



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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26th April 2026 – Fourth Sunday of EASTER ***Good Shepherd Sunday - World Day of Prayer for Vocations***

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6pm *Pro Populo*
Sunday 10am *Pauline&Neville Mays*
(40th Wedding Anniversary)
12 noon (Convent) *Private Int.*

Weekday Masses and other services

Monday Easter FERIA
9.30am *Fr Tony Hogarth*
Tuesday Easter FERIA

No mass today

Wednesday St Catherine of Siena (FEAST)
No mass today

Thursday Easter FERIA
4.30pm **Mass** (Convent) +*John Smith*
Friday St Joseph the Worker (MEMORIA)
1pm **Funeral Requiem Mass**
+ ***Barbara Rokoszynski***

Saturday St Athanasius (MEMORIA)
9.30am +*Bernard Haughey*
6.00pm *Pro Populo*

Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) will be said quarter of an hour before Mass on Mon & Sat only

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

No exposition this week

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Saturdays 5.15pm to 5.45pm
- Or... by appointment

The Mass today

The Hymns at 10am: 269,706,302,767.

THIS WEEK...

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.

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

Sunday 3rd May 2026

10am +*Vernon Watts*
12noon (Convent) *Margaret Smith Int.*

Monday 4th May 2026

No mass today at St Felix
Feast of the English Martyrs
Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham
Mass in the Shrine Basilica **at 12noon**

Anniversaries around this time and this week

Stanislaw Janikowski (2015), Francis Bugg, Fr David Thomson (1998), Jeremy Campbell, John Burley Smith (2025), William Fonseca, John Mayes, John Irvine, Richard Morley (1996), Francis Walsh, Patricia Amey (2007), Peter Sutcliffe (2017), Ernest Shaw, Nellie Foster, Sr Teresa Daly (2006), John Clark (2023), Kathleen Walkerley, Denise Croskell (2001), Elsie Castle (2020), Deborah Kearney (1995), Ruby Stevenson (2011), Florence Patriarcha, Vernon Watts (2019), Thomas Hallinan (1996), Margaret Brickwell, Lucy Buckwell (2002), Winifred Barker (2004).

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, Margaret Nelson, Helen Shayle, Di Thomas, Bernadette & Keith Thomson, Chris Watts, John Whelan & 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 & Toilets: Please be mindful that children should not visit the toilet facilities unless accompanied by their parents/carers.

MONEY MATTERS

The Sunday collection for the 19th April 2026 (Third Sunday of Easter) was £323.15 and donations to CAFOD were £2.

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

Second Collection today... for the *Priests' Training Fund*. Many thanks.

Reminder about envelopes...

If anyone wants to continue weekly giving using envelopes, please let Paul Kearney know (if you haven't already done so) by adding your name to the list in the church porch or by contacting Paul directly.

Reminder about Gift Aid eligibility

If you have submitted a Gift Aid Declaration in the past but no longer pay sufficient income or capital gains tax to cover the gift aid to be claimed on your donations, it is important that you let us know to avoid us making a false claim. You should also inform us if the address on your Gift Aid Declaration is no longer current, but you do not need to submit a new form. In either eventuality, please contact Paul Kearney

Good Shepherd Sunday – 26th April 2026

Among other things we reflect today on how the ministry of Christ as Priest, Prophet and Shepherd continues through the ordained priesthood. The call to priesthood needs to be heard and nurtured. Please let us all continue to be generous in our prayers for priestly vocations and in our **Second Collection** today for the *Priests' Training Fund*. Many thanks!

Reflections on the Eucharist...

Our recognition of our own sinfulness, at the start of Mass, is about getting us into the right disposition for authentic prayer – to purify our consciences in order to commune with the Lord.

The scriptures we hear speak of God's plan of mercy unfolding and culminating in the Paschal Mystery – leading us to the Passion-Resurrection at the heart of the Eucharist. And *the Word* always challenges us to a deeper conversion.

The Passion of Jesus is the great mystery of faith at the centre of the Mass. We are a priestly people called to offer ourselves as 'a living sacrifice' at one with the offering of Jesus on the cross - ever present in the Eucharist. Joined to his offering, our lives are enormously enriched with an eternal value. The Eucharist will always remain a sign of contradiction – the ultimate testing of our faith. Faced with the wisdom of the cross – worldly values crumble!

Eucharistic communion draws us - at one with Jesus – into the inner life of the Blessed Trinity. No closer union is possible! In this intimate communion we are nourished and transformed ever more closely into the likeness of Jesus. In this way the life of the Church grows, expands and deepens. It is in this way that the Eucharist *makes* the Church.

(adapted from *The Eucharist – an experience of prayer* – by Fr James McCaffrey OCD)

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Monday 4th May 2026

The Pilgrimage will begin at the Slipper Chapel and Catholic Basilica – over a mile outside Little Walsingham at around 10.30am. Several priests will be available for **Confession** until 11.30am.

Then there will be a Welcome & Reception of Banners followed by:

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| 12.00 noon | Pilgrim Mass (followed by lunch) |
| 14.15 | Procession into the village |
| 15.45 | Prayers & Benediction in the Abbey Grounds |
| 16.30 | Departure |

Please consider car-sharing to facilitate attendance from our Parish, and please let me know if you will definitely be going – we have been asked to provide numbers to the organisers. And please bring a packed lunch! Hope to see you there! Many thanks!

Fr Michael