



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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16th March 2025 – Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Int. +Anthony Payne
Sunday 10.00am Int. *Pro Populo*
12 noon (Convent)

Weekday Masses

Monday St Patrick (FEAST)
9.30am Int. +Tom Brazier
Tuesday LENT FERIA
9.30am Int. +Marie & Basil Richardson
7pm Mass 36 Penfold Road, IP11 7BP
Wednesday St Joseph (SOLEMNITY)

No mass today

Thursday LENT FERIA
4.30pm (Convent) Int.
Friday LENT FERIA
11.30am Int. +James Morris
Saturday LENT FERIA
9.30am Int. +Meg Devaney
6.00pm Int. *Pro Populo*

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 Mass today

The Hymns at 10am: 965,750,720,962

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.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries around this time and this week

Kathleen Smith (1998), Finbarr Murphy (2015), Ron Howell (2015), Agnes Bowers (2005), Albert Howell (2015), Catherine Pooley (2009), Clarita Smy (2011), Molly Versey (2017), Kathleen Williams (2003), Sr Francis (2001), Marie Richardson (2014), Norman Cawston (2018), Sr Ethna McAndrew (1994) and Frederick Sykes (2007).

May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters

Last Sunday's collection was £313.28 given in cash at the Offertory, and CAFOD £45.06. 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.

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.

LENT at St Felix

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

'House Masses' during Lent

These will be at the following locations and times –
All welcome!

- 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 (Fxt. 275416) 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.

Meg Deveney Meg died peacefully on the afternoon of the 12th March. Her Funeral will be at St Felix on Thursday 10th April. Details to follow.

Deanery Station Mass - Tuesday 25th March

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

Retreat Day at the Convent

Sat 22 March (10.30 am to 2.30 pm)

Led by Sr Sheila Gosney RJM

*We will be focussing our reflections
on spiritual growth using
'The cup of our life' by Joyce Rupp*

*Convent of Jesus and Mary
63 Orwell Road, Felixstowe
IP11 7PY.*

*Please bring your own lunch - teas/coffees will
be provided.*

New attendees very welcome!

CHURCHES TOGETHER FELIXSTOWE

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

<https://churchestogetherfelixstowe.org/>

HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

More volunteers are still required please – to help with the Childrens' Liturgy at the 10am Sunday Mass. Please contact Monica.

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.

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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Why bother going to confession? Can't we just ask God in our prayers to forgive us?

Reply: As often with such challenges to the Catholic Faith the answer lies with Jesus Christ. He gave the Apostles and their successors down the ages a special power when he said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven.' (Jn 20:21-23). The Church asks us to go to confession at least once a year. The sacrament is a gift from God and we should strive to make use of it.