



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**THE SEVENTH
SUNDAY
in ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday 23rd February 2025

Psalter – Week 3

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:

Saturday 1st March – Jili Jijo, Diony Jose, Bindhu Roy, Sherin Jijo,

Saji Abraham, Sheena Justin

Saturday 8th March – Alan Kent, Mike Bradshaw, Ann O’Flanagan, Helen Burns

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 23rd February – Buendia Family & Ron White

Sunday 2nd March – Pat & PJ Sheehy and Annette Field

Dear Friends,

The readings this week invite us to reflect on one of the most challenging aspects of our Christian faith: the call to love our enemies. This is not a suggestion or a lofty ideal; it is a commandment from Jesus Himself, and it lies at the heart of what it means to be one of His disciples.

The world tells us to seek revenge, to hold grudges, and to put ourselves first. However Jesus invites us to a different way of life — a way of love that reflects the heart of our heavenly Father. It is not an easy path, but it is the path that leads to true freedom and lasting peace.

Let us ask the Lord for the courage to love as He loves. May we be instruments of His mercy in a world that so desperately needs it. And may we always remember that when we love our enemies, we are not only following Christ's command but also bearing witness to the transformative power of His Gospel.

Dcn Huw ☺

ST FELIX DAY QUIZ NIGHT

To celebrate our Parish and School Patron Saint, Saint Felix of Dunwich, whose feast day is on March 8th, you are invited to come to our St Felix Day Quiz Night

Friday 7th March, 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

**Kedington Community Centre
Great Meadow, Arms Lane, CB9 7QQ**

£2 per person (payment on the night).

Teams of 6, or come along and make a team on the night.

Please bring your own food and drink.

Please sign up for our Quiz Night using the form in the narthex.

Items for the newsletter should be sent to

stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter



Haverhill
Singers

and



PRESENTS

Karl Jenkins'
extraordinary opus:

The ARMED MAN

A Mass For Peace

**St Mary's Church, High St,
Haverhill, CB9 8AX.
22nd March 2025 @ 7pm**



scan to book
on-line

**Tickets on the door at £15*
Or book on-line
@www.haverhillsingers.org
Call: 07702 310044
or 07765 087424**

*Accompanied children under 16 F.O.C.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

God our Father, we pray for the many people who have asked for our prayers; for their healing and their peace. Hold them, shelter them and keep them in your tender care. Comfort those who grieve and give courage to those who are fearful. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

- Please pray for people requesting prayers in our 'Intentions Book', especially Linette Fernandes, Gisèle Marçhon and Dave Morgan who are ill and Elias Gomes who is now receiving end of life care.
Pray in thanksgiving for Lata who was declared terminally ill with a year's life expectancy in November 23 and who is currently tumour free.
Pray for the intentions of Francis Xavier Correirra and Aidan Marçhon and the Marçhon family.
- Please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict.
- Pray for all people and lands devastated by the effects of climate change.
- Pray for people whose income is insufficient to meet their needs, Remember the work of 'REACH' and its volunteers in your prayers.
- Pray that all producers of food and commodities receive just treatment and fair recompense for their labour and products.
- Pray for migrants and refugees that they will receive the welcome and support they need from those to whom they turn for help.
- Pray for prisoners, their families and those who work with them. Remember especially all those associated with HMP Highpoint.
- Pray for Fr. John, Dcn. Huw, the pupils and staff of St Felix School and all the people of our parish.

Pray for all the people we know and love who have died;

Remember their families and all who grieve.

Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Ronald Matthews, Enid Matthews, Sheila Rowley, Elizabeth Poole, Patricius Guiton

During Winter (up to Lent) we are asked to pray for:

**Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, Openess to the Word of God,
Victims of Trafficking, People who are Sick and Those Who Care for Them,
People who are Unemployed.**

In February Pope Francis asks us to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

NEED HELP DURING the ON-GOING COST of LIVING CRISIS?

Please speak to Fr. John or you can contact



Get in touch. Our friendly team of advisers are on hand to help you, so please do get in touch:

0800 009 6710

info@reachhaverhill.org.uk

Contact hours: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

February 2025

TOP 5 Items needed this week:

- Coffee**

- Pasta sauce**

- Tinned tomatoes**

- Squash**

- Tea**


Haverhill **Foodbank** Together with Trussell **Reach** Community Projects

Some Thoughts On 'Living Simply'

From Laudato Si § 211

"Only by cultivating sound virtues will people be able to make a selfless ecological commitment. A person who could afford to spend and consume more but regularly uses less heating and wears warmer clothes, shows the kind of convictions and attitudes which help to protect the environment. There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, and it is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle. Education in environmental responsibility can encourage ways of acting which directly and significantly affect the world around us, such as avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, cooking only what can reasonably be consumed, showing care for other living beings, using public transport or car-pooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights, or any number of other practices. All of these reflect a generous and worthy creativity which brings out the best in human beings. Reusing something instead of immediately discarding it when done for the right reasons, can be an act of love which expresses our own dignity."

