



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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13th April 2025 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Int. +Anthony Payne
Sunday 10.00am Int.+Jose Maria Roig-Nin
12 noon (Convent) *Pro Populo*

Weekday Masses and other services

Monday of HOLY WEEK

9.30am Int. Jerry Hynes

Tuesday of HOLY WEEK

11.30am **The Chrism Mass** at St John the Baptist Cathedral in Norwich

Wednesday of HOLY WEEK

No Mass today

MAUNDY Thursday

7.30pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
with watching till 11pm

GOOD Friday

10am **Children's Stations of the Cross**
3pm **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord**

HOLY Saturday

3pm **Blessing of the Easter Food**
8.30pm **Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter**

EASTER Sunday

10am **St Felix**
12noon **Convent**

The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) will be said a quarter of an hour before Mass on Mon only this week.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- By appointment only this week

The Mass today

The Hymns at 10am: 230,204,662,863

Anniversaries around this time and this week

Brian Hughes (2006), Edith Martin (2008), Valerie Clark (2023), David Holding (2009), Margaret Smyth (2010), Ida Shaw (2012), Gwendoline Ellen Jones (2018), Phyllis Miller (2001), Bruce Fisk (2013), and Kevin Hendley (2015).
May they Rest in Peace.

Prayers for the sick

We remember all who are sick at this time: the sisters at the Convent of Jesus & Mary who are unwell, along with Gabriell Allen, Betty Fisk, Ann Haines, Sandra Reeves, Helen Shayle, John Smith, Di Thomas, Bernadette & Keith Thomson, Chris Watts, and John Whelan 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 £444.25 given in cash at the Offertory, CAFOD £2.14. The above figures are in addition to standing orders and DONA machine offerings.

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.

Children's Day-by-Day Puzzle Books

Now for Easter are now available in the Porch.

Traditional Blessing of Easter Food

On Saturday 19th April at 3pm at St Felix

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Every year there is a collection on Good Friday for the Holy Places in the Holy Land, but this year it is of even more critical importance! We are all aware of the current circumstances that are exacerbating the tensions across the Holy Lands. Please give generously to the collection this year at the Good Friday service. Many thanks!

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

The Sacred Paschal Triduum - the three days which begin on the evening of Maundy Thursday and continue through Good Friday and Holy Saturday to Easter Sunday form a special time in which the Church celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption.

By means of the Sacred Liturgies on those days – the saving acts of Jesus - his passion, death and resurrection - are celebrated and made present to us. We open our hearts to receive the graces he wishes to give us!

Maundy Thursday is when we celebrate the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. It was at the Last Supper that the Holy Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood - the Holy Eucharist - was instituted.

Through the washing of his disciples' feet – Jesus teaches us the way of humble service of one another.

We are also invited at the end of the evening – to go with Jesus to the garden (the altar of repose) and to watch and pray with Him.

Good Friday

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon we gather for the Celebration of the Lord's Passion. A service which both begins and ends in silence.

We listen to the reading of the Passion from St John's Gospel and we venerate the Holy Cross – through which Jesus has redeemed the world.

We then receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion – carried to us from the altar of repose.

Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

This begins outside the Church in the darkness of Holy Saturday evening – the most important night of the Christian Year - when the Easter Candle – symbol of the Risen Christ – is lit and its light brought into the Church.

A solemn vigil follows as we hear - through readings from the Scriptures – the wonderful story of our salvation. Lastly, we hear the Gospel proclaimed - with an account of one of the appearances of Jesus after the resurrection.

We renew our baptismal commitment and are blessed with the newly-blessed water of Easter.

Finally, we celebrate the first Mass of Easter.

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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.