

PARISH OF ST. FELIX, HAVERHILL

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday 8th June 2025

Psalter - Week 2

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Head teacher: Mrs. A. Dodds

CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 14th June – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu, Anu Anto, Zina Pereira Saturday 21st June - Jili Jijo, Diony Jose, Bindhu Roy

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 8th June – Jose Family Sunday 15th June – Pat & PJ Sheehy and Annette Field Dear Friends,

It is easy to think of the Descent of the Holy Spirit as something that happened to the apostles, but we have not fully understood the significance of the event unless, when we read "you shall receive power . . . ", we read it aware that "you" is as applicable to each of us today as it was to the disciples at the time.

It is the presence of the Holy Spirit that enables the Easter alleluia to resonate through every aspect of our lives. The working of the Holy Spirit in us conforms us to Christ, so that we can begin to live the new life that we are offered. Joy triumphs over uncertainty, because the pledge offered to us by the coming of the Holy Spirit will never be diminished.

Wherever we are today, however our lives are going, the Spirit is with us. Inspired by the Holy Spirit's action, we receive the courage to lift our hearts in hope, and the Spirit fills us, making us new and ready to take on the responsibility of bearing witness to Christ to the ends of the earth.

Dcn Huw 😊



PADDY TAYLOR RIP

Paddy Taylor died on Thursday 29th May 2025, Please remember Paddy in your prayers and pray for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Please also keep his wife, Maureen, and all his family in your prayers at this time.

The Funeral Mass for Paddy will be celebrated in St Felix Church at 1 p.m. on Friday 27th June, followed by a committal service at Haverhill Cemetery.

All are welcome to come and pray for Paddy and for, and with, his family and friends.

ST FELIX PLANT SALE - Thanks and Results

"The kiss of the sun for pardon
The song of the birds for mirth
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth"

Dorothy Frances Gurney 1858-1932

The total raised from the plant sale for the upkeep up our church grounds is:

£301.80.

Grateful thanks to all who supported us. We couldn't do it without you!



Apparently 'a rose between two thorns'.

Thank you. Sharon, Joe and Joan

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no weekday Masses this week as Fr John is attending the Association of Catholic Chaplains in Education (ACCE) Annual Conference.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS AT ST FELIX.



Since there has not been any response to my appeal for members of other groups in our parish community to assist with flowers in the church, the flower team have agreed that I set up a calendar on the notice board in the Narthex for volunteers to sign up to do flowers in the church for specific weekend dates over the year. Flowers and arrangements can be according to the arrangers' own traditions.

The Flower Team will continue to coordinate Easter and Christmas flower arrangements.

Also, from the last weekend in July until the first weekend in September we will place artificial arrangements under the altar and by the statues.

Feel free to contribute at other times, either during 'ordinary time' in the Church's liturgy or for special occasions.

You may claim back the cost of flowers that you buy by submitting receipts and I will refund in cash from the flower fund. As a guide, we spend up to £30 for ordinary weekend arrangements.

Thank you

Dave Arnold, Flower Team Co-ordinator



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.

<u>Reflections to inform our thoughts and prayers on 'Living Simply'</u>

From Green Christian leaflet 'Nine Ways to Live Gently on the Earth'

"The dire state of God's creation can make us wonder 'what on earth can I do? '. But living in a way that respects what God has made is part of our joyful discipleship and, by inspiring others to join us, we can begin to change the world. This leaflet offers nine ways to live more gently on the earth.

- 1. Stand up for the planet
- 2. Get connected
- 3. Practise gratitude and generosity
- 4. Be creative
- 5. Reconnect with the natural world
- 6. Use your LOAF (Local, Organic, Animal friendly, Fairly traded)
- 7. Travel light
- 8. Explore this island
- 9. Go fossil-free and low energy "

https://greenchristian.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Nine-Ways-DL-v10-proof-6.pdf

AN INVITATION FROM ST. FELIX SCHOOL

TO ST. FELIX PARISH



As part of our Jubilee of Hope at St Felix School this year, we have been acting as pilgrims of hope. This has included focused displays, a pilgrimage day within school and fundraising for Cafod and Reach.

