



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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8th December 2024 – Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Int. +Billy Donachie
Sunday 10.00am Int. *Pro Populo*
12noon (Conv) Int.

Weekday Masses

Monday Immaculate Conception of
Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)
9.30am Int. +Julia Quigley
Tuesday Bl. Henry Heath, John Robinson
& Companions - Martyrs
9.30am Int. +Andrew Down
Wednesday Advent FERIA

No Mass today

Thursday Advent FERIA
4.30pm (Convent) Int.
Friday St Lucy
11.30am Int. +Paddy Joyce
Saturday St John of the Cross

No Mass this morning

6pm Int. *Pro Populo*

The Daily Office

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday at 10am with 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)

Hymns for the 10 am Mass

92 Hark! a herald voice is calling
113 The angel Gabriel from heaven came
643 Gifts of bread and wine
366 Holy Virgin, by God's decree

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve – 24th December

6pm – St Felix
8pm – Convent
10pm – St Felix

Christmas Day – 25th December

10am – St Felix
12noon - Convent

Reconciliation Service

Tuesday 17th December 2.30pm

As part of our journey through Advent and to prepare ourselves to welcome the Saviour at Christmas

Two priests in addition to Fr Michael will be on hand to hear confessions.

Service of Carols and Readings

A prayerful reflection in words and music on the mystery of the Incarnation

**Sunday 22nd December
at 3pm at St Felix**

All welcome!

Followed by refreshments
in the Parish Hall.

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 be reflecting on paragraphs 1849 – 1876.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week

Adrian Ewell (1996), Cyril Doran (1999), Brenda Davison (2004), Josie Bones (2007), Dorothy Veitch (2015), Victor Durrant (1996), Rita Alexander (1997), Phylis Garrod (2000), Mary Sutcliffe (2017), Catherine Spencer (2008) and Tony Byrne (2001). *May they Rest in Peace.*

Money Matters

Last Sunday £384.13 was given in cash at the Offertory and CAFOD £16.45. These figures are in addition to standing orders and DONA machine offerings.

Next weekend – there will be a second collection for the Dependent Priests' Fund taken at all Masses.

Ipswich Hospital Chaplaincy

If you or a loved one are in hospital – please let the Chaplaincy team know - (01473) 704100/chaplaincy@esneft.nhs.uk and please let them know that you are a Catholic.

Prayer & Listening Ministry

Our Diocese of East Anglia hosts a Confidential Catholic Prayer and Listening Ministry providing support for parishioners (over 18 years of age) in need. For more information please see... www.rcdea.org.uk/listening-and-prayer

Helping Hands

Our Parish help group assists parishioners with lifts to Mass, to other Church functions, doctor's appointments as well as visits to people in their homes. More volunteers are now very much needed. Joining **Helping Hands** is not onerous and need not require a weekly or even monthly commitment. It is an occasional opportunity to help someone if we are available when asked. People who choose to do visiting decide themselves how much of a time commitment they want. The more volunteers we have the more we can help our fellow parishioners in practical ways. Please talk to Fr Michael or Catherine Richardson for more information.

The Advent Day by Day puzzle books for children are available on the table at the back of the church. Please take them for your children and grandchildren.

Posada – an Advent devotion

The prayerful tradition of the *Posada* is a way of welcoming into our homes Mary and Joseph as they make their way to Bethlehem. Parishioners are invited to host the *Posada* statue in their own home for one night. Prayers with the *Posada* statue can be said by all in the house as a way of preparing ourselves to welcome God's message of salvation into our lives, hearts and homes. **Please sign up using the sheet at the back of Church.**

Pray for Bethlehem... This will be the second Christmas where Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem stands virtually empty for the Christmas season because it is not safe for pilgrims to visit. Pray for the people of the Holy Land over this season as they struggle with war and with dwindling numbers of pilgrims. They are struggling financially with a lack of employment and a very uncertain future. Many, in Gaza particularly, have lost everything. Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem visited the UK recently and spoke about the hope that still remains amongst the Christian community and that our prayers and support are vital.

Stella Maris - Many thanks to all who helped to make the soup lunch for seafarers such a success - those who made cakes, donated tombola prizes, produced soup and desserts and helped on the day. Most of all thanks to all the generous people who came on the day or sent a donation. **The total raised was £601.56.** Julian Wong - our lay Catholic Chaplain at the Port – was most grateful and the *Stella Maris* Head Office have sent a message thanking the Parish.

Barbara, Sylvia and Fiona.

Rachel's Vineyard. Do you know someone hurting from a past abortion? **Rachel's Vineyard** is a healing ministry for those suffering from the trauma of abortion. The healing weekends offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can deal with painful post-abortive emotions and receive healing. The next **Rachel's Vineyard retreat** weekend in our diocese will take place on March 21st -23rd 2025. With booking now open and a limit of 8 people per retreat, it is advisable to book early. For more information about this retreat or to arrange a time to chat please contact Charlotte /suffolk@rachelsvineyard.org.uk. Further information: www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk