



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, 25th JANUARY 2026 (SUNDAY of the WORD of GOD)

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Int. *Pro Populo*

Sunday 10.00am Int. *Kieran Murray*

12noon (Convent 63 Orwell Rd)

Weekday Masses

Monday Ss Timothy & Titus

9.30am Int. +*David Vaughan*

Tuesday FERIA

9.30am Int. +*Cleo Roberts*

Wednesday St Thomas Aquinas (MEMORIA)

No Mass today

Thursday FERIA

4.30pm (Convent 63 Orwell Rd)

Friday FERIA

11.30am Int. +*Bill Robinson*

Saturday St John Bosco (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: 715, 609, 600, 863.

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

William Oliver, Kenneth Doubleday (2016), Thomas Brannon, Norah Edlestone, John Van Tilborgh, Fr John Reffitt, Andrew Toal, Andrew Pawlowski, Eileen Whitlum (1996), Kevin Daly (2021), Terry Leeming (2005), David Dowling, Harold Milner-Walker, William McGrath, Dorothy O'Mahony (2005), Richard Ascott, Barbara Strong (2009), Madge Slim (2005), Teresa Greatbanks, Sr Florence Moylett, Sr Etheldreda Wallis (1994) and Norah Sanford.

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

Prayers for the sick

We remember any sisters at the Convent of Jesus & Mary who are unwell, also... Betty Fisk, Ann Haines, 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 and inform them you are a Catholic.

MONEY MATTERS

The Sunday collection for the 18th January (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time) was £535.51 given in cash, CAFOD was £8.93. The Second Collection for Pax Christi was £445.26. All these figures are in addition to standing orders and DONA machine offerings.

Today (Sunday 25th Jan) the Second Collection will be the annual 'White Flower' collection in support of the work of *SPUC* (*Society for the Protection of Unborn Children*).

RADIO MARIA

www.radiomariaengland.uk provides a wide range of radio programmes, events, and other resources to help us grow our Catholic Faith.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This year's **United Service** will be at
3 pm on Sunday 25th January
at the *River of Life Church*
2 Carr Road, Felixstowe IP11 2FS
All Welcome!

Parish Contribution to East Anglian Diocese half century celebrations

As part of the celebrations to commemorate 50 years since the establishment of our diocese, each parish has been asked to collate mementos and hold a local celebration of the last 50 years of parish life.

Our preparation for this formally kicks off at the end of this month. There will be a small display of emerging ideas in the church hall on Sat 31st Jan after Mass and Sunday 1st Feb during weekly coffee. We are hoping to prompt your thoughts and memories from which inputs will be used to create a small publication.

Please come along and share, even if you have only been in the parish a very short time; everyone has a valid perspective. Please contact Marie or Colin Andrews if anything comes to mind.

Pilgrimage Opportunities for Young People

Summer 2026 Lourdes and
Summer 2027 World Youth Day in Seoul.

Find out more at our Launch on February 22nd 2026 at Newmarket Parish Centre, 14 Exeter Road, Newmarket CB8 8LT.

The afternoon starts at 1pm (please bring a packed lunch) and will end by 3:00pm.

www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

Parish Book Group

We meet every second Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Cooper Room. Our Group provides an opportunity to share what has helped us in our faith. Our next meeting will be Thursday 12th February and – among other things - we will be sharing our thoughts on the message of *Julian of Norwich*. **All welcome!**

Sunday of the Word of God

Today provides a little *nudge* or *reminder* that listening to God's Word – the Scripture readings from the Bible we hear at Mass – is an important part of our Catholic identity - and when God speaks - He calls us! Although the disciples in today's Gospel responded 'immediately' our own experience may sometimes be different. Even the Saints have sometimes struggled to respond as they should. We are all imperfect disciples and we need help to follow the Lord. It's worth remembering – therefore - that the One who calls is also the one who supports, guides and strengthens us on our way. So... struggling is not a cause for despondency, but rather an invitation to step forward in faith. The One who calls never abandons us – He is there always to help us carry out what we are called to **be** and what we are called to **do**.

The City of Corinth... Second readings at Sunday Mass at the moment are taken from St Paul's first letter to the Christian community in this city. Corinth was on the trade route between the eastern and western Mediterranean - on a narrow piece of land joining southern to northern Greece. It had a port facing east *and* west and has been described as a turbulent and booming city at that time. Paul is writing to them from Ephesus (in modern day Turkey) around the year AD56. And he's writing out of necessity - as a teacher and shepherd. He is loving, but also stern and uncompromising. For example, in today's reading, he is urging them to be united in their community – it is in Christ that we find our unity – for it is Christ – and only Christ - who has died and risen again for us.

Diocesan Catechist Formation Day is on 21st February 2026 at Our Lady Immaculate and St Etheldreda's Catholic Church, Newmarket 9am to 5pm - including Mass with Bishop Peter and talks by members of the Dominican Community of St Joseph's Priory in the New Forest - Sisters Hyacinthe and Carina. There will also be a safeguarding update from Donna Burton.

All those involved in faith formation are very welcome. For more information and to book please email Jo Graham - stjohnfhc@gmail.com