



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**FOURTH SUNDAY of
EASTER**

(Day of Prayer for Vocations)

(*Parish Mass Book page 261*)

Sunday 21st April 2024

Psalter – Week 4

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:

Saturday 27th April – Alan Kent, Mike Bradshaw, Ann O’Flanagan & Helen Burns

Saturday 3rd May – Sheila Dooley, Mary Dooley, Christine White & Malcolm M.

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 21st April – Pat & PJ Sheehy and Annette Field.

Sunday 28th April – Baiju & Sonia Varghese and Ian Blythe

Dear Friends

The shepherd image in the Gospel conveys the *personal* nature of the relationship between Jesus and his followers. Jesus declares that he knows his own and his own know him, just as the Father knows him and he knows the Father. When it comes to the Lord we are not just one of a crowd, lost in a sea of faces, the Lord knows each one of us by name. Jesus relates to us in a personal way and he invites us to relate to him in a personal way. When He says in today's gospel that, as the good shepherd, 'I lay down my life for my sheep', he is saying that he lays down his life for each one of us individually.

The Lord who knows each one of us by name, who gave himself in love for each one of us, also calls each one of us by name. Today is *Vocations Sunday* and the Lord has a calling that is personal to each one of us. From the time of our baptism, we are each called to be the Lord's disciples, to follow the Good Shepherd. The way in which we do that will be unique to each one of us. Each person in this church can do something for the Lord that only he or she can do. Each and every one of us has a unique contribution to make to the work of the Lord and it is a vital contribution: when we respond to our unique vocation, we give a lift to everyone else. When any one of us fails to respond to that vocation, we are all a little bit impoverished.

Let us commit ourselves to hearing and responding to the call of the Good Shepherd.

Dcn Huw ☺



FEAST of ST. GEORGE

Patron of England

Mass for St George's Day
will be celebrated at
10 a.m on Tuesday 23rd April
in St Felix Church.

All are welcome.

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 through our 'Intentions Book'
- Please continue to pray for peace in Gaza, Ukraine and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict.
- Pray for people and environment affected by climate change. Pray that nations will work together to stop and reverse this.
- 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 prisoners, their families and those who work with them. Remember especially all those associated with HMP Highpoint.
- Pray for our children preparing to celebrate their First Holy Communion in May, and their families.
- Pray for the pupils and staff of St Felix School.
- Pray for Fr. John, Dcn, Huw, and all the people of our parish, especially those who are housebound or being cared for in our local care and nursing homes.

Pray for all the people we know and love who have died,
and for those who grieve.

Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Isabella Cameron, Helen Boyle, Ethel (Ruth) Madden,
John Kuwalik John Brown, Arthur Searle, Leonard Roberts,
Alice Drummond, Lillian Seffill.

**During Easter Time we are asked to pray for
New Members of the Church, Vocations, Survivors of Sexual Abuse, Human Work,
The Right Use of Media, The Church**

In April Pope Francis asks us to pray with him for:

The Role Of Women - Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

IN NEED of HELP?

If you are aware of anyone who is in need of help during the ongoing cost of living crisis, please speak to Fr. John or you can contact 'Reach'



Need help. Don't wait. Get in touch.
Our friendly team of advisers are here, 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

MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PILGRIMAGE, CLARE PRIORY SUNDAY 12TH MAY 2024 11.30 a.m – 4 p.m.

You are invited to Clare Priory for the Annual Mother of Good Counsel Pilgrimage on Sunday 12th May beginning with Rosary Procession at 11.30 a.m, Sacrament of Reconciliation at 12.15 p.m, Adoration and concluding with Mass of the Day at 2.15 p.m.

Fr George Donaghy OSA will celebrate Mass and Deacon Alan McMahon will be preaching.

All are welcome to come and celebrate. Light refreshments will be available. Please bring a packed lunch.



ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN BURY ST EDMUNDS

has vacancies for an **RE teacher** and a **Maths teacher** from September 2024 (main or upper pay scales). Full and part time applicants considered. We also have a vacancy for a **Senior Science Technician** post. Further details on all posts can be found on the school website:

<https://www.st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk/vacancies>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
21 st April	MARY MATHEW	Christine White [? second helper available]	12 [?18]

HYMNS for SUNDAY 21st APRIL 2024



807 - Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

806 - The Lord's My Shepherd

720 - Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

721 - O Lord My God, When I in
Awesome Wonder

PARKING FOR SUNDAY MASSES

Please do not block others in when parking in the church car park and if you are able to park away from the church and walk a little, please do so.

