



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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19th JULY 2026 – 16TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6pm *Pro Populo*

Sunday 10.00am +*Henry Walter John Lazell (F)*

12noon (Convent) +*Holy Souls*

Weekday Services

Mon 20th FERIA

9.30am mass *Vee O'Connor*

Tues 21st FERIA

9.30am mass +*Gwen Elliott*

Wed 22nd St. Mary Magdalen (FEAST)

No mass today

Thurs 23rd St. Bridget of Sweden (FEAST)

4.30pm mass at Convent

Fri 24th FERIA

9.30am mass +*Robert Aylward (F)*

12noon Funeral Service for
Margaret Mary Britnell
Seven Hills Crematorium

Sat 25th St. James, Apostle (FEAST)

No mass in the morning

6.00pm mass +*Carol Prentice*

Lauds (Morning Prayer) will be said 15min
before Mass on Mon, Tue & Fri only.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday at 10am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm
- Tuesday 10am (during exposition)
- Or... by appointment

The Hymns at 10am Mass on 19th July:

466, 610, 760, 880

Mondays: *St Felix Toddlers* – meets in the
Hall 10-11.30am. For bumps, 0-5s & adults.
Bring snacks but please avoid major allergens.

Tuesdays: 10.45am The Catechism Group
meets in the Cooper Room.

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

Anniversaries around this time

Mary Cooper (1997), Sr Brigid Caulfield,
Gertrude Keable, Tom McIlwraith (1982), Mary
L'Estrange, Walter Ashdenden, Ronald Russell
(1996), Stephen McSweeney, Maria McIntee
(1997), Arthur Green (2006), Brian Tehan
(2009), Jane McKeown (2022), Maurice Simms
(2004), William Martin (1997), Edward
Richards, Eric Chambers, Joanne Aguilar-Millan
(2025), Charles Frederick Buckley (2018).

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,
Catherine Richardson, 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.

MONEY MATTERS

The collection for the 12th July 2026 (15th
Sunday in Ordinary Time) was £477.34.
CAFOD was £2.20. The Second Collection for
Stella Maris was £674.34.

**You can donate to
our Parish here...**



Thank you!

Parish Book Group

Please note there will be NO gathering on 2nd
Thursday of August to allow for holidays. Our
next meeting in the Cooper Room at 7pm will be
10th Sept when we will continue to discuss Pope
Leo's *Magnifica Humanitas*, amongst our other
spiritual reading. Everyone is very welcome to
join and share some thoughts, and hopefully
encourage each other on our journeys.

Dear Parishioners of St Felix...

Please can I thank Fr Michael and all of you for the great welcome you gave me on *Sea Sunday* and a massive thanks for your generosity in the second collection. This means so much to those who work at sea and your contribution is greatly welcomed. Thanks to all those who came forward offering to volunteer and I will be in touch shortly to arrange a get together in Felixstowe and move things forward. If you would like to still volunteer in any way then please feel free to email me:

Richard.jones@stellamarismail.org.

Deacon Rick Jones, Chaplain, *Stella Maris*

St Felix Toddlers... Dear all, luckily, we have had some volunteers come forward for running *St Felix Toddlers* from September onwards, so we will be able to keep this group running for more children and their families for now. If there is anyone who would like to help volunteer for the group, we'd be so happy to hear from you. The most important thing we would like help with is packing away, which would be from 11:15am-11:30am, stacking away chairs and tables and helping to clean mugs. If anyone would like to help us, even on an ad hoc basis, or for help during the whole session (10-11:30am) we would love to hear from you! Please contact Kriszti

National Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life - Sat 1st Aug 2026

Led by Bishop Peter Collins at the National Catholic Shrine at Walsingham. In the last year abortion up to birth has been legalised and there is a continued effort to make assisted suicide legal. Please join to help build the 'great prayer for Life'. The event begins with the Pilgrim Mass at noon.

Fire Safety – Evacuation Drill – 4th August

A necessary evacuation practice is required to fulfil our fire safety obligations. This will take place immediately following the 9.30am Mass on Tuesday 4th August (there will be no Adoration that day). Please come along/stay after end of that mass to acquaint yourselves with what needs to happen in an emergency evacuation. Many thanks!

Carol Prentice RIP With great sadness we have learned of the death of Carol – a regular member of the 6pm Saturday evening congregation here at St Felix. Funeral details to follow. May she rest in peace & rise in glory.

