



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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4th May 2025 – Third Sunday of EASTER

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Int. +Vernon Watts

Sunday 10.00am Int. *Pro Populo*

12 noon (Convent)

Weekday Masses

Monday Easter FERIA

No mass at St Felix this morning

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Tuesday Easter FERIA

11 am Requiem +John Fitzpatrick

Wednesday Easter FERIA

**9.30am Votive mass of the Holy Spirit
in support of the Conclave
which commences in Rome**

Thursday Easter FERIA

4.30pm (Convent) Int.

Friday Easter FERIA

11.30am Int. +May Horrocks

Saturday Easter FERIA

9.30am Int. +Jose-Maria Roig-Nin

6.00pm Int. *Pro Populo*

The Daily Office

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday only at noon with the Rosary

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

The Mass today

The Hymns at 10am: 365, 629, 278, 787.

Children & Young People's Mass

This will be on **Sunday 11th May at 10am** All welcome!! Followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Thomas Hallinan (1996), Lucy Buckwell (2002), Winifred Barker (2004), Sr Martha O'Malley (2002), Dorothy Real (2012), Alan Deveney (2014), Ann Button (2013), Kevin Williams (2023), Kathleen Greaves (2000), Maureen Packer (2006), Kathleen Crace (1997), Kenneth Carter (1999), Sr Bernadette (2001) and Audrey Flynn (2018). *May they Rest in Peace.*

Prayers for the sick

We remember all those sick at this time: any sisters at the Convent of Jesus & Mary who are unwell, along with Gabriell Allen, Betty Fisk, Ann Haines, Margaret Nelson, Sandra Reeve, Helen Shayle, Di Thomas, Bernadette & Keith Thomson, Chris Watts, and John Whelan among many others.

Money Matters

The collection for the Holy Places on Good Friday was £237.76 and CAFOD over Easter was £12.01. Last Sunday's collection was £349.19 given in cash at the Offertory, CAFOD £4.90. The above figures are in addition to standing orders and DONA machine offerings.

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the **Lenten soup lunches in aid of CAFOD**: the soup makers, the servers and all those who came to support our efforts by eating soup. We managed to raise £1150. Our best total yet!

A Very Big THANK-YOU for the generous Easter Offering of £2012.74 and all the other gifts, cards and good wishes which I have received over the Easter Weekend. Many thanks to you all for your kindness and support in so many ways!

Fr Michael

Anniversaries around this time and this week

From Bishop Peter...

As we complete 9 Days of Mourning - offering our prayers for the eternal repose of Pope Francis, the Universal Church now invokes a particular out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon the College of Cardinals. The Cardinals have already been meeting in 'Congregation', including those who are over 80 years of age, to reflect and discuss prayerfully in preparation for the Conclave. The Cardinal Electors, those under 80 years of age, will enter Conclave on 7th May. I call upon every member of this Local Church, the Diocese of East Anglia, to join me over the coming days in offering fervent prayer in support of the Cardinal Electors. We entrust the Church to Divine Providence as we await the election of the 267th Successor of St Peter. I urge each Parish to celebrate a Votive Mass to the Holy Spirit.

Good Shepherd Sunday – 11th May

Sunday 11th May is Good Shepherd Sunday; a day when we reflect on how the ministry of Christ as Priest, Prophet and Shepherd continues in the Church through the ordained priesthood. Priests do not fall from Heaven ready-made. The call to priesthood needs to be heard, vocations need to be nurtured, and funding is needed to provide for priestly formation. The cost of training a priest is more than £150,000. We all have our part to play in praying, encouraging vocations and financially supporting the formation of our future parish priests. Please continue to pray for priestly vocations and be generous as possible towards the Second Collection on Good Shepherd Sunday

Discerner's Day for Anyone Thinking About a Vocation to the Priesthood

Diocesan day of recollection for anyone open to the possibility of discerning a calling to the priesthood. To be held at the Catholic church in Thetford - 24th of May (beginning with 10:30am Mass) and open to those at any stage of discernment, including those who may simply be curious about beginning to explore this path. It will include times of prayer, as well as input from Fr Gregory Pearson (of the Dominicans), Fr Christopher Smith, (Diocesan Director of Vocations) and Dr Richard Macquire (Cathedral Heritage Officer). For more information and to express interest in attending, you are warmly encouraged to contact Fr Chris Smith: christopher.smith@rcdea.org.uk

Job Vacancy at the Walsingham Shrine

PILGRIMAGE & SHRINE SITE TEAM LEAD
£30,000–£35,000 pa.

The Walsingham Trust is seeking a leader to coordinate pilgrimage planning and provide support for the Sacred Liturgy at the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica. The role also includes overseeing the operations of the Gift Shop, Tea Room and Domestic Team. You will work closely with the General Manager and Rector to ensure pilgrimages and liturgies are well organised and properly resourced, as well as ensuring that the chapels are well kept and cared for.

Weekend availability is required from Easter to mid-October. The position is full-time, based on a five-day working week with two weekdays off during the pilgrimage season. For details or to apply, email: recruitment@walsingham.org.uk

Mass for the sick – Tues 13th May 3pm

All welcome! For those who are sick there will be anointing during mass. Refreshments will follow for all in the Parish Hall. If you would like assistance getting to this Mass at St Felix please contact Helping Hands on 07770768168.

Get to know your church

Children in the Parish are invited to a special event next **Saturday 10th May at 2pm.**

Fr Michael will lead a tour around all the notable parts of the church and there will be refreshments in the hall afterwards.

More hands for Helping Hands??

Would you be available to visit someone in their home – not every week - but every so often? Helping our less mobile parishioners feel part of our community? If interested... please phone Catherine to find out more: 07770768168

Retreat Day - Sat 17 May (10.30am-2.30pm)

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 own lunch - teas/coffees provided.
New attendees very welcome!*