



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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9th March 2025 – First Sunday of Lent

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Int. *Pro Populo*
Sunday 10.00am Int. +Fr David Hennessy
12 noon (Convent)

Weekday Masses

Monday LENT FERIA
9.30am Int. +Stephen Kerry
Tuesday LENT FERIA
No mass this morning
7pm Mass at 8 Knight's Close IP11 9NU
Wednesday LENT FERIA
No mass today
Thursday LENT FERIA
4.30pm (Convent) Int.
Friday LENT FERIA (Family Fast Day)
11.30am Int. +Fr John McNally
Saturday LENT FERIA
9.30am Int. +Helen Hartley
6.00pm Int. *Pro Populo*

The Daily Office

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday at noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm
- Or... by appointment

The Mass today

The Hymns at 10am: 206,865,938,960

THIS WEEK

Monday The Parents and Toddlers Group meets in the Hall at the new time of 10-11.30am.

Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room. This week we will be reflecting on paragraphs 2127 onwards.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries around this time and this week

Helen Weal (2001), Janina Drouart (2004), Mary Read (2008), Helen Lawrence (2015), Sr Sebastian RJM (2016), Fr David Hennessy (2019), Bridget Kaziow (2021), Cyril Lawson (2004), Michael Hockley (2022), Ann Sykes (2023), Basil Richardson (1996), Charles Pahlas (1994), Alice Barber (1995), Margaret Smurthwaite (1999), Catherine Brasley (2006), Fr John McNally (2007), Evelyn Margaret Gedge (2018), Peter Styles (2007), Vera Mackay (2001), Jean Donnelly (2002), Kathleen Smith (1998) and Finbarr Murphy (2015)

May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters

Last Sunday's collection was £463.96 given in cash at the Offertory, and CAFOD £6.21. The above figures are in addition to standing orders and DONA machine offerings.

GIFT AID - Envelopes

For those who are Gift Aid donors please note again for this year that you are confirming that you have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all charities that you donate to will reclaim from your gifts for the current tax year. Other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. Otherwise, you may need to pay any shortfall of tax to HM Revenue and Customs.

If you have any questions on Gift Aid please contact George Babbington. Thank you for continuing to support our Church in this most valuable way.

LENT at St Felix

**DAY by DAY Lenten Puzzle Books
for Children** - Available in the Church Porch

'House Masses' during Lent

The first 3 of these will be at the following locations and times – All welcome!

- Tues 11th March – 7 pm – 8 Knight's Close, Felixstowe IP11 9NU
- Tues 18th March – 7 pm – 36 Penfold Road, Felixstowe IP11 7BP
- Wed 26th March – 10 am – Convent of Jesus and Mary, 63 Orwell Road, Fxt. IP11 7PP

Lenten Reading Group – Thursday evenings

From 13th March at 7 pm for five consecutive Thursdays in the Presbytery. We will be reading: *The Joy of God* - Sr Mary David Totah (*Bloomsbury*)

Lenten Soup Lunches on Fridays

Simple soup 'hunger' lunches will be served after the 11.30 am morning mass in the Hall – in aid of CAFOD. Phone Kate if you can help

Stations of the Cross on Sunday afternoons

At 3pm every Sunday during Lent at St Felix.

Reconciliation Service – Tues 8th Apr - St Felix

At 2.30 pm - with 2 visiting priests & Fr Michael - available to hear individual confessions.

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

**CHURCHES TOGETHER FELIXSTOWE
Lent Courses...** Further details see Facebook Page via the CTF website

<https://churchestogetherfelixstowe.org/>

Deanery Station Mass - Tuesday 25th March

At 7pm, St Mary's Ipswich, 322 Woodbridge Rd IP4 4BD - Confessions & exposition from 6pm.

HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

More volunteers are required - please – to help with the Childrens' Liturgy at the 10am Sunday Mass.

No previous experience required.

Please contact Monica

or email: bmmcm@btinternet.com

**FAMILY FAST DAY – Friday 14th March
Please return the envelopes - in aid of
CAFOD - next Weekend - 15/16th March.**

Books for Lent and for children

There are some new books for Lent and some books for children on display in the Church Hall available to borrow – do take a look!

Please note that all children will be offered books as they come in for mass each week which they are very welcome to take home to read.

These are all ways in which we can pass on our Faith to the next generation. Do please take advantage of this. Thank-you.

JOB VACANCY for Diocese of East Anglia, Director of Schools Service. Please see website for more details: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/vacancies/>

Defend your faith...

A series of short answers to potential criticisms of the Catholic Faith have been prepared and will appear in the newsletter over coming weeks. They provide a short reply which you may find helpful when discussing or sharing your faith with friends, family and others...

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If Christ has redeemed humanity, surely I am saved and do not need to go to Mass?

Reply: Yes, we were justified by Christ's death on the cross but our faith tells us that we have a role to play in our relationship with God: we must try to become holy and worthy of heaven. The early Christians did not sit on their hands and say 'We are saved, so there is nothing left for us to do.'

The Church is Christ's mystical body on earth and the Mass takes pride of place in our religion. Attending Mass, the continuation in time of the sacrifice of Christ, is at the core of our faith and is vital to our pursuit of sanctification.