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on
the first Sunday of the month, 4.30 p.m – 6.30 p.m.**

You are all welcome to come and spend time in prayer before
the Blessed Sacrament.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
23 rd February	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY – HALF TERM <i>(next session Sunday 2nd March)</i>		

Children's Liturgy is for children who attend **Reception class and Years 1, 2 and 3**, so that they can hear the Word of God adapted to their age group. Younger children and/or those with additional needs are welcome to attend with an adult. Children who have made their First Holy Communion should remain in the main church and not attend Children's Liturgy. We have a side room that can be used for younger children and their adult carer, if they need some space to move about.

The ratio of DBS-checked adults to children is 1:6 for our age group, so the number of children who are permitted to attend depends upon the number of adult helpers we have and the space available in the Narthex. We have a registration system before Mass where parents should sign their children in and they are given a registration card, which should be brought to the session on that day. Those without a card may need to be sent back to the main church if we are over-crowded. Children should register each time that they come to Mass.

We are always looking for more adult helpers, so if you would like to assist us and are willing to have a Disclosure and Barring Check please speak to Fr John or Angela Wilson. *Thank you. Angela Wilson*

FR ANTHONY'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Fr Anthony Foreman celebrates the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on 12th March 2025.

Fr Anthony has been a good friend to St Felix many times in the past.

He is concelebrating Mass

*on **WEDNESDAY 12th MARCH – 12 midday***

OUR LADY & ST ETHELDREDA CHURCH, NEWMARKET

Fr Anthony sends an open invitation to anyone from St Felix who may wish to attend his celebration on the 12th.

HYMNS for SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2025



910 - Christ Be Beside Me

791 - Father I Place Into Your
Hands

967 - O the Love of My Lord

803 - Love is His Word

*Next choir practice in preparation for Lent and Easter
Tuesday 25th February at 7.00 p.m. in Church*

Anyone who wishes to join with the choir on Sundays and at practices to learn new psalms/hymns and rehearse familiar ones is very welcome.

2025 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



We are hosting this year's World Day of Prayer for the Haverhill and district churches on **FRIDAY 7th MARCH at 4.00 p.m.**

The 2025 focus country is **COOK ISLANDS.**

The women of the Cook Islands have prepared the worship service which will be the basis for the wave of 24 hours of global prayer.

The theme they have chosen is

I HAVE MADE YOU WONDERFUL.

(Inspired by psalm 139)

Please be part of this global wave of prayer by attending the service and if you are able and willing to help in other ways such as reading during the service, welcoming our visitors and helping with refreshments after the service please let Linda Pector, Fr John or Dcn Huw know. *Thank you.*

LENT, HOLY WEEK and EASTER 2025



On Wednesday 5th March, Ash Wednesday, we begin the Season of Lent. We will have 40 days of Lent ahead of us leading us to the most sacred and faith filled days of the year – **The Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday - Good Friday –**

The Easter Vigil, taking us from Lent into the Season of Easter to celebrate the Risen Jesus.

As we prepare to pray together through Lent we remember everyone in our parish community, we pray for our wider community and especially for peace for many in our world experiencing conflict and violence. particularly in the Middle East and the Holy Land, and in Ukraine. We are invited in this Jubilee Year to be Pilgrims of Hope seeking forgiveness and growing in repentance, by reflecting on God's call to reach out to those in need and by sharing hope with others. May our journey together through Lent help us to share the message of this Jubilee Year with everyone.

Ash Wednesday - Wednesday 5th March

Mass in St Felix Church will be celebrated at 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

'Walk with Me' Lent Booklet

Copies of 'Walk with Me' for Lent are available for a donation in the Narthex. They have an introduction by Bishop Peter and offer a reflection for each day of Lent. Please pick up a copy ready for Lent.

Lent House Masses

This Lent you can offer to host one of our weekly Lent House Masses. Mass will be celebrated at 7.30 p.m. If you are able to offer your home to welcome other people to come to celebrate with you on one of the following dates, please speak to Fr John as soon as possible. Thank you. **Thursday 6th March; Thursday 13th March; Wednesday 19th March; Wednesday 26th March; Wednesday 2nd April; Wednesday 9th April;**

Children's Liturgy for Lent

During Lent our Children's Liturgy Group will help our children to prepare for Easter during our 10 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent Stations of the Cross will be prayed in church on **Fridays** before the 10 a.m Mass at **9.30 a.m.** and on **Good Friday evening, 29th March at 7.30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to come along.

CAFOD Jubilee Year 2025 Reflections - 'Pilgrims of Hope'

On Thursday mornings after our 10 a.m. Mass you are welcome to share in a short time of reflection on this Jubilee Year of 2025 using a resource prepared by CAFOD reflecting on what it means to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

These times of reflection will be on Thursday 6th, 13th & 20th March and Wednesday 26th March.

All are welcome to come along and share your thoughts and have time to reflect on this Jubilee Year.

World Day of Prayer – Friday 7th March, 4 p.m.

