



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025

### Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.00pm +*Mr&Mrs Tony MulQueen*

Sunday 10.00am Int. *Pro Populo*

12noon (Convent)

### Weekday Masses

Monday Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (SOLEMNITY)

**9.30am** Int. *Lesley & Philip Hill*

Tuesday ADVENT FERIA

**9.30am** Int. *Karen Yallop*

Wednesday Bls Henry Heath & John Robinson & companions, martyrs (MEMORIA)

### No Mass today

Thursday ADVENT FERIA

**4.30pm** Int. (Convent)

Friday ADVENT FERIA

**11.30am** Int. +*Jerran Sotiriou*

Saturday St Lucy, martyr (MEMORIA)

### No Mass this morning

**6.00pm** Int. +*Michael Walton*

### 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: 92,100,873,966.

**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**. We will

continue to read Pope Leo's *Dilexi te* - which we began last week - on 'love for the poor.'

### Anniversaries around this time/this week

Maria Chenery, Jane McEnroe, Michael Murphy, Sr Rose Crowley, Sr Assisi Clifford (2006), Joseph Smyth (2007), Kate Godfrey (2001), Violet Wigley, Frank Doran, Adrian Ewell (1996), Cyril Doran (1999), James Crawford, Brenda Davison (2004), Josie Bones (2007), Dolores Gleadow, Sr Arsenius Healy, Dorothy Veitch (2015), Victor Durrant (1996), Rita Alexander (1997), Phyllis Garrod (2000), Maria Warner, Madge Scott, Paul Hardman (2009) and Mary Sutcliffe (2017).

*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 30<sup>th</sup> November was £329.90 given in cash, CAFOD was £1. These figures are in addition to standing orders and DONA machine offerings.

### Summary for November 2025

Loose Collection	£2119.12
Standing Orders	£1974.00
DONA machine	£ 287.62

### Other donations received in Nov (incl. DONA)

CAFOD	£ 114.29
Aid to Church in Need	£ 19.67
Stella Maris	£ 43.26

General Stipends (yr to date)	£1855.00
Holy Souls (yr to date)	£170.67

### **Family Advent Celebration**

After 10am Mass next Sunday - 14th Dec - our children & young people will be presenting an Advent play – to be followed by a shared lunch. Everyone welcome! Please come and support our youngsters and bring food to share if you can.

**Advent Day by Day puzzle books** for children are available in the porch of the church. Please take them for your children and grandchildren.

### **Parish Book Group – Advent**

We meet every second Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Cooper Room. On 11th December we will be discussing *The Journey to the Crib* by Fr Philip Caldwell - published by CTS and available in the Porch. All welcome!

### **Giving Tree for Suffolk Refugee Support**

The *Christmas Giving Tree* is in Church until 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 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.

**A Very Big THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to make last Sunday's Celebration go so well. We are grateful to Bishop Peter, Canon John Barnes and Fr Francis Selman for their presence among us - for the wonderful Mass – and for the Blessing of the Rosary Window. Thank you to all those from inside and outside St Felix who contributed - in any way – to the success of our Window renovation. As always, grateful thanks to the wonderful Parish teams who prepared for and helped with the Liturgy (including the music) and with the joyful gathering in the Hall afterwards including all the food and lovely cake! And thank-you to everyone who helped clear up at the end. We were also pleased to see the invaluable work of both Julian Wong (*Stella Maris*) and Anne and Phil Dance (*Safeguarding*) gratefully acknowledged by our Bishop. Finally – thank-you to Fr Chris Dobson (a local retired priest) who has recently helped cover masses at the Convent when big celebrations were taking place at St Felix.

**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 this Sunday (7 Dec) when the *Posada* statue will be blessed and parishioners can host the statue in their own homes for one or more night. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Church Porch.

### **Volunteers Sought to Support School Admission Appeals**

The *Diocese of East Anglia Schools' Service* is seeking volunteers to serve as school admission appeals panel members, helping ensure parents' rights are upheld when a child is not offered a place at their preferred Catholic school.

Panel members play a vital role in considering cases where parents wish to challenge a refusal of admission. Each hearing typically lasts between 20 and 30 minutes, although some may take longer depending on their complexity. During the busy summer term, multiple appeals may be scheduled on the same day, and volunteers may occasionally be asked to sit for two or even three consecutive days. Importantly, panel members are always able to decide their own availability, making this a flexible opportunity suited to those available during school hours.

Appeals may be heard in person or via video conferencing, and volunteers can express a preference for the type of hearings they are comfortable with. All panel members will receive training from the Diocese.

To ensure a balanced and fair process, each panel is made up of both lay members, people without professional involvement in education, and education members, people with experience working in or understanding schools. Individuals cannot sit on panels for schools with which they have a personal connection, for example being a parent, governor or staff member.

Anyone interested in volunteering or finding out more is invited to contact Helen Bates, Assistant Director (Schools' Service) at the Diocese of East Anglia, 21 Ugate, Poringland, Norwich, NR14 7SH, by email at [ssc@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:ssc@rcdea.org.uk) or by telephone on 01508 495509.