



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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6th April 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses and other services

Monday LENT FERIA
9.30am Int. Michael MulQueen
Tuesday LENT FERIA
9.30am Int. Peter Thomson
2.30pm Reconciliation Service with individual confessions
7pm Mass at 295A High Road, Trimley St Martin IP11 0RJ
Wednesday LENT FERIA
No Mass today
Thursday LENT FERIA
11.30am Requiem Mass +Meg Deveney
1.30pm Requiem Mass +Sr Benedict Jouning (Convent Chapel)
Friday LENT FERIA
11.30am Int. John Fitzpatrick
Saturday LENT FERIA
9.30am Requiem Mass +May Horrocks
6.00pm Int. +Anthony Payne

The Daily Office

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday at 10am with Benediction at 10.30am
Friday from noon

The Rosary

Friday at Noon (during exposition)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm
- Tuesday at 10am (during exposition)
- Or... by appointment

The Mass today

The Hymns at 10am: 801,750,971,969

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 and will be considering paragraphs no. 2240 and following.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries around this time and this week
Elsie Barratt (2011), Julia Cox (1995), Helen Samkin (2009), Rose Cotton (1999), Miriam Harcourt (2004), Michael Birt (1999) and Kathleen Newman (2008).

May they Rest in Peace.

Prayers for the sick

Please remember all those who are sick at this time including: the sisters at the Convent of Jesus and Mary who are unwell, along with Betty Fisk, Ann Haines, Sandra Reeves, Helen Shayle, John Smith, Di Thomas, Bernadette and Keith Thomson and Chris Watts among many others.

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.

Money Matters

Last Sunday's collection was £630.60 given in cash at the Offertory, CAFOD £65.77, and some additional contributions to the earlier Second Collection for the Shrine in Walsingham £24. The above figures are in addition to standing orders and DONA machine offerings.

ROSARY WINDOW Restoration Project

On 22nd April, scaffolding will be erected in preparation for the repairs to the stone tracery supporting the Rosary Window.

This work is done while the windows are still in place to minimize the ingress of stone dust into the church.

Once the masonry repairs have been completed, Mr Terry Devlin will begin the removal of the glazing which will start on Monday 19th May.

The restoration of the glass itself will be undertaken in the workshop and take several weeks to complete. After which the restored window will be replaced.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused during this time, but we have no doubt that the result will be well worth it.

Many thanks to all of you for supporting this project. It will be our legacy to future generations of parishioners.

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The Chrism Mass will be on Tuesday 15th April at 11.30am at St John the Baptist Cathedral in Norwich. Please see the list in the Porch to arrange your lift- share

Washing of the Feet at the Maundy Thursday Mass (7.30pm on 17th April). There is a list in the Porch for those volunteering to have their feet washed. Please sign up if you can

Watching before the altar of Repose after the Maundy Thursday service til 11pm
There is a list in the Porch for people to sign up to watch in half hour slots. Please sign up if you can.

Palm Sunday reading of the Passion
Please bring your New Lectionary Sunday missals to the Palm Sunday Mass (if you have them!) to join in the 'Crowd' responses (the Universalis app can also be used if you have it)

Traditional Blessing of Easter Baskets
On Saturday 19th April at 3pm at St Felix

LENT at St Felix

Our final '**House Mass**' is on Tuesday 8th April 7 pm at 295A High Road, Trimley St M. IP11 0RJ

Lenten Reading Group – Our final meeting to discuss *The Joy of God* - by Sr Mary David will be on Thursday 10th April at 7 pm in the Presbytery.

Lenten Soup Lunches on Fridays
Served after the 11.30 am mass in the Hall – in aid of CAFOD.

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 plus Fr Michael - available to hear individual confessions.

Children's Palm Sunday Procession

Please will any children coming to the 10am Mass on 13th April (Palm Sun) bring with them leafy branches, or little banners to carry in our procession around the church. The banners could read e.g. 'Hosanna' or 'Hurrah for Jesus' or 'We love you Jesus' or something similar. Thankyou!

Defend your faith...

A series of short answers to potential criticisms of the Catholic Faith which may be helpful when discussing/sharing your faith with others...

Many people like reading their horoscopes or having their palms read. It is just a bit of fun, isn't it?

Reply: Only God can reveal the future via prophets or saints and we should place all our hopes in Him alone. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (paragraph 2116) is quite clear: "All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to 'unveil' the future. Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honour, respect and loving fear that we owe to God alone."