



PARISH OF ST. FELIX, HAVERHILL

DEDICATION of the LATERAN BASILICA Remembrance Day

9th November 2025

Psalter – Week 4

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

**Sat. 15th November – Sherin Cijo, Saji Abraham, Sheena Jestine,
Juvana Jestine, Josh Cijo**

**Sat. 22nd November – Nnenna Ezugwu, Chinoso Mfon-Eddie,
Stella Ugama, Kelechi Onwodi, Nellie Malango**

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 9th November – Baiju & Sonia Varghese and Ian Blythe

Sunday 16th November – Jose Family and Ron White

FR. ADRIAN GRAFFY on the
FEAST of the DEDICATION of the LATERAN BASILICA

It may come as a surprise that the celebration of the dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome displaces the usual Sunday celebration. There are two reasons for this: the basilica's primary dedication is to the Saviour, and, being the cathedral of Rome, it is the mother church of the Christian world and takes precedence even over St Peter's in the Vatican.

The basilica of 'St John Lateran', as it is also called, since it is dedicated also to St John the Baptist, was built in the fourth century by the Roman emperor Constantine. It became the church of the bishop of Rome. For many centuries the popes lived at the Lateran. Close by is the baptistry where Constantine was baptised.

Our gospel reading teaches us that Christ is the new temple. He is God among us. While the prophet Ezekiel sees the temple in Jerusalem as the place of the presence of God, from which blessings flow out to renew and revive creation, Jesus is the new temple from whom new life comes in abundance.

But it is not a building of stones that we celebrate today. We celebrate the presence of Christ among us, his people, in his church. St Paul tells us that we ourselves are God's building, God's temple: 'Did you not realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you?' The feast of this ancient basilica reminds us that we are 'living stones' and that we belong together in Christ's church.

OCTOBER 100 CLUB WINNERS



1st Prize £150 - ROSIE COOK [21]

2nd Prize £100 - SALLY CLEGHORN [102]

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION COURSE
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN 2026

If you are in **year 9 or above at school** you may wish to think about confirmation. You do not have to commit to being confirmed at this stage.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a sign that a person has reached maturity and is now able to take responsibility for their own faith. It also strengthens and deepens the connection to the Church that is established at baptism.

If you would like to take part in the preparation course please contact Deacon Huw for an application form.

Completed applications to be received by
Dcn. Huw by 30th November 2025
– the First Sunday of Advent.



Reflections to inform our thoughts, prayers and actions on
'Living Simply'

From: 'The Happiness Habit ' by Daniel O'Leary
The Columba Press, 2016 page 15

**A FEW QUIET MINUTES EACH DAY WILL CALM YOUR
HEART, YOUR MIND AND YOUR BODY**

It may be just as you wake up, or last thing at night, or in the middle of the day - but those few minutes of stillness will eventually bring you a blessed peace. They will detox your soul, giving you healthy space and vital energy. Before tidying up the kitchen, checking your emails, making that phone call or shopping list, stop for a moment, breathe mindfully. The more you practise it, the easier it becomes. Simply be still, notice your frantic thoughts and feelings, relax your shoulders, become aware of your regular breathing.....

**SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER is
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**



'Lest we forget'

We will have an Act of Remembrance at the beginning of our Sunday Masses at St Felix this weekend, a moment when we can pause in silent prayer and pray for all who have lost their lives in conflicts in past years and today, and for peace and justice in our world today.

HAVERHILL'S REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY EVENT

will consist of a parade followed by a service at Haverhill cemetery.

2:20pm – Remembrance Sunday Parade:

- The parade will start from Haverhill Arts Centre car park and proceed along the High Street.
- After a short pause on the Market Square the procession will continue to the Withersfield Road cemetery for 3:00pm.

3:00pm – Cemetery service:

- The service will be led by the Rev. Max Drinkwater of St Mary's Church, Haverhill and include The Last Post played by Tim Pannell.
- There will be an opportunity to lay poppies after the service.
- After the service the parade will head back to Haverhill Market Square for an official dismissal.



**The poppy is a symbol of
Remembrance and hope,
including hope for a positive future
and peaceful world.**

Poppies are a show of support for the Armed Forces community, those currently serving, ex-serving personnel and their families; and a symbol of Remembrance for all those who have fallen in conflict.

John McCrae wrote the poem ***In Flanders Fields*** which inspired the use of the poppy as a symbol of Remembrance.

In the spring of 1915, shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae wrote his now famous poem after seeing poppies growing in battle-scarred fields.

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' Fields.

John McCrae

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2026



We run a preparation programme for children in Year 3 or above and their parents each year on Saturday afternoons in term time from **January until June**. We look forward to teaching and supporting the children and parents to develop their understanding of the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation, and to celebrating with you.

Thank you to all our children and parents who have signed up for our preparation programme for next year, the group for 2026 is now full and we are sorry we didn't have room for more children. Forms for 2027 will be available later in 2026 – please keep an eye on the newsletter for information.

If anyone has any questions about the programme, please speak to our Parish Catechist, Mrs Angela Wilson or to Fr John.

Thank you and God Bless.

PRAYING FOR HOLY SOULS

Envelopes for intentions for Holy Souls during November are available in the narthex

A basket will be put on the font for you to place your envelope containing the names of your deceased parents, relatives, friends and all for whom you wish to pray, with any donation you wish to make.

