



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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Sunday 27th July 2025 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
9.30am Int. +Gary Page
Tuesday St Mary Martha & Lazarus(Memoria)
9.30am Int. Kevin & Blodwyn Greene
Wednesday FERIA

No Mass today

Thursday St Ignatius of Loyola (Memoria)
4.30pm Int. (Convent)
Friday St Alphonsus Liguori
11.30am Int. Thanksgiving
Saturday FERIA
9.30am Int. +Joanne Aguilar-Millan
6.00pm Int. *Pro Populo*

Sunday 3rd August 2025

10am Int. Kate Williams
12noon Int. (Convent)

The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) will be said quarter of an hour before Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday at 10am
Friday at 12noon

The Rosary

Fridays 12noon (during exposition)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

The 10am Sunday Mass today

The Hymns at 10am: 644,643,647,820
Our sung Gloria this week will be **498**

THIS WEEK

Monday: *St Felix Toddlers* - Our Parents and Toddlers Group meets in the Church Hall **10-11.30am**

Tuesday: *The Catechism Group* meets in the Cooper Room at **10.45am**.

Anniversaries around this time/this week

James Shevlin (2011), Roy Fenton (2001), Ronald Hockery (2002), Ann Hurley (1996), Wilhelmina O'Karfa (1994), Christiane Taylor (2004), Maria Maher (2007), Rose Mulholland (2014), Sr George Deane (2008), Joan Jacobi (2012), Kathleen Dunne (2018).

May they Rest in Peace

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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.

Prayers for the sick

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

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's collection was £473.88 given in cash and CAFOD £16.63. The **second collection** for *Stella Maris* was £387.93.

These figures are in addition to standing orders and DONA machine offerings.

Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC)

In the space of one week in June 2025, MPs voted to allow women to abort their baby up to birth for any reason, and to legalise assisted suicide. SPUC is asking for your support. There are cards at the back of the church inviting you to join them in the fight back. If you would like to fill one in you can then leave it with Fr Michael who will send them all together.

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Our congratulations and best wishes

...go to Kate Williams who is celebrating a significant Birthday on Friday 1st August and the 10.00 am Mass on Sunday 3rd August will be offered for her intentions.

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Knights of St Columba - Pilgrimage of Relics

Relics of Ss Columba, Margaret & Andrew will visit St Mary's, Woodbridge Road, on Wed 30 July around midday – as part of a UK tour. Praying of the Rosary will begin at 3.00 pm and the day will conclude with Mass at 7.00pm. A collection will be taken for the *Knights of St Columba* National Charity - the *Alma Mater Fund* - and *Mary's Meals*. There will be Mass on the 31st at 9.15am before the relics depart to *Our Lady & St Osyth*, Clacton.

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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...

Can't I be a Christian without having to be a member of the Church?

Reply: The short answer to this question is No!

Jesus founded a community – the Body of Christ (Eph 5:23) – the Church – one Church - built on the 'rock' of Peter the Apostle (Mt 16:18). After His resurrection, just before He ascended to Heaven, Jesus clearly gives His authority to the leaders of the Church – the Apostles - sending them out in His name to do his work (Mt 28:18-20). Also... when Saul (who persecuted the Church) met Jesus on the road to Damascus Jesus asked him - not why are you persecuting my followers, but why are you persecuting **Me** (Acts 9:4).

This close identification of Jesus with the Church was also understood by those who came after the Apostles – e.g. St Cyprian, a bishop and martyr in the 3rd Century who said that someone cannot have God for his father who does not have the Church for his mother (CTS *Apologia* p35).

Our secular western culture puts great emphasis on the individual's self-reliance and freedom to choose whatever aspects of spirituality or religion feel right at the time. But human fulfillment only comes through the Truth.

The Church exists to bring all people together into the full knowledge of the Truth revealed by God through Jesus Christ – showing us the way to live together now & into the future - with God and all the Saints in Heaven for ever.

Being still - before the Blessed Sacrament - in a Catholic Church...

I once read a short reflection by Cardinal Basil Hume which went something like this...

Catholic Churches are places where we find the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament - in the Tabernacle. It's a very good thing to make a visit to a Catholic Church and to simply sit or kneel – conscious of - and focused on - Our Lord present before us in this way. And if we are prepared to give time to do this - to visit – to remain there – still - for a while - we can find that all our worries, concerns, thoughts, feelings can gently unfurl in His loving presence.

It's an opportunity to receive His help and peace. **It does work**