



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,  
HAVERHILL**

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY  
in ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Psalter – Week 2**

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[www.stfelixchurch.org.uk](http://www.stfelixchurch.org.uk)

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**Our School: St. Felix Catholic Primary School:**

**Tel: 01440 703775**

**Head teacher: Mrs. A. Dodds**

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu, Anu Anto, Zina Pereira

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Jili Jijo, Diony Jose, Bindhu Roy

**SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Jose Family

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Buendia Family & Ron White

## A Reflection on today's Gospel by Fr. Adrian Graffy

Luke's 'Sermon on the Plain' is much shorter than the more famous 'Sermon on the Mount' in Matthew's gospel. Both these collections of Jesus' teaching begin with beatitudes, introduced by 'blessed' or 'happy'. In Luke there are four, and they are followed by four 'woes'.

It is quite clear from the beatitudes that Jesus challenges the opinions of his own day, and indeed of ours. We encounter here the mystery which lies at the heart of the gospel and at the heart of life: that suffering and loss are an extraordinary channel of blessing. How difficult it is for Christians to fathom this truth! The loving self-sacrifice of Jesus on the cross is the best aid to reflecting on this mystery.

Jesus was sent to bring 'good news to the poor'. He will show repeatedly in Luke's gospel that lack of attachment to the good things of the world leaves a person free to discover the values of God. At the same time, to bring assistance to those in material poverty is a gospel imperative. When he speaks of the persecution of the prophets, and foresees the sufferings of Christians, Jesus points to his own fate.

### **ST FELIX DAY QUIZ NIGHT**

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

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 this weekend using the form in the narthex.

HAVERHILL YOUTH AND COMMUNITY BAND PRESENTS  
***YOUTH AND EXPERIENCE***

**At HAVERHILL ARTS CENTRE**  
**on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February – 4.00 p.m.**

Haverhill Youth and Community Band & U3A Singing For Pleasure group,  
present a concert to raise funds for the Polished Brass Trust,  
which helps young Haverhill brass and percussion musicians  
with the cost of music exams.

Experience an afternoon of music featuring  
many talented young players as soloists.

**Tickets: Standard - £9.00, Under 18 - £4.00**

Contact the Arts Centre to book or use the link below

<https://haverhillartscentre.co.uk/performance/haverhill-youth-community-band-2025/>

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**



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the first Sunday of the month, 4.30 p.m – 6.30 p.m.**

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the Blessed Sacrament.

Items for the newsletter should be sent to  
[stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com)  
by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

## **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 Marchon and Dave Morgan who are ill and Elias Gomes who is now receiving end of life care.
- 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, and all the people of our parish, especially the pupils and staff of St Felix School and those who are housebound or being cared for in care or nursing homes.

**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 Payton, James Barrett, Michael Vaughan, Edward McMahon, Alice Heron,  
Anne & Robert Bradshaw, Olive & Albert Clarkson, George Brown,  
Daniel McAleese, Colum Killian.**

**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.** Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in 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](mailto:info@reachhaverhill.org.uk)**

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

February 2025

A graphic with the text "TOP 5" in a large, blue, stylized font with radiating lines, followed by "Items needed this week:" in a green, sans-serif font.

Coffee

A jar of Nescafe instant coffee.

Pasta sauce

A jar of Ready Food Co. Tomato & Herb Pasta Sauce, 440g.

Tinned tomatoes

A tin of Growers Harvest Chopped Tomatoes.

Squash

A 1.5L bottle of Zenko squash.

Tea

A packet of Tetley Original tea.

Haverhill Foodbank Together with Trussell Reach Community Projects

The footer contains the logos for Haverhill Foodbank (a green stylized 'H' logo) and Reach Community Projects (the three stylized human figures logo). The text "Haverhill Foodbank" and "Reach Community Projects" are in blue, and "Together with Trussell" is in a smaller font below the Foodbank logo.

*Some Thoughts On 'Living Simply'*

**From Awareness by Anthony De Mello (1990 page 88)**

"Imagine that you're unwell and in a foul mood, and they're taking you through some lovely countryside. The landscape is beautiful but you're not in the mood to see anything. A few days later you pass the same place and you say, " Good heavens, where was I that I didn't notice all of this?" Everything becomes beautiful when you change. Or you look at the trees and the mountains through windows that are wet with rain from a storm, and everything looks blurred and shapeless. You want to go right out there and change those trees, change those mountains. Wait a minute, let's examine your window. When the storm ceases and the rain stops, and you look out the window, you say, "Well, how different everything looks ". **We see people and things not as they are, but as we are'.**

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## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
16 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY – HALF TERM</b> <i>(next session Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 for your co-operation. Angela Wilson*

### **Pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.**

Fr John was in Lourdes for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on 11<sup>th</sup> February and placed prayer intentions at the Grotto and lit candles for any requested intentions and for our Parish Community.

A recording of the Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is available here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8wjQ8QiEtg>

## HYMNS for SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2025



- 475 - Gather Us In
- 600 - All That I Am
- 820 - Seek Ye First
- 922 - Bind Us Together

*Next choir practice in preparation for Lent and Easter  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.*



### PARISH FINANCES

#### **Collection for the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> /9<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

Standing Orders	£421.00
Collection	£542.10
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£963.10</b>

#### **Forthcoming Second Collections:**

14<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day

15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – Cafod Collection

18<sup>th</sup> 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.**

#### **Dona Card Machine Payments.**

Just a reminder that you are able to make the following donations to our Parish via our Dona Card Machine in the narthex:

**Sunday Collection, CAFOD, 100 Club, Flowers, Candles, Mass Offerings, Donations, Second collections.** *Thank you*

### **READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> READING</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> READING</b>	<b>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>VIOLET</b>	ANGELA	KAREN
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	SALLY	AARON	Sign up list In narthex
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	GISHO	LINDA	MURRY
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>			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]*

### **SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Racial Justice Day)**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Peter Goldsmith RIP*

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

### **SIXTH WEEK of the YEAR**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Fr. Michael Teader RIP*

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February: NO MASS TODAY *[Fr John is attending his Ministry to Priests Group at Clare Priory]*

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February: 10.00 a.m. Mass *George RIP*

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Joe & Stella Mesquita RIP (Wedding Anniversary)*

### **SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: 6.30 p.m. Mass  
*John & Margaret Mooney RIP*

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: 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*