



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

**At today's 10am Sunday Mass we warmly welcome Rt Rev Peter Collins  
Bishop of East Anglia who will bless our newly renovated Rosary Window**

### Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Int. +*Mr&Mrs Coombs*

Sunday 10.00am Int. *Pro Populo*

12noon (Convent)

### Weekday Masses

Monday ADVENT FERIA

**9.30am** Int. +*Michael MulQueen Junior*

Tuesday ADVENT FERIA

**9.30am** Int. +*Jerry Haynes*

Wednesday St Francis Xavier (MEMORIA)

- *Migrants' Day* -

### No Mass today

Thursday ADVENT FERIA

**4.30pm** Int. (Convent)

Friday ADVENT FERIA

**11.30am** Int. +*Monica Sullivan*

Saturday St Nicholas, Bishop (MEMORIA)

**9.30am** Int. *Owen Doyle*

### Parish Retreat Day with the

**Community of Our Lady of Walsingham  
at St Felix closing with Benediction at 3pm  
6.00pm** Int. +*Mr&Mrs Tony MulQueen*

### The Daily Office

*Lauds* (Morning Prayer) will be said quarter of  
an hour before Mass on Mon, Tues & 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

### Hymns at 10am Mass today

Nos.: 112,721,629,709 (no Gloria in Advent)

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

**Tuesday: *The Catechism Group*** meets every  
week in the Cooper Room at **10.45am**. New or  
occasional attendees always welcome! Every  
first Tuesday of the month we will focus on one  
of the Church's other teaching documents.  
Therefore, this week (Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec) we will  
be reading from Pope Leo's *Dilexi te* which  
deals with 'love for the poor.'

### Anniversaries around this time/this week

Sr Carmel Murphy (2003), Mary Smith (2021),  
Michael Jenkins, David Slater, Edith Coppen,  
George Poole, Mary Kalo (2003), Tadeusz Drouet  
(1998), Kenneth Hylins (2013), Dorothy Milton,  
Helen Richards (2000), John Collins (2021), Mary  
Villeneuve, Sr Mary McGettrick, Elizabeth Barnes  
(2005), Sr Ursula Tierney (2009), Sr Mary of the  
Sacred Heart (1999), Ivy Watts (2001), Georgette  
Southcote, Victor Ward (2008).

*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](mailto: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 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
was £381.72 given in cash, CAFOD was £30.11.  
These figures are in addition to standing orders  
and DONA machine offerings.

**Parish Retreat Day with the Community  
of Our Lady of Walsingham  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at St Felix**

As we come to the end of this Jubilee Year  
come and join the sisters from the  
*Community of Our Lady of Walsingham*  
- as the Season of Advent begins –  
and discover more about what it means  
to be Pilgrims of Hope

- 9.30am Mass in St Felix
- 10am Refreshments in the Hall
- 10.30am Retreat Day begins
- 2.30pm Adoration in the Church
- 3pm Benediction

Please bring a packed lunch  
Teas & coffees provided – All welcome!

**Family Advent Celebration**

After 10am Mass on 14<sup>th</sup> December our young  
people will present an Advent Play followed by  
a shared lunch. Rehearsals are held in the Hall  
after 10am Mass on Sundays. All welcome!

**Parish Book Group – Advent**

The Parish Book Group meets every second  
Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Cooper  
Room. Our next meeting is Thursday 11th  
December and our shared book for our reflection  
will be *The Journey to the Crib* by Fr Philip  
Caldwell - published by the Catholic Truth  
Society (CTS). Some copies available in the  
Church Porch. All welcome!

**Teas & coffees after 10am Mass**

Many thanks to our new volunteers to help with  
Teas and Coffees on Sundays! Very much  
appreciated! And to everyone else... please do  
come and join your fellow parishioners for  
refreshments and fellowship in the Hall.

**Our Diocesan Youth Service**

Please pray for our young people and all who  
work with them. If you've not already done so  
please pick up one of the newsletters from the  
back of Church explaining the work of the  
*Diocesan Youth Service*. If you would like to  
help with financial support, please do this online  
here: [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth) Many thanks!

**Christmas Fayre – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

10am-2pm

Convent of Jesus and Mary

63 Orwell Road, Felixstowe IP11 7PP

Art, Craft, Toys, Cakes...and much more!

Free Entry

All proceeds to the RJM East Timor Mission

**Giving Tree for Suffolk Refugee Support**

The Christmas Giving Tree will be in Church  
from 30<sup>th</sup> November until 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Suggested gifts include dolls, toy cars, jigsaws,  
other games, soft toys and craft activities. No  
need to wrap - if this is a problem - but if you do  
wrap your gift, please identify the age and sex of  
the intended recipient. Any queries - please  
contact Barbara Lamberton.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to make  
last Sunday's young people's mass and  
subsequent celebration in the Hall a lovely  
occasion – including everyone who took a  
particular part in the liturgy, everyone who  
prepared the food and all those who helped to  
clear up at the end – all very much appreciated!

**Online Advent Carmelite Retreat**

From 26 Nov to 25 Dec 2025

with St Mariam of Jesus Crucified

(Discalced Carmelite Nun 1846-1878)

Supplied each Friday by email including a  
meditation on the Gospel, quotes from the Saint  
and practical suggestions for your prayer.

Register for free here:

[www.facebook.com/RetreatOnlineCarmelites](http://www.facebook.com/RetreatOnlineCarmelites)

or email: [retreat-online@karmel.at](mailto:retreat-online@karmel.at)

**Posada – an Advent devotion** - The tradition of  
the **Posada** during Advent is a way of welcoming  
into our homes Mary and Joseph as they make  
their way to Bethlehem. We will begin on the  
Second Sunday of Advent (7 Dec) when the  
**Posada** statue will be blessed and parishioners can  
host the statue in their own homes for one or more  
nights' each. Please see sign-up sheet next week.

**Young Women's Retreat 6-8<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Organised by our *Diocesan Youth Service* for  
those aged 18-35 and to be held in York. Places  
are limited - please see [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth)  
to book your place.