



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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2nd February 2025 – Presentation of the Lord

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Int. John Smith
Sunday 10.00am Int. *Pro Populo*
12 noon (Conv)+Felix Shevlin

Weekday Masses

Monday St Blaise (& blessing of throats)
9.30am Int. John Smith
Tuesday FERIA
9.30am Int. Margaret Smith
Wednesday St Agatha
No Mass today
Thursday
4.30pm (Convent) Int. +Connie Foukx
Friday FERIA
11.30am Int.
Saturday St Josephine Bakhita
9.30am Int. Margaret Smith

The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) will be said 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: 725,883,629,801

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 1996 – 2016.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries around this time and this week

Ethel McGready (1998), Sydney Pope (2003), Iris Douglas (2006), Nora Twomey (2008), Anne Ford (2022), Muriel Hargreaves (2003), Patrick Kilbride (2003), Gillian Thomas (1999), Patricia Manthorpe (2000), Yvonne Balchin (2024), Thomas Lindsay (1995), Charles Walker (1997), Dorothy Oliver (1996), Jean Evans (1996), Mary Sanford (2002), William Pipe (2006), Thomas Brazier (2024), Mary Drouet (2003), and Tori-Anna Williams (2004).

May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters

Last Sunday's collection was £402.23 given in cash at the Offertory, and CAFOD £21.40. The above figures are in addition to standing orders and DONA machine offerings.

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.

Suffolk Refugee Support (S.R.S.)

A belated, but nevertheless, sincere thank you for your very generous response to our *Giving Tree Appeal* at Christmas. S.R.S. were delighted to receive 71 gifts from St Felix Church and there is a letter of thanks and photos on the notice board at the back of Church.

Talk on the history of *Monte Cassino* by Antony Pittaccio – not to be missed!!

Join us in the Cooper Room on Tues 18th Feb at 2.30pm when Antony will be giving an illustrated talk on the fascinating history of *Monte Cassino* followed by light refreshments.

The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham seeks donations to establish a mission house in Walsingham to expand their work of spiritual accompaniment and supporting young people in faith. Flyers are available at the back of Church or donations can be made online. Tel:(01362) 692574. www.walsinghamcommunity.org

Victims of Trafficking and Modern Slavery

On Saturday 8th February we pray for the Victims of Trafficking and Slavery as we celebrate the life of *St. Josephine Bakhita*: a Sudanese woman canonised in 2000. Aged seven in 1877, Josephine was kidnapped and sold into slavery and remained so until the age of 30 when she was freed and eventually entered religious life in Italy. *The Santa Marta Group* with Cardinal Nichols as its President, has prepared resources which bring to mind the 130,000 victims of human trafficking in the UK and 50 million victims worldwide, in the words of Pope Francis “a crime against humanity”. www.santamartagroup.org/st-bakhita-day

The number of enslaved souls estimated in East Anglia is 5,000. In 2022, 746 souls were found - the remainder were not. Helping to find enslaved people means learning to spot the signs and safely reporting them to the *Modern Slavery Helpline* 08000 121 700. A new group is looking for young & older volunteers to become *Freedom Watchers* More info contact John Simong.

Please read the *Modern Slavery* leaflet available in the church porch or online here:

www.rcdea.org.uk/caritas-east-anglia/modern-slavery/

How are you preparing for Lent?

Don't forget the Holy Spirit – is a day of renewal – at St Laurence's, Cambridge on 1st March 10 am – 4 pm (Mass 10:30 am). Speakers include Fr Matt Anscombe & Caroline Sadd plus praise & worship, real-life accounts of transformation, reconciliation, exposition & prayer ministry. Bring a packed lunch, teas and coffees available. Email: renewaleastanglia@gmail.com or phone Pam Smith

Parish Meeting update - Mon 27th Jan

Many thanks to all 20 people who attended.

8 areas were identified to take forward as part of our mission as a Catholic Parish in Felixstowe. A number of those who attended volunteered to help coordinate these areas – please see below.

The next stage is for more parishioners to get involved in these areas. Give as much or as little time as you like, but do get involved. Take a look at the list below and decide which area most appeals to you and then contact the person named.

1. Welcoming – this includes:

1. appropriate signage and information in the porch – please contact David Richardson or Barbara.
2. expanding the printed resources available – please contact Pauline or Sue.
3. updating the welcome book – see Brian Macdonald.

2. Communication – this involves improving our online presence as a parish as well as through print and other media locally. Please contact Colin, John or Haley to get involved.

3. Young parishioners – potentially a large portion of our parish – covering a wide range of ages – please contact Monica Macdonald in the first instance.

4. Assistance for those who cannot get to Mass – this includes strengthening our HELPING HANDS group –(07770768168) more members and ideas welcome!

5. Prayer & Spirituality – including parish retreats – other related information and prayer resources. Contact Barbara or Haley.

6. Ongoing adult faith formation/catechesis – every day is a school day no matter how old we are!! – This is an exciting area for continuing development – please contact Marie on with your ideas.

7. Helping those in need in the wider community – Contact Edwina in the first instance (see below).

8. Strengthening our existing community – this includes organising social activities for all – please contact Kate or Edwina.

With grateful thanks!

Fr Michael