JOIN OUR PENTECOST CELEBRATION

We are planning to combine our Pentecost celebration with our Jubilee actions on Monday 9th June. We will have a brief service in school with Fr. John and then process to church with banners reminding us of people we wish to bring close to God.



Once at the church, we will have a further service of prayers and our Jubilee Pledge.

We invite members of the parish to join us for any part of this celebration on: MONDAY $9^{\rm th}$ JUNE

We will start at school at 1:30 p.m. and will arrive at church at about 1:45 p.m.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE CHILDREN OF OUR SCHOOL & PARISH

HYMNS for SUNDAY 8th JUNE 2025 - PENTECOST



722 - Give Me Joy in My Heart

771 - The Spirit Lives to Set Us Free

820 - Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

770 - Shine, Jesus Shine

GLOBAL CHURCH PETITION



THE LIVES OF OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS ARE BEING DEVASTATED BY DEBT

54 countries - from Kenya to Sri Lanka - are facing debt distress. Many are forced to spend more on payments to big banks, wealthy nations and global institutions than they spend on health, education or life-saving climate measures. Debts are being paid at the expense of hiring doctors and teachers, building schools, hospitals and sewage systems, preparing for floods, or coping with droughts.

Often, countries have already re-paid their debts once, but due to unscrupulous lenders and extortionate interest rates, they are often left paying for the original debt many times over.

We need to cancel unfair debts, build better financial systems and implement fairer laws to prevent future debt crises. The time to act is now! 2025 is a Jubilee year, which is when the Bible calls for debt cancellation to restore justice and human dignity. This Jubilee year, people across the world are uniting in solidarity to demand action on the debt crisis. Pope Francis said, "More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice."

Read more at: https://cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt

Members of churches around the world are being asked to sign a petition to world leaders calling for the cancellation of unfair debt and the development of fairer financial systems and just debt laws.

PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO THE PETITION ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
The petition will be available until the end of the month.

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 those who are ill.
- ➤ 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 effects of climate change.
- Pray for the people of South Sudan, particularly the students and staff of Loreto Rumbek School.
- 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.
- Please pray for Pope Leo XIV that he will always be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and speak and act with Faith, Hope and Love.

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:
Ellen Mullins, William Dempsey, Emma Bevan, Annie Finlay,
Christine Christie, Eva Wright, Thomas Latham,
Christine Kay, Rose Conrey.

During Easter time we are asked to pray for:

New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work, The Right Use of the Media, The Church, Survivors of Sexual Abuse.

<u>Pope Francis asked us to pray in June</u> for the world to grow in compassion. Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

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.



PARISH SACRISTANS

Thank you to those who have come forward to volunteer as Parish Sacristans. We now have two teams of 3 people, one for Saturday evening Mass and one for Sunday morning Mass. Any other volunteers are always welcome, please speak to Fr John. Training will be given.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
8 [™] June	CHILDREN'S MASS - NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS WEEK		

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.

The ratio of DBS-checked adults to children is 1:6 for our age group. The number of children permitted to attend depends on the number of adult helpers and the space available in the narthex. We have a registration system before Mass and parents should sign their children in and take a registration card to bring to that Sunday's session. Children without a registration card will be sent back to the main church if we are overcrowded. Children must be registered each time they come to Mass.

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



Its been a
while since we
checked in on
what's
happening on
our wild flower
bank...

I've always
known these
flowers as 'dog
daisies' but
they are also
known as ox-eye
daisy, marguerite,
moon daisy, field
daisy, moonpenny, poverty
daisy, poor-land
penny, white
daisy.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

You are invited to come and celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord (Corpus Christi) at a Eucharistic Procession at St Felix Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday 22nd June

We invite members of our Indian, Filipino, African and Polish Communities to decorate an Altar (a table will be provided) for the Procession. If you are a member of one of these Communities and are able to do this please speak to Fr John or Deacon Huw by Sunday 15th June 2025.

ST FELIX PARISH PROJECT 2025

We are supporting the work and mission of LORETO RUMBEK SCHOOL in South Sudan



The Loreto Rumbek Primary Health Care Centre

opened in 2016 situated under a tree in the school compound. It then made use of a primary school classroom and in 2020, thanks to a generous German sponsor the new purpose built health care centre was opened.

