



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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THIRD SUNDAY of LENT – 8th MARCH 2026

Sunday Services

Saturday 6pm +*Anthony Payne*
Sunday 10am +*Maria Maltby*
12noon (Convent) *Pro Populo*
3pm Stations of Cross at St Felix

Weekday Services

Monday LENT FERIA
7 – 8am Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament with Silent Prayer

2pm Funeral Requiem Mass
+*Haley Dossor*

Tuesday LENT FERIA
9.30am **Mass** +*Tess Battersby*
10am Extended adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament - with Ipswich Deanery
Clergy attending - concluding with
Benediction around 10.55am.

Wednesday LENT FERIA
No Mass today

Thursday LENT FERIA
4.30pm **Mass** (Convent)

Friday LENT FERIA
11.30am +*Fr Peter Leeming*

Saturday LENT FERIA
No Mass this morning
6.00pm *Pro Populo*

The Daily Office

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

Exposition of Bl. Sacrament

Mondays in Lent – 7am to 8am
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: 934,795,965,960.

Monday: *St Felix Toddlers* – meets in the Hall
10-11.30am A group for bumps, 0-5s and their
adults. Feel free to bring snacks for your little ones
but please avoid major allergens. All welcome!

NB: There will be no Catechism Group this
Tuesday in the Cooper Room because of the
meeting of the Ipswich Deanery Clergy here at St
Felix that day.

Anniversaries around this time/this week

Daniel Fitzpatrick, Jack Ryles, Helen Weal
(2001), Janina Drouet (2004), Mary Read (2008),
Helen Lawrence (2015), Sr Sebastian Laffey
(2016), Fr David Hennessy (2019), Bridget
Kaziow (2021), Bertha Cuddon, Catherine
Caldwell, Miriam Harcourt (2004), Oliver Lane,
Harry Godling, Charles Garratt, Cyril Lawson
(2004), Michael Hockley (2022), Ann Sykes
(2023), Susan Wilkinson, Janet Ebbon, Basil
Richardson (1996), Meg Deveney (2025), Charles
Pahlas (1994), Alice Barber (1995), Margaret
Smurthwaite (1999), Paul Read, George Worsford,
Catherine Brasley (2006), Fr John McNally
(2007), Evelyn Margaret Gedge (2018), Peter
Styles (2007).

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...

Parish Book Group next meets on Thursday 12th
March at 7pm in the Cooper Room and we will be
sharing our thoughts - and our reading - around
this special season. All welcome!

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.

The House of Lords is debating an extreme amendment to the *Crime and Policing Bill*, which **would allow women to self-induce their own abortions for any reason, and at any gestation**. The last chance to remove this amendment will be Report Stage, expected on the 11 or 17 March. Please act now to stop this proposal. Find out more & use SPUC's tool to write to members of House of Lords by going to <https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/abortion-decriminalisation/>

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Safeguarding & Toilet facilities

Please be mindful that children should not visit the toilet facilities unless accompanied by their parents/carers.

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MONEY MATTERS

The Sunday collection for the 1st March 2026 (Second Sunday of Lent) was £426.50 given in cash, CAFOD Family Fast Day £514.18. All these figures are in addition to standing orders and DONA machine offerings.

Summary for February 2026

Loose Collection	£2034.52
Standing Orders	£2051.00
DONA machine	£ 325.47

Second Collections for Others

CAFOD	£ 313.78
(incl. £215.94 Family Fast donations rec'd in Feb)	
Aid to the Church in Need	£ 44.24
General Donations in Feb <i>via</i> DONA	£ 40.31

Inviting ALL young people in Year 8 upwards to the Ignite Festival 2nd – 3rd May 2026

Come and experience your faith in a dynamic way at the Ignite Festival! The weekend will include inspiring talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff! Followed by the opportunity to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Bank Holiday Monday May 4th.

See www.ignitefestival.co.uk for more information. Book before March 30th for Early Bird Prices!

Render unto Caesar ...

With Easter coinciding with the end of the tax year, now is a good time for financial as well as spiritual reflection. Here are some items for your contemplation:

1. Whether we donate in the collection at mass, through the DONA machine, or by standing order direct to the parish bank account, most of us give a regular amount each week. However, the real value of this amount is continually being eroded by inflation. Please consider whether can you afford to increase your donation.
2. If you are a UK taxpayer and have not yet completed a Gift Aid Declaration, please consider doing so. Through the Gift Aid scheme, the government will add 25% to your donations with no cost to yourselves. If you have made a declaration previously, you don't need to do it again, but you must tell us if you no longer pay tax. Because your donation has to be traceable to you, we will only be able to claim Gift Aid if you give by bank transfer/standing order or use envelopes.
3. Use of envelopes has been declining as more people choose to donate by standing order/bank transfer or DONA. We have ordered envelopes for one more year (starting in April), but it is likely that this will be the last time. If you are an existing envelope donor and would like to receive a new box, please add your name to the sign-up list in the porch.

I will place Gift Aid Declaration forms, slips with the parish bank account information you need to set up a standing order, and the envelope sign-up list in the porch, but please see me after mass or contact me if you want to discuss anything.

Paul Kearney