Parking is available in School Lane and next to the entrance to St Felix Primary School.

If parking on the roads close to church please be respectful of our neighbours and please do not block driveways or park across dropped kerbs.

Thank you

Items for the newsletter should be sent to
stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com
by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

NEW PARISH DONA CARD MACHINE FOR DONATIONS

Following discussions at our parish finance committee recently we have now acquired a Parish Dona Card Machine which is in the narthex and can be used for you to make donations.

All forms of payment are acceptable including Visa, Mastercard, Maestro, G Pay and Apple Pay and others. Gift Aid payments can also be made.

This will be in addition to the collection plates which will continue to be handed round church during the offertory.

Thank you for all who generously give via standing order, and if you wish to make your donation using the card payment machine - thank you.

How to make your donation using our Parish Dona Card Machine

1. Select the collection you wish to give to (i.e) Parish Collection, Priest Training Fund, CAFOD etc
2. Chose the amount you wish to give or 'other amount'
3. If you chose 'other amount' enter how much you wish to give and press Donate
4. Tap your card or payment device on the card reader on the right
5. For Gift Aid Donation you will then be asked for your name, house number or name, postcode and email address. If you use the same card for your donations you will only need to enter this 'Gift Aid' information once.
6. Your donation is complete. Thank you. Unfortunately we don't issue receipts.

Any problems with the Parish Dona Card Machine please speak to Fr John or Deacon Huw. Thank you.

MARCH 100 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to:

1st prize - £150: RON HEFFORD [65]
2nd prize - £100: RITA NOONE [14]

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PETER
ON THE SECOND COLLECTION
FOR THE PRIEST TRAINING FUND

We are blessed in our diocesan family with three seminarians, a student for the priesthood residing in South Africa, and a possible candidate for entry to formation in September of this year. There is also an encouraging number of other men discerning a potential vocation to the priesthood, so it is all the more vital for the future of the diocese to enable adequate financial support for the training of priests.

The cost of training our diocesan students for the current year will amount to £92,418. I urge you to be as generous as possible in supporting the annual second collection, which last year raised approximately £20,000. (Donations can also be made through the diocesan website: www.rcdea.org.uk/vocations)

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Priest Training Fund. You can make a donation via our Parish Dona Card Machine in the narthex by selecting the Priest Training Fund button, or by giving your donation in the basket on the font.

Many thanks for your generous donations.

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for weekend 13th/14th April 2024

Standing orders	£383.00
Collection	£468.13
Total:	£851.13

Second Collection this weekend for Diocesan Vocations to the Priesthood

Future second collections for 2024:

11th/12th May – World Communications Day – Catholic Communications Network

15th/16th June – Day for Life – Bishops’ Conference Life Charities

29th/30th June – Peter’s Pence – The Holy Father’s Charitable Works

13th/14th July – Sea Sunday – The Work of Stella Maris

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

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/UCEHg3Ww93rfGfMGzXS25A2w/>

[Sunday readings – Year B, weekday readings Year II]

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [World Day of Prayer for Vocations]:

Saturday 20 th April:	6.30 p.m. Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 21 st April:	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>Joe and Stella Mesquita & Jacqui M-Morris RIP</i>
	3.30 p.m. Filipino Mass	

Fourth Week of Easter:

Tuesday 23 rd April:	<i>Feast of St. George [Patron of England]</i>	
	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>Bridie Greaney RIP</i>
Wednesday 24 th April:	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>Anna Keogh RIP</i>
Thursday 25 th April:	NO MASS TODAY	<i>(as Fr. John is in Cambridge with his family for the burial of his father's ashes)</i>
Friday 26 th April:	NO 10.00 a.m. MASS	<i>(Fr John is attending the Memorial Mass for Fr Michael Hazel in Ipswich)</i>
	5.30 p.m. Indian Mass	

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 27 th April:	6.30 p.m. Mass	<i>Joao [John] De Gouveia RIP</i>
Sunday 28 th April:	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

**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