

# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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# 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Epiphany of the Lord

### **Sunday Masses**

Saturday 6.00pm Int. +Catherine Searson Sunday 10.00am Int. +Boniface Pinto

12noon (Conv) Int. Pro Populo

### **Weekday Masses**

Monday
9.30am
Tuesday
9.30am
12noon
Christmas FERIA
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Int. Alan Lamberton
Funeral Service for

Maureen Burnham-Slipper RIP

Wednesday Christmas FERIA

### No Mass today

Thursday Christmas FERIA
4.30pm (Convent) Int.
Friday Christmas FERIA

11.30am Int. +Mr&+Mrs Coombs

Saturday Christmas FERIA

9.30am Int. +Michael MulQueen (junior)

## Sunday Masses (11/12th January)

**6pm** Int. *Pro Populo* Sunday 10.00am Int.

Parish Meeting in the Hall

4pm (Conv) Int.

#### The Daily Office

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

### **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, Tuesday at 10am (during exposition) or by appointment.

#### The Rosary

Friday at Noon (during exposition)

#### The Mass today

The Hymns at 10am: 166,170,145,167.

#### 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 1897 – 1917.

#### PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries around this time and this week May Bunt (2023), Josyp Kaczor (1994), Adrian Cotton (2013), Maureen Friel (1995), Mavy Ring (1997), Johanna Pope (2001), Lynn Goulden (2005), Jessie Watters (2023), and John Kaziow (2011).

May they Rest in Peace.

## **Money Matters**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December's collection was £441.28 given in cash at the Offertory and CAFOD £8.12

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December's collection was £308.28 given in cash at the Offertory and CAFOD £29.10.

The above figures are in addition to standing orders and DONA machine offerings.

Christmas Offering to Fr Michael: £1498.07

#### A BIG THANK-YOU from Fr Michael

Many thanks to everyone who helped, in any way, to make our Christmas celebrations in Church - and beyond - so beautiful, joyful and meaningful. Thank you to all who were able to attend and participate in our Masses and other services over the last two weeks.

AND... last, but not least, thank you to everyone for your prayers, good wishes and very great generosity to me in your Christmas gifts and Christmas offering. All very much appreciated - many thanks! Please be assured of my prayers for you all as we begin this New Year of 2025!

Fr Michael

Calendar of Events for the Jubilee Year 2025 Please see the Diocesan website for these: <a href="https://www.rcdea.org.uk/category/news/jubilee-2025/">www.rcdea.org.uk/category/news/jubilee-2025/</a>

## **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

## Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January After the 10 am Mass in the Parish Hall

This will be to discuss certain questions
Bishop Peter wishes us to consider
regarding the future of parishes in our
Diocese

Please view the information in the Church Porch about our Diocese and take a copy of the three questions which we will be considering at this meeting. Thank-you.

## **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.

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#### **EPIPHANY...**

Our celebration today focusses on the Revelation of Christ to the World and our response is one of worship.

The word Epiphany means 'manifestation' – the manifestation of God's glory - but significantly that glory was not revealed in power or military might, but as a small innocent child born into a poor family.

The wise men found the child because they followed the guidance that was offered them – they were wise and allowed themselves to be led by the star.

We too are called to follow where we are led, but we must discern the truth from falsehood if we are to avoid the distraction of other bright lights. The Word of God, the Teachings of the Church, and the fellowship of the Community which accompanies us on our journey will illumine the path for us.

Worship has been described as an act of love that can change lives. We are invited to emulate the Magi in bringing ourselves - in worship - before the Lord

The Magi laid all their wealth and talent at Jesus' feet. Let us – as this New Year begins – put all our gifts and abilities at the service of the Lord so that he might use us for the proclamation of his Gospel and the building of his Kingdom.