last September, and now we need to fund-raise to enable this to happen. A permanent system would be more secure and provide better quality sound and pictures for all celebrating with us, and also could be available outside normal published Mass times. This will make sure all who are currently using our Live Streaming can continue to do so and others can make use of this important part of our parish mission.

To install this system we need to upgrade the current internet and broadband connection to the church. The cost of this plus installation will be in the region of £7000. Any donations to enable this to take place during the coming months are very welcome.

If you wish to make a donation for the permanent live streaming system in church, please place your donation in an envelope marked **'Live streaming'**, or if you pay directly into the parish account please use the reference **'Live Stream'**.
Thank you. Fr John

An Act of Spiritual Communion



*My Jesus,
I believe that you are present
in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things and I passionately
desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my heart
so that I may be united wholly to you
now and forever. Amen.*

Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians

Next Sunday, the Sixth Sunday of Easter is a Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians, when Eastern and Western Christians come together in communion through prayer.

For more information, please visit www.facecharity.org

LITURGY of the WORD

[Sunday readings – YEAR B, weekday readings – YEAR 1]

Sixth Sunday of Easter [08/09.05.2021]

- 1st reading: *The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.*
Acts chapter 9 verses 26-31
- Psalm: *The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations*
Psalm 97 verses 1-4.
- 2nd reading: *God is love.*
1 John chapter 4 verses 7-10
- Gospel: *A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends*
The Gospel according to John, chapter 15 verses 9-17.

Tuesday in the Sixth Week of Easter [11.05.2021]

- 1st reading: Acts of the Apostles chapter 16 verses 22-34
- Psalm: *You stretch out your hand and save me, O Lord*
Psalm 137 verses 1-3, 7-8
- Gospel: The Gospel according to John chapter 16 verses 5-11

The Ascension of the Lord [13.05.2021]

- 1st reading: *He was lifted up while they looked on.*
Acts of the Apostles chapter 1 verses 1-11
- Psalm: *God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.*
Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9
- 2nd reading: *He made him sit at his right hand in heaven*
Ephesians chapter 1 verses 17-23
- Gospel: *He was taken up into heaven; there at the right hand of God he took his place*
The Gospel according to Mark chapter 16 verses 15-20

Friday in the Sixth Week of Easter [14.05.2021]

- 1st reading: Acts of the Apostles chapter 18 verses 9-18
- Psalm: *God is king of all the earth.*
Psalm 46 verses 2-7
- Gospel: The Gospel according to John chapter 16 verses 20-23

ST FELIX 100 CLUB

Prizes of £150 and £100. However, without a full membership we are unable to raise our normal funds for the parish.

I am happy to recruit new members. If you wish to join, email me at joe@bullfarm.co.uk I will then issue a membership number.

It may not be possible for you to leave payments in the '100 Club' box in church at the moment. However, please keep your payments so that you can catch up again when you are able. [If you can let me know if you are unable to make payments in any way at the moment that will be helpful]

You may, of course begin electronic payments to the church bank account
Annual payment (usually due in June) - £60.00. Monthly payment - £5
Please Email me if you decide to begin to pay electronically so I can record you as 'paid' on the 100 Club register - joe@bullfarm.co.uk

Parish Bank Details for electronic payments are:

Account Name: **St Felix Catholic Parish**

Bank Account Number: **90032055** Sort code: **60-10-21**

Reference: **100 club + your number**

Thank you very much, Joe Staight

Your monthly payments to the Church Building Fund can also be paid directly to the church account using the parish Bank account details above.

Ref: your name-GA + your gift aid envelope number.

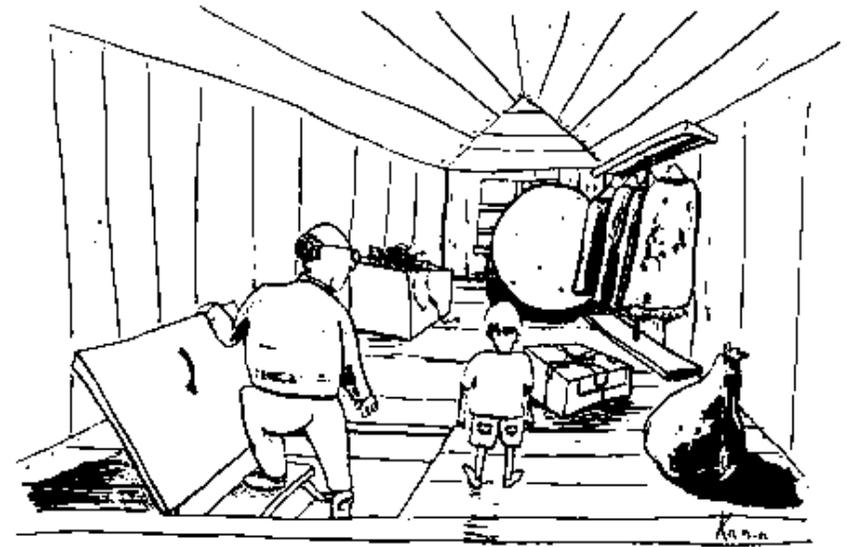
CHILDREN'S LITURGY & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Dear parents and children,

I hope you are all keeping well and that the resources sent with this newsletter will enable you to share some special time together, with Jesus, in your homes. Keep safe and well.

Please continue to remember our children who are preparing to receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time in the summer and their families in your prayers.

Angela Wilson [Children's Liturgy Group] & Fr. John



NED AND BOBBY TILSON DISCOVER A DWARF PLANET IN THEIR ATTIC

What will Fr. John discover when clearing the Presbytery Loft?