All these intentions will be offered at Masses during the month of November,

November is a time for remembering and praying for our loved ones who have gone before us and whose loss we feel. It is a time when we are particularly conscious of those in our parish who are grieving and all those families who have lost loved ones in the past year.

CALLING ALL MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS



If your box needs emptying please bring it to church and leave it in the narthex. Once emptied your box can be collected from the same place.

Thank you for your continued support

To support Missio throughout the year visit <https://missio.org.uk> or call **020 7821 9755 (in office hours)**



CAFOD WORLD GIFTS Catalogue 2025
available now in the narthex.

Full range of gifts available online:

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections/all>

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'. Particularly remember those who are ill.
- Please continue to pray for lasting peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict.
- Pray for all people and lands devastated by effects of climate change. Pray that everyone will do what they can to protect & nurture Creation.
- 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 just and compassionate 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 people of our parish, particularly those in care and nursing homes, and the staff and pupils of St Felix School.

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:

**Anthony Robinson, Olive Grace, Patrick O'Keefe, Maureen Kearns,
Maya Sukpe, Mary Jenvey, Ernest Lyons, Evelyn Armitstead, Alan Neale,
Edward Collins, Edward Cooney, Mary Lally, Margaret O'Meara,
Bella Young, Stuart Beaumont.**

During Autumn we are asked to pray for:

**The Harvest, The Care of Creation, Students and Teachers, The Spread of
the Gospel, Justice and Peace in the World, Prisoners and Their Families,
All Victims of War and Young People.**

Pope Leo asks us to join him in November in praying for the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



**FIRST SUNDAY
OF THE MONTH**

4.30 – 6.30 p.m.

**You are welcome to come
and spend time in prayer
before the Blessed**

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS	
Sunday 9th November	Team 1 CAROL and DAVE
Sunday 16th November	Team 2 SUE and DAVE
<i>Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. Thank you</i>	

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
DATE	1 st READING	2 nd READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 08 November	VIOLET	LINDA	MURRY
Sunday 09 November	ADEMIDE	SALLY	Sign – up sheet in narthex
Saturday 15 November	KAREN	JO	ANNE
Sunday 16 November	MARITA	JENNA	Sign – up sheet in narthex

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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
9 th November	ANGELA WILSON	1. Christine White 2. 3.	12

Children's Liturgy is for children in Reception Class and Years 1, 2 and 3 so 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 not attend Children's Liturgy but stay to hear the Liturgy of the Word in church.

We are always looking for more adult helpers. If you would like to assist us please speak to Fr. John or Angela Wilson.

Thank you. Angela Wilson.

HYMNS for SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER



830 – The Church's One Foundation

907 – Abide With Me

955 – O God Our Help in Ages Past

679 – The Day Thou Gavest

SAVE THE DATE:

Our parish and others in the Bury St Edmund deanery will come together at the Bishop's invitation and celebrate the work of organisations involved in social outreach at a

[Caritas East Anglia Festival](#) on Saturday 6 December 2025

at St Edmund, King and Martyr Church,,
21 Westgate Street, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1QG.
from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

If there are charitable social actions or organisations, i.e., people coming together to help improve their lives and solve the problems that are important in their communities, that you would like to see, or think should be represented at the Festival, particularly if you are involved in them yourself, please e-mail your ideas to caritas@rcdea.org.uk now.

The festival will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter and be followed by refreshments and opportunities to find out about local projects. It will end at 12.15 p.m. with prayer and reflection on the day. ALL WELCOME to attend for part of, or the whole event.

For more information and if you are able to take part please speak to Fr John



DIOCESAN GOLDEN JUBILEE 2026

Next year our Diocese of East Anglia will celebrate its Golden Jubilee.

As part of these celebrations each Parish has been asked to celebrate the past 50 years of the parish. So we at St Felix can celebrate this we need a couple of people to volunteer to gather information and look through our parish archives to set up a couple of celebrations during the year of our Diocesan Jubilee.

If you are interested in helping with this please speak to Fr John or email him at john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk We can also be part of the Diocesan working group to feed in ideas and suggestions for other parishes and for the Diocese to use. *Thank you*

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 1st/2nd October 2025

Standing Orders: £421.00

Collection: £675.09

Total: **£1096.09**

£60.13 for candles

Second Collections Coming Up

13th/14th December – Diocesan Dependent Priests' Fund

A collection will be taken for this fund which supports our retired priests, those who are ill and those no longer active in ministry. Please keep them all in your prayers and give thanks for their years of ministry in our diocese.

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

Dona Card Machine Payments

Just a reminder that you can make the following donations to our Parish via our Dona Card Machine in the narthex: **Sunday Collection, Second Collections, CAFOD, 100 Club, Flowers, Candles, Mass Offerings, Donations.**

Thank you

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be NO 10 a.m. Mass on Friday 14th November as Fr. John is attending a funeral in Liverpool.

Items for the newsletter should be sent to

stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

PLEASE NOTE NEW E.MAIL ADDRESS

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]

DEDICATION of the LATERAN BASILICA – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Saturday 8th November: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 9th November: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Basilia Fernandes INT*

THIRTY-SECOND WEEK of the YEAR:

Tuesday 11th November: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Olive Grace RIP*

Wednesday 12th November: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Anna Jose RIP*

Thursday 13th November: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Martin Farragher RIP*

Friday 14th November: NO MASS TODAY

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – WORLD DAY of the POOR

Saturday 15th November: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 16th November: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Colin Lyons RIP*

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