



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024: 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time -WORLD MISSION DAY-

### Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Int.  
Sunday 10.00am Int. *Pro Populo*  
12noon(Conv) Int. +Fr Kieran Connelly

### Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA  
9.30am Int. The sick of the Parish  
Tuesday Pope St John Paul II  
9.30am Int. Private Intention  
Wednesday FERIA  
No Mass today  
Thursday FERIA  
4.30pm (Convent) Int.  
Friday FERIA  
**No Mass today**  
Saturday Ss Chad and Cedd  
9.30am Int.  
11.30am Baptism  
6.00pm Int. *Pro Populo*

### The Daily Office

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

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday at 10am with Benediction at 10.30am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm or by appointment.

### The Rosary

Friday at Noon

### The Mass today

The readings can be found on page 146 of the Parish Mass Book.

The Hymns at 10am: 807, 752, 629, 652

### THIS WEEK

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

**Tuesday** 10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we will look at paragraphs 1752 to 1770.

### PARISH NOTICEBOARD

#### Anniversaries this week

Maureen Newman (2007), Sr Edmund Boutall (1994), Nellie Raffe (2007), Peggy Colson (2016), Raymond Smith (2017), Gordon Herries (1994), Elsie Fordham (2001), Veronica McDonald (2003), Arthur Burgess (2009), Alice Gotch (2004), James Dunne (2010) and Allan Stevenson (2022).

May they Rest in Peace.

### Money Matters

Last Sunday £394.34 was given in cash at the Offertory, CAFOD £53.55

### Induction Mass for St Felix' new Parish Priest – Fr Michael

This will take place on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm with Bishop Peter as the principal celebrant. Light refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.

### Ipswich Hospital Chaplaincy

If you or a family member or friend is in the hospital and would like support from the chaplaincy team, please refer by calling (01473) 704100 or emailing [chaplaincy@esneft.nhs.uk](mailto:chaplaincy@esneft.nhs.uk) and do inform them if the patient is a Roman Catholic.

**An open letter to Felixstowe MP Jennifer Riddell-Carpenter  
from St Felix RC Church parishioners:**

We urge you to vote against the private member's bill on choice at the end of life during its second reading on November 29.

Its proponents claim that legalising assisted "dying" ("suicide" would be a more accurate description) with strict safeguards will ensure that no one has to endure unbearable suffering at the end of their life. They say a law change will offer people control, compassion, and dignity.

We disagree for the following reasons:

Appeals for assisted suicide are often based on a false view of compassion which fails to address the reality of suffering that is part of being human. We believe that human compassion consists not in causing death, but in embracing the sick, in supporting them in their difficulties, in offering them affection and the means to alleviate suffering, such as through nursing homes, hospices, and chaplaincy work in hospitals.

The bill is an insult to a well-developed palliative care sector in this country. Legalising the intentional killing of patients would gravely undermine the vocation of healthcare professionals to care for life until its natural end. Trust between doctor and patient would be undermined by the difficulty in accurately predicting the outcome of terminal illness.

Those who propose assisted suicide are, implicitly, denying that life has an inherent value beyond its abilities and capacities. Deliberately bringing about death in the name of "dignity" denies the innate dignity of every human life which, in turn, has damaging consequences for how society views those with severe disabilities, those who are dying and those in great discomfort.

We also fear that, should this Bill pass, it will, as in the Netherlands, Belgium and Canada, mark the beginning of a 'slippery slope' whereby calls for assisted dying will be widened from those close to death to anyone of whatever age or health condition being able to request assistance to die.

One of our parish's great fears about this bill is that sick people will experience a fear of burdening loved ones with their suffering, which is particularly concerning for those who are elderly and infirm. The fear of being burdensome would be amplified by the current health and social care crises and cost-of-living crisis.

Rather than legalising assisted suicide, we call for greater government investment in specialist palliative care. We reiterate the Catholic Church's commitment to protecting and valuing life at all stages, no matter how physically or psychologically limited, and our opposition to assisted suicide as an attack on the inherent dignity of human life.

**We, the undersigned fully support this letter (signatures to follow)**