Fr John is looking for a few people to help clear out the loft of the presbytery and to dispose of the contents at the local household waste recycling centre. If you can help on **Saturday 21 May** from

10 a.m. to 12 noon, please let Fr John know by emailing him at

john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk

Anyone able to help will be asked to wear a face covering when in the presbytery.

Stewarding at Mass:

Anyone who has previously been a steward for any of our Masses and wishes to do so again, or new people who would like to volunteer, please speak to Fr John, Deacon Huw or Michael Bradshaw as soon as you feel able to do so.

I wish to thank all our stewards for their service and commitment and for keeping us all safe while we are in and around the church for our celebration of Mass. *Fr. John*

"Bible alive"

Copies of Bible Alive will no longer be available to buy from church.

Alive Publishing can send you a copy direct to your home each month for £29.99 per year (£2.49 per copy instead of £3 as in church). Details of how to

order can be found at <https://shop.alivepublishing.co.uk/subscriptions/BA> or by phoning Alive Publishing on 01782 745600

A MESSAGE FROM FR. JOHN

We continue to celebrate this Easter Season together, as we move into the six week of Easter. We continue to celebrate this season of hope and new life as we pray with and for all who are affected around the world by the pandemic, and especially all who have lost their lives. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



**This week, on Thursday,
we celebrate the
Feast of the Ascension of
Jesus.**

**Mass will be celebrated on
Thursday morning at 10
a.m. and on Thursday
evening at 7.30 p.m.**

**You are welcome to attend
these Masses in
St. Felix Church.**

**They will also be live
streamed.**

Please keep everyone in our parish family, in our wider communities, across our country and world; our families and friends very much in your prayers, as I will also. We especially keep our NHS and its dedicated hard-working staff in our prayers. Keep safe over the days and weeks to come and continue to keep an eye out for anyone who is struggling or needs help and support as we continue our journey together through the challenges of the pandemic.

If you need to speak with myself or Deacon Huw, please call me on 01440 704142 or Deacon Huw on 07399 163718. Please do not hesitate if you need to contact one of us.

Wishing you and your families every blessing and prayers for this Easter Season. Keep safe.
Fr John and Deacon Huw

2 Drawer Filing Cabinet: available to a good home for a small donation to church funds. Please speak to Fr John if you are interested.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not give up if trials come; and keep on praying. [Romans 12:12]

[Please send prayer intentions to linda.pector@gmail.com]

- Pray for all who are sick in any way and those who care for them, people who are alone, and those who are anxious or troubled.
- Pray for all people affected in anyway by Covid-19, especially at this time, the people of India, and their family members and friends who are members of our own community.
- Pray for the repose of the souls of all we know and love who have died, and for the comfort of those who grieve.
- Pray for peace and for peacemakers in all areas where there is conflict, discrimination and a denial of justice and human rights.
- Pray for Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, her family, and all people unjustly imprisoned and detained.
- Pray for our children preparing to celebrate the Eucharist for the first time in the summer, and their families
- Pray also for Fr. John Warrington, our Parish Priest, our Deacon, Huw Williams and all the people of our parish.

*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:

Catherine Bates, Abigail Sheppard, Thomas Faherty, Nellie Warden,
Iris Essam, William Carmody, Marie Smith, Stella MacGechan,
Mary Banham, Samantha Warren.

During Easter, we are asked to pray for:

New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work, The Right Use of the Media, The Church.

In May, **Pope Francis** asks us to join him in praying for

The world of finance:

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

An Update on Masses in St Felix Church

All of our Masses: Tuesday at 7.30 p.m., Friday at 10 a.m., Saturday at 6.30 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m. are open to all to attend in church. Current Covid restrictions continue and we are restricted to 80 people in household groups [less when more social distancing space is required for smaller groups/individuals] in church. However, outside space is available under cover for an additional 30 people. **We have plenty of room at our weekday Masses and also at our Saturday evening Mass.** All our Masses continue to be live streamed on our YouTube channel. The link for our live streamed Masses is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEHq3Ww93rfGfMGzXS25A2w/>



Thank you to everyone who is raising donations for St Felix Church Building Fund with #easyfundraising
We have raised **£1082.31** to date from **51 supporters.**

If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. **We receive a £5 bonus every time someone new signs up and raises £5.** 5,100 shopping sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you!

Every donation you raise makes a difference so please sign up at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stfelixchurch/?invite=36AWZ6%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt

Sion Community invites you:

to take part in the **second online weekend of the Bethany Series**
14-16 May 2021

focusing on Mary of Bethany and our identity in Christ.

What do the songs we sing in worship say about who God is and who we are? How do the Church and the Sacraments give us a sense of identity?

There's a suggested donation of £20 to take part in the four interactive 90-minute sessions over the course of the weekend.

You can book online at: www.sioncommunity.org.uk/bethany

Re CHURCH FLOWERS:

A message from Dave Arnold, coordinator of the St Felix flower arranging team.

Dear friends, as you know we have a team of talented volunteers creating flower arrangements in the church throughout the year that reflect and support the celebration of the liturgy.



Covid-19 restrictions have resulted in smaller numbers of parishioners at St Felix for Masses which, in turn, has led to a drop in donations for flowers. On many occasions members of the flower team end up paying for the flowers themselves. Because the parish income has fallen, we have not been able to use Parish funds to cover the cost of flowers. We are reducing costs over the summer by using artificial flowers but would obviously wish to use real flowers at other times, particularly at Christmas, Easter, First Holy Communion, and for other major feasts and celebrations.

You can help by sponsoring a flower arrangement for a particular weekend. If you would like to do this then please leave a donation in the appropriately dated envelope which you will find in the blue box on the table at the side entrance to the church. On the envelope, please write your name, contact number (in case required) and the person(s) for whom the flowers are to be dedicated.

It will be much appreciated.

Thank you.