Our donations to Loreto Rumbek School also help support continuing and expanding health care and education in this part of South Sudan. In addition to meeting the health needs of the students and staff of both schools, the Loreto Rumbek PHCC has been given responsibility for providing health services to 7 local villages – in excess of 24,000 people, which the HCC staff do by running outreach clinics in the villages.

The World Health Organisation has also recognised the Health Centre as an official vaccination centre.

The PHHC provides +basic health education and nutrition support, +water, sanitation and hygiene education +maternal and baby care, +childhood immunisations, +control and treatment of communicable diseases, +treatment of minor conditions, illnesses and injuries, +psychosocial support and counselling (trauma healing) and +much more!

Find out much more about the work of the PHCC by using this link: www.loretorumbek.ie/health-care

Our target over the next few months is to raise at least £1000 for the work of Loreto Rumbek Schools, and the Primary Health Care Centre.

Thanks to your generosity we have already passed the £700 mark!

There is a donation point in the narthex. You can donate cash by placing it in the Loreto Rumbek School box. You can also donate using the dona card machine if you prefer. Justice & Peace Group

This Weekend:-

CELEBRATION MASS FOR OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

On Sunday, 8th June, we will celebrate a Children's Mass at our 10 a.m. Sunday Mass, with all the children who have recently celebrated their First Holy Communion with us at St Felix.

We pray for them and their families.

All are welcome to come and celebrate and give thanks.

MINISTRY OF READING AND MINISTRY OF THE EUCHARIST

To give thanks for those in our Parish Community who generously offer their time in serving our Community as Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:-

Over the weekend of 14th & 15th June all Readers are invited to be recommissioned during our Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

Also over the weekend of <u>21st & 22nd June</u> all <u>Eucharistic</u> <u>Ministers are invited to be recommissioned</u> at both our Sunday Masses (Saturday evening and Sunday morning).

Just come to the Mass you usually attend and during Mass there will be a short time of prayer and recommissioning. Please remember our Readers and Eucharistic Ministers in your prayers. Thank you all for your service to our Parish Community

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS				
Sunday 8 th June	Team 2 SUE and DAVE			
Sunday 15 th June	Team 4 RACHEL and IAN			

Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. Thank you

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS					
DATE	1 st READING	2 nd READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		
Saturday 7 th June	LINDA	JENNA	ANNE		
Sunday 8 th June	CHILDREN'S MASS		Sign – up sheet in narthex		
Saturday 14 th June	ANGELA	JO	MURRY		
Sunday 15 th June			Sign – up sheet in narthex		

PARISH FINANCES

Collections for the weekend 31st May/1st June 2025

Standing Orders: £421.00 Collection: £629.15 Total: £1050.15

£165 for our Parish Project – Loreto Rumbek School, South Sudan Running Total: £773.86

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

Items for the newsletter should be sent to stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

ST FELIX



Monthly Prizes of £150 and £100

For those who pay for their membership annually subs are due in June.

We have room for more members to join the '100 Club'. See Joe or fill in a membership form which can be found in the '100 Club' box in the Narthex

£60 FOR THE YEAR or £5 EACH MONTH

You can also use the '100 Club' box to leave regular payments; cheque or cash. Please put your payment in an envelope with your name and '100 Club' number on it and place in the box. I check the box for payments every week.

Bank Details for electronic payments:-St Felix Catholic Parish Building Fund.

Bank Account Number: 90032055, Sort code: 60 10 21

Reference: 100 club + your number

If you pay electronically, please email <u>joe@bullfarm.co.uk</u> .This is important as I won't know you have paid unless you tell me

Many thanks Joe [Staight]

MAY '100 CLUB' WINNERS



1* Prize £150 - MIKE BRADSHAW [32] 2nd Prize £100 - HAZEL BEST [102]

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]

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Saturday 7th June: 6.30 p.m. Mass Brian Gillman RIP

Sunday 8th June: 10.00 a.m. Children's Mass

People of the Parish

TENTH WEEK of the YEAR:

Tuesday 10th June:

Wednesday 11th June: **NO WEEKDAY MASSES**

Thursday 12th June: **THIS WEEK**

Friday 13th June:

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – Day for Life

Saturday 14th June: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 15th June: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Patrick Behan 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