



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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27th SEPTEMBER 2026 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6pm

Pro Populo

Sunday 10.00am

Gabriel Allen+

12noon (Convent)

Sean Whelan+

~ Weekday Services ~

Monday 28 September

(FERIA)

9.30am mass

Stephanie O'Mahoney (F)+

Tuesday 29 September – Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (FEAST)

9.30am mass

Mark Compton (F)+

Wednesday 30 September–St Jerome (MEMORIA)

NO mass today

Funeral +Michael McCready – Sevens Hills – 12.45pm

Thursday 1 October – St Thérèse of Lisieux

4.30pm mass at the Convent

Holy Souls+

Friday 2 October – Holy Guardian Angels (and CAFOD Harvest Fast Day)

12.30pm

**Requiem Funeral Mass for
Philip Dunne/Schoni David**

Saturday 3 October

(FERIA)

NO mass in the morning

6.00pm mass

Rita Wheeler+

Lauds (Morning Prayer) will be said 15min
before Mass on Monday and Tuesday only.

Exposition & adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday *only* at 10am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Tuesday 10-10.15am (during Adoration)

OR...by appointment

Hymns at 10am Mass: 880,694,965,735.

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

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

Catechism Group – Tues 10.45am, Cooper Room
We will continue our reading of the Pope's Encyclical on AI: *Magnifica Humanitas*

Ipswich Hospital Chaplaincy - If a loved one is in hospital – please let the Chaplaincy know - (01473) 704100/chaplaincy@esneft.nhs.uk.

Prayers for the sick We remember any sisters at the Convent of Jesus & Mary who are unwell, also Ann Haines, Margaret Nelson, Catherine Richardson, Helen Shayle, Di Thomas, Bernadette & Keith Thomson, Chris Watts, John Whelan & many others...

Anniversaries around this time...

Sr Ita Regan, Stephanie O'Mahoney (2018), David Russell Pitt (2025), Ivan Kilivayck, Daniel O'Leary, Kate McDonald, Iris Birt (1994), Sr Celestine Fogarty (2005), Frederick Lomax (1995), Clement Loizeau (2018), Kathleen Healy (2021), Frances McLaughlin, Sarah Dee, John Douglas (2001), John Harwood (2021), James Wilshaw, Ellen Bayley (2000), Cecil Frankland, Jane Reid (2015). *May they rest in Peace*

HELPING HANDS To volunteer or help: stfelixhelpinghands@hotmail.com or 07727885568 (New Number!) *Thank-you!*

Assistance please with accommodation Please speak to Krisztina Babos after the 10am Sunday mass if you can help. *Many thanks!*

MONEY MATTERS

Please note... next Sunday there is a 2nd collection for the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (Friday 2nd October). Thankyou

The collection for the 20th September 2026 (25th Sun in Ord Time) was £390.77. CAFOD was £2.70. The Second Collection for the Home Missions came to £221.42.

You can donate to our Parish here...

Thank you!



Stella Maris Hats!!

Thank you for all your donations for *Stella Maris*. More knitted hats for seafarers would be very welcome and spare wool, needles and patterns are available for anyone who would like to make some! Please see the *Stella Maris* box in the porch. Thank you!

RCIA and Confirmation classes...

These meetings will commence initially as a single combined group on Thursday evenings at 6.30pm in the presbytery **beginning on 1st October**. Those people who have already expressed their interest - I hope to see you at this meeting. If anyone else is interested in either becoming a Catholic or – if already a Catholic – in being confirmed then please speak to me soon. Many thanks, Fr Michael

Diocesan 50th anniversary celebrations - photographic memories... Please see the display boards in the Church Porch – for highlighting our parish life over 50 years.

Please add your photos of baptisms, weddings, departed loved ones etc. and if you want them returned afterwards, please put your name on the back.

Calling all children and young people... to create a painting, drawing or model on the theme: "My Church". It could be of the inside or outside of the church, the windows, a statue, people or a bible story. Entries must have name and age and be given in by Oct

25th. Prizes for **all** entries. Adults welcome but not eligible for a prize! See Monica/any of Children's Liturgy team.

Sayings of St Carlo Acutis (1991-2006)

Find God and you will find the meaning of your life.

Without Him, I can do nothing.

The Eucharist is my highway to Heaven.

You too can be a saint. But you need to want it with your whole heart, and – if you do not yet desire it – ask the Lord for it with insistence.

When Carlo was about to receive Holy Communion, his prayer was: *Jesus, come right in! Make yourself at home!*

St Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925)

was declared a saint at the same time as Carlo Acutis – by Pope Leo - on the 7th Sep 2025.

Like Carlo, Pier believed deeply that Christ visited him every morning when he received Communion. He saw himself as emulating this when he visited the poor in the slums – which he did frequently. When a companion asked him how he managed to ignore the filth around him he answered:

Don't forget that even though the house is sordid you are approaching Christ.

Remember the Lord said 'the good you do to the poor you do to me' Around the poor, the sick, the suffering I see a light we don't have.

A friend wrote in his diary: 'Pier Giorgio goes about in silence and secret without applause and gives both bread & his heart.'

St Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897) (feast day 1 October) was another young person who had the desire to become a saint, but felt totally incapable of it. A new invention at the time was the lift. She said that Jesus would be her elevator – carrying her up in his arms – if she was little enough! By humbly accepting the full truth of our littleness before God – we can allow Him to transform us. It's the way of spiritual childhood, of total trust and confidence in Him and of total surrender - no matter what the suffering. Despite her hidden life as an enclosed nun – after her death - she was described as **the Greatest Saint of Modern Times**. She is the patron of the Foreign Missions and a Doctor of the Church.