



# PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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## BAPTISM of the LORD - SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026

### Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Int.+*Mary & Patrick Gogarty*

Sunday 10.00am Int. *Fr Adrian Gates*

12noon (Convent 63 Orwell Rd)

Int. *Pro Populo*

### Weekday Masses

Monday St Aelred of Rievaulx  
(MEMORIA)

**9.30am** Int. +*Hugh & Delia Brannan*

Tuesday St Hilary (MEMORIA)

9.30am Int. +*Bill Pain*

Wednesday FERIA

### No Mass today

Thursday FERIA

**4.30pm** (Convent) Int.

Friday St Fursey (MEMORIA)

**11.30am** Int. +*Bill Robinson*

Saturday St Antony, Abbot (MEMORIA)

### No Mass this morning

**6.00pm** Int. *Pro Populo*

### The Daily Office

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

### 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: 171, 172, 720, 456.

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

**Tuesday** 10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room when we will continue our reading of Pope Leo's *Dilexi te – On love for the poor*.

### Anniversaries around this time/this week

Robert Brinkley, Alexandra de la Roche, Amy Killick, John Kaziow (2011), Roy Dawson (2008), Mabel L'Estrange, William Lloyd, Bill Pain, John Morris, Kenneth Leadbetter (1996), Frederick Delaney, Elizabeth Durrant (1998), Charles Rutland Barsby (2005), Evelyn Margaret Gedge (2018), Clara McGann, Albert Schmitz (2004), Patricia Pitt, Denis Murray (2021), Sr Joseph Taggart, Derek Manthorpe (2006), Mary Hunt (1999), Edith Davies and Clare Devaney.

*May they Rest in Peace*

### Prayers for the sick

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

**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.

### MONEY MATTERS

The Sunday collection for the 4<sup>th</sup> January (Second Sunday of Christmas) was £383.85 given in cash, CAFOD was £20.55.

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

### Next Sunday (18<sup>th</sup> Jan) is Peace Sunday...

and you are invited to support the work of **Pax Christi** using the donation envelopes at the back of Church. The work of **Pax Christi** is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. You can return your envelopes next Sunday

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Next Sunday marks the start of *Unity Week* which runs from 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January. St Felix will be hosting Prayers during that week in our Church Hall on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January starting at 11am. Teas and Coffees will be available from 10.30am.

*All Welcome!*

## **Parish Book Group**

The Parish Book Group will next meet on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in the Cooper Room. Participants take it in turns to share a book they've read which has been helpful in their faith.

*All welcome!*

## **Golden Jubilee of Diocese of East Anglia**

This year marks 50 years since the Diocese of East Anglia was formed – by decree of Pope Paul VI on 13<sup>th</sup> March 1976. Each parish is being encouraged to celebrate this milestone by sharing and reflecting upon its own unique history. Work is already underway here in St Felix' to do just that. The Church exists for evangelization. Bishop Peter has highlighted that our Diocesan family is growing. Celebrating our great inheritance of faith will help to equip us for our mission into the future...

## **CAFOD Ukraine Emergency Programme**

A talk by Henry Wilson Smith of CAFOD

Saturday 17 January 2026 at 10.45am

St George's Parish Hall

Sprowston Road, Norwich NR3 4HZ

Ample parking, Teas/coffees from 10.30am.

*All welcome!*

## **Family of Jesus & Mary meeting & Retreat Day with Sr Sheila Gosney RJM**

The *Family of Jesus and Mary* – will next meet on Thursday 22nd January (2.15 pm to 3.30 pm) at the Convent, 63 Orwell Road, Felixstowe.

*New members welcome!*

A *Retreat Day* led by Sr Sheila Gosney RJM will be held on Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Convent (10.30 am to 2.30pm). Please bring a packed lunch. Teas/Coffees provided.

*All welcome!*

**Supporting Life Charities...**

**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...**

Doesn't the Catholic Church discriminate against women by its opposition to abortion?

**Reply:** What is more important: the concept of choice or the sanctity of human life? The Church believes it is the latter. Sanctity of life starts at conception when a human being is created. Catholics believe God made us in His image and we are all sacred beings, even when just a small collection of cells. Bizarrely, some people will criticize a pregnant woman for taking drugs or alcohol because they may harm her child, yet they will not criticize her for aborting that child. Our Church maintains that all innocent life should be protected from conception to natural death.

We can provide support for Catholic Teaching on the Sanctity of Human Life both by supporting organisations that campaign in defence of the sanctity of Life and by supporting organisations that provide concrete care for those women finding themselves in difficult circumstances who might otherwise choose abortion as their only option...

### **Society for Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC, <https://spuc.org.uk>)**

SPUC is the world's first and UK's largest pro-life campaigning and educational organisation. Every human life should be protected from conception to natural death. Defending human dignity begins with protecting the unborn. Donations can be made through parish 'white flower' collections and online here:

<https://spuc.org.uk/donate/>

### **Life (<https://lifecharity.org.uk/>)**

**Life** is a pregnancy support charity and aims to support anyone in the UK facing an unplanned pregnancy or unexpected pregnancy journey. Today's world makes it incredibly difficult to have a child, whether that is due to finances, relationships, career interruptions or other concerns.

**Life** exists to support women & families to explore these issues & overcome their barriers should they wish to <https://lifecharity.org.uk/donate/>