International Mass at 11 am followed by bring-and-share Buffet Lunch at St Felix

Sunday 6th September 2026 – 11am

Please save the date and time for this year's International Mass and lunch at St Felix. The Mass will be held at 11am on that Sunday and will include hymns in various languages. All are welcome to join for a bring-and-share lunch afterwards in the Church Hall. Feel free to bring a traditional dish from your own heritage to share with your fellow parishioners at this celebration. **All Welcome!**

Faith & Light Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Faith & Light, part of the L'Arche family supporting those living with learning difficulties/special needs and their families, invite all with leaning difficulties or special needs to a join them at their pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 5th September. A light lunch is available at the Village Hall in Walsingham High Street from 12.00 noon, we walk the Holy Mile at 13.00 and celebrate Mass together in the Chapel of Reconciliation at 15.00.

New Assisted Suicide Bill...

A new 'Assisted Suicide' Bill has just been introduced into parliament by the MP for Rochester and Strood – Lauren Edwards:

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/4157>.

The next stage will be the second reading in the House of Commons on 11th September. Please consider writing to your MP outlining the reasons why we should be helping people to live – with strong support for palliative care. Human life is a precious and sacred gift that should be valued at all stages not terminated at will. As Christians we should promote a culture of hope and life not one of despair. Our MP in Felixstowe is Jenny Riddell-Carpenter. The *Right to Life* website is a useful resource on these matters and can also be used to contact your MP:

<https://righttolife.org.uk/>

Eucharistic Congress Ipswich

From the sixth to the thirteenth of September, Ipswich will hold its very first Eucharistic Congress. You may not have heard the word “Congress” before. A Eucharistic Congress is simply the Church gathering together, in one place, to adore Our Lord in the Eucharist, to be taught about this great gift, and to be sent back out to our parishes renewed. Great cities have held them for well over a hundred years, drawing hundreds of thousands of people. Ours is smaller and closer to home — a gathering of the parishes of Ipswich — but it carries exactly the same heart: to place Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, at the very centre of our life together.

For one week, the prayer of our parishes will be centred entirely on Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This is a shared work of the parishes of the Ipswich Deanery of Saint Edward, in our Diocese’s Jubilee Year — and it belongs not to one parish, but to us all. Here is what the week holds....

It begins in our Catholic schools. On the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the *Ignite team* will be visiting the children — bringing the faith to life for our young people — and all our Catholic schools will come together for whole-school Masses, joined as one.

Across the week there will also be time for adoration — quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament — offered across the whole deanery, so that every parishioner can find a moment to spend with Our Lord.

And then everything leads to Sunday the thirteenth of September. That day, the Church of Ipswich will gather for the great Mass of the Congress — the principal Mass of the day, celebrated by our Bishop. This is the moment the whole week has been building towards. But it is not only the Mass. There will be inspiring talks from international guest speakers, and — the heart of the day — a Eucharistic procession

through the streets Ipswich, carrying Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament to the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace. To walk together through Ipswich, publicly, behind Jesus in the Eucharist, will be something none of us will forget.

The organizers request two things please...

First — please register. Space is limited, and if you think you might come on that Sunday, you need to book your place. It is completely free, but seats are genuinely limited, so please don’t leave it. You can register at www.eucharisticcongressipswich.org or speak to someone from your parish who can help you. Registering also helps the organisers to know the numbers we are planning for — and when you book, please do let us know of any access requirements, so that we can make sure everyone is looked after on the day.

Second — we still need your help, and especially with getting people there. We are expecting close to eight hundred people in Ipswich that day, and travelling in is no small task — particularly for those who find it hard to get about, or who cannot walk far. The most valuable thing each of us can do is to offer a lift. If you have a spare seat in your car, or you could bring a fellow parishioner who would otherwise struggle to come, please make that known — so that in your own parish lifts can be arranged to ensure no one is left behind. Details will be shared of parking in Ipswich town centre nearer the time. And volunteers will be needed on the day itself — willing hands to welcome, to steward, and to serve. If you can give even a few hours, or if you have any contact with the local council or others who could help us with transport, please contact the organizers/your parish priest.

So — please register, please tell your family and friends, and please pray for the Congress. Come and spend this week with Our Lord. Let us gather in Ipswich around Jesus in the Eucharist.

Thank you, and God bless you.