St Felix is hosting the 2025 Ecumenical World Day of Prayer service All are welcome.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day - Friday 14th March

Pray with CAFOD and their partners around the world on this day. Envelopes will be available in the Narthex for CAFOD Lent Fast Day There will be a collection for CAFOD at Masses on Saturday 15th March / Sunday 25th March

Children's Mass for Lent – Sunday 16th March – 10 a.m

All are welcome to come and pray with our children and their families at our Children's Mass for Lent

Refreshments after Sunday morning Mass – Sunday 6th April

All are welcome to stay and chat over a cuppa or a cold drink after the 10 a.m. Parish Mass

Mayor's Thanksgiving Service – Sunday 6th April, 3 p.m. in St Felix Church

Come and join with our Town Mayor and Parishioner Dave Smith to give thanks for his service as our Mayor for the past year (two years) and to welcome Civic and Ecumenical guests at a special Thanksgiving Service. All are welcome.

Refreshments will be available after the service.

Deanery Station Mass – Thursday 27th March, 7 p.m.

Bishop Peter will celebrate our Deanery Station Mass at 7 p.m. in the Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Etheldreda, 14 Exeter Road, Newmarket CB8 8LT

Adoration and Confessions will be available from 6 p.m.

Refreshments will be available after Mass.

All are welcome to come and celebrate together with clergy and parishioners from across our Deanery

Parish Feast Day of St Felix – 8th March

Come and celebrate our Parish Saint over the weekend of 8th & 9th March at our Sunday Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

During Lent there will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Saturday 5.45 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. or by arrangement with Fr John.

Lent Reconciliation Service

On Thursday 10th April at 7.30 p.m. we welcome some of our local priests to celebrate our Lent Reconciliation Service with us.

Please come along and pray together and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday - 13th April

Mass at St Felix Church

Saturday 12th April at 6.30 p.m.

Sunday 13 April at 10 a.m.

Tuesday of Holy Week 15th April – 11.30 a.m.

Chrism Mass in Norwich at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist

Wednesday of Holy Week 16th April – 10 a.m.

Mass in St Felix Church

Triduum



MAUNDY THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

Children's Service – 3 p.m St Felix Church.

Mass of The Lord's Supper – 7.30 p.m. St Felix Church

Watching until 10.30 p.m. ending with Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY 18TH APRIL

Ecumenical Procession of Witness – 10 a.m.

Commencing from the Old Independent Church, Haverhill, CB9 8EE to the Market Place to join with fellow Christians in an Act of Worship

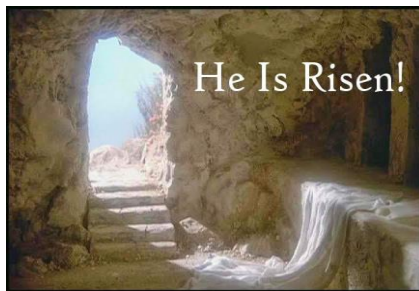
Children's Service – 12 noon St Felix Church

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3.p.m. St Felix Church

Stations of the Cross – 7.30 p.m. St Felix Church

HOLY SATURDAY 19TH APRIL

The Easter Vigil – 8 p.m. St Felix Church



EASTER SUNDAY 20TH APRIL

Mass for Easter Sunday – 10 a.m. St Felix Church

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend of 15th/16th February 2025

Standing Orders	£421.00
Collection	£419.30
Total:	£840.30

Forthcoming Second Collections:

14th March 2025 – CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day

15th/16th March 2025 – Cafod Collection

18th April 2025, Good Friday – Holy Land Shrines
Collection to support the Holy Places of Palestine

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

AFTER MASS REFRESHMENTS SUNDAY 2nd MARCH



*Hosted by
Joan and Sharon*

*Please stay for a cuppa and a
chat after 10.00 a.m. Mass*

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

DATE	1 st READING	2 nd READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 15th February	VIOLET	ANGELA	KAREN
Sunday 16th February	SALLY	AARON	Sign up list In narthex
Saturday 22nd February	GISHO	LINDA	MURRY
Sunday 23rd February	SALLY	ALICE	Sign up list In narthex

ST FELIX MASSES & MASS INTENTIONS

[Masses celebrated in church are also live-streamed]

The link for our Live-Streamed Masses via our YouTube channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEHq3Ww93rfGfMGzXS25A2w/>

[Sunday readings – Year c, Weekday readings Year I]

SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 22nd February: 6.30 p.m. Mass
John & Margaret Mooney RIP

Sunday 23rd February: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

SEVENTH WEEK of the YEAR

Tuesday 25th February: NO MASS TODAY *[Fr John is away]*

Wednesday 26th February: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Joseph RIP*

Thursday 27th February: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Alan & Felicie Parsley INT*

Friday 28th February: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Thanksgiving INT*

EIGHTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 1st March: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Bridget Harkin RIP*

Sunday 2nd March: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
on Saturday evenings from 5.45 – 6.15 p.m.**

**If you need to speak with myself or Deacon Huw,
please call me on 01440 702156 or
Deacon Huw on 07399 163718.**

**Wishing you and your families every blessing and prayers
*Fr John and Deacon Huw***