



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT – 15th MARCH 2026 (Laetare Sunday – Mothering Sunday)

Sunday Services

Saturday 6pm *Pro Populo*
Sunday 10am *Ann & Rob Haines*
12noon (Convent)
3pm Stations of Cross at St Felix

Weekday Services

Monday LENT FERIA
7 – 8am Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament with Silent Prayer
9.30am Mass +*Haley Dossor*
Tuesday St Patrick - FEAST
9.30am Mass *Kathleen Major*
12noon Convent
Wednesday LENT FERIA
12noon Requiem Mass +*Bill Downes*
Thursday St Joseph - SOLEMNITY
4.30pm Mass +*Felix McKeown* (Convent)
Friday LENT FERIA
11.30am Mass +*Helen Hartley*
2pm Graveside Committal for
+Fr Peter Leeming
Felixstowe Cemetery
Saturday LENT FERIA
9.30am Mass +*Fr John McNally*
6.00pm Mass +*Alicje Rdzanek*

The Daily Office

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

Exposition of Bl. Sacrament

Mondays in Lent – 7am to 8am
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: 229,199,237,837.

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!

Tuesday 10.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room.

Anniversaries around this time/this week

James Vincent, Charles Garratt, Vera Mackay (2001), Jean Donnelly (2002), Edward Newland, Kathleen Smith (1998), Finbarr Murphy (2015), Irene Little, Nellie Basey, Ron Howell (2015), Agnes Bowers (2005), Albert Howell (2015), Elizabeth Moyes, Catherine Pooley (2009), Clarita Smy (2011), Molly Versey (2017), Kathleen Williams (2003), Sr Francis Keane (2001), Iwan Semcynszyn, Walter Rutherford, Ceclia Coldham, John Rogers, Marie Richardson (2014), Norman Cawston (2018).

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.

Safeguarding & Toilet facilities

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

MONEY MATTERS

The Sunday collection for the 8th March 2026 (Third Sunday of Lent) was £500.65 given in cash, CAFOD £146.00. All these figures are in addition to standing orders and DONA machine offerings.

Second Collection next weekend (21/22 Mar)

A representative from **Aid to the Church in Need (ACN, www.acnuk.org)** will be speaking after all the masses next weekend. There will be a second collection for **ACN** and a display in the Church Hall.

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!

World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea

If you are interested in going on this amazing pilgrimage, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth. Places are limited! You need to be 18 by the summer of 2027.

Convent AFJM meeting & Retreat Day

The next AFJM meeting will take place on Thursday 19th March 2.15 - 3.30pm

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The next Retreat Day will be on Saturday 21st March 10.30 am to 2.30 pm with Sr Sheila Gosney RJM Please bring a packed lunch Teas and Coffees supplied

The Convent of Jesus and Mary 63 Orwell Road, Felixstowe.

All welcome!

Laetare Sunday – Mothering Sunday

This Sunday - is known as *Laetare Sunday* from the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass:

Laetare Jerusalem... Rejoice Jerusalem... and all who love her. Be joyful all who were in mourning – and be satisfied at her consoling breast

Words of comfort and consolation and Jerusalem as a mother. St Paul speaks of the Jerusalem **that is above** being our mother (Gal 4:26) – the heavenly Jerusalem. We can rejoice because there is a heavenly homeland (Heb 11:16) for us – a place that is our true home where there is love and security.

The other name for this Sunday – takes up the theme of motherhood. Mothers can provide that place, that home, of love and security. So - we give thanks for all our mothers – those still with us – and those who have gone to their eternal reward – and those here among us now as well as those who will be mothers in the future – we have so much to give thanks for. Jesus on the Cross gave his mother to us to be our mother – the mother of the Church and so we also honour our Blessed Lady today as our mother who always cares and intercedes for us.

Half-day Recollection at St Pancras Church Ipswich IP4 1BD - Monday 23rd March

For women 2-4pm. For men 6.30pm for 7-9pm. Will include Rosary, Guided Prayer, Confessions and Benediction. Please contact Kate Williams for more details.

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