



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2025 – 33rd Week in Ordinary Time

- WORLD DAY of the POOR -

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday St Hilda - Abbess (MEMORIA)
9.30am Int. +*Mark Rokoszynski*
Tuesday FERIA
9.30am Int. *Lesley & Philip Hill*
Wednesday FERIA – **Red Wednesday**
No Mass today
Thursday St Edmund – King & Martyr
4.30pm Int. (Convent)
Friday - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
11.30am Int. *Owen Doyle*
Saturday St Cecilia – Virgin & Martyr
9.30am **No Mass this morning**
6.00pm Int. +*Julie Bennett*

The Daily Office

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

Exposition of Bl. Sacrament & Benediction

Tuesday from 10am
Friday from 12noon

The Rosary

Friday at Noon (during exposition)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Sunday 10am Mass

The hymn numbers are **468,512,315,883** (the Gloria is **498**)

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

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

Anniversaries around this time/this week

Mary Jenkins, Joshua McGinn (1997), Veronica Garnham, Barbara Schmitz (2008), Alexander Paterson, Jacqueline Paterson, Jacqueline O'Brien, Maria Wehrle, Margarita Greaves, Margaret Mooney (1996), Sr Christina Keane, Mary Waldron (2016), Mamie Goodson, George Slim, Ellen Moran (2000), John Hodgman, Hubert Zerwenhooven, James Maloney, Bridget Chalcraft (2011), and Fr Don Clements (2024).

May they Rest in Peace

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 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

The Sunday collection for the 9th November was £397.37 given in cash, CAFOD was £16.17. These figures are in addition to standing orders and DONA machine offerings.

Candidates for Confirmation Any teenagers interested in receiving the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation next summer? Please will their parents please email Fr Michael. They should be in year 8 or above and 13 or more yrs old.

New prayer groups in the Parish...

These will be on the following days:

- Tue 18th November 7.30pm

Theme: *Lectio Divina* Host: Kate Pinto

- Wed 26 November 2.30pm

Theme: *Imaginative Prayer* Host: Linda Page

Speak to Fr Michael or those hosting for details.

Stella Maris Fundraising Sale

A BIG THANK YOU to all who donated foods and their time and many thanks to all the generous parishioners who supported us at the Sale for *Stella Maris* last Sunday. We raised £347 which we are delighted with – a fitting send-off for Julian – our Port Chaplain – who is retiring at the end of the year. Sylvia & Barbara

Family Advent Celebration

Following the 10am Mass on Sun 14th December our young people will present an Advent Play followed by a shared lunch. More children are very welcome to take part – there are still some roles in the play to be filled as well as help required with narration, with singing and in other ways. If you'd like to take part please speak with Fr Michael, Monica Macdonald or Austina Meyn. Rehearsals are held in the Hall after 10am Mass on Sundays. All welcome!

We need YOU!! Teas & coffees after 10am Mass on Sunday are a key part of our Parish Life – please come along and join in! ALSO... to keep the tradition alive, we need some more help to set up tables and make the teas etc. If you are able to help, please speak with Phil or Anne Dance or to one of other volunteers. It's a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners.

Dilexi te

This Sunday is 'World Day of the Poor' and it is an opportune moment to please take a look at Pope Leo's reflection on Love of God and Love of the Poor which opens with Jesus' words:

'I have loved you...' (*Dilexi te*) The Holy Father invites us to recognize – among other things – that it is through the Poor that Jesus continues to speak to us! Several copies of *Dilexi te* are available on the bookshelves at the back of Church to borrow. Many thanks to one of our parishioners for making them available.

#RedWednesday and

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

This Wednesday – 19th November - is

#RedWednesday – the day for prayer and action to support our brothers and sisters in Christ around the World who are being persecuted for their Christian Faith.

Aid to the Church in Need (<https://acnuk.org>)

works closely with Catholics and other Christians - supporting especially those suffering persecution. **#RedWednesday** aims to break the silence on Christian persecution and to make a huge difference for suffering and displaced children and young people around the world.

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...

The New Testament mentions that Jesus had siblings so how can Mary be ever-virgin?

Reply: Early tradition - outlined by the Church Fathers - in the first few centuries of Christianity insisted that such was the grace given to Our Lady - as the Mother of God - that she remained a virgin before, during and after giving birth to Jesus. Indeed Martin Luther – a leading protestant reformer – defended this teaching. As for the mention of brothers and sisters of Jesus in the Gospels – this term was often used more broadly at the time to include cousins

When people pray the Rosary aren't they worshipping Mary?

Reply: We are not worshipping or praying to Mary but rather asking Mary (who is in Heaven with God) to pray for us – indeed we ask her repeatedly to pray 'for us sinners'. The Rosary is a prayer which goes back to the Middle Ages and which - throughout the centuries - has helped ordinary people to reflect upon episodes mainly from the Gospels (called *mysteries*). It is a way of meditating on the lives of Jesus and Mary so as to grow in holiness and virtue. A very accessible way for people to engage in prayerful reflection on the scriptures