



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**TWENTY-FIRST
SUNDAY
in ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday 23rd August 2026

Psalter - Week 1

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

**Saturday 29th August – Nnenna Ezugwu, Chinonso Mfon-Eddie,
Stella Ugama, Kelechi Onwodi,**

**Saturday 5th September – Alan Kent, Michael Bradshaw,
Ann O’Flanagan, Helen Burns, Malcolm M.**

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 23rd August – Baiju & Sonia Varghese and Ian Blythe

Sunday 6th September – Buendia Family

Dear Friends,

In the Gospel of Matthew, we hear Jesus speak the words that have shaped the Church from her earliest days: *"You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church."* For us, this moment is not symbolic but foundational. Christ chose Peter to be the visible and enduring rock upon which His Church would stand, and through Peter's successors, that gift continues today.

From the beginning, the Lord desired His Church to be united - one visible family of faith. The Pope, as successor of St. Peter, serves as the sign and safeguard of that unity. Just as Peter was entrusted to "strengthen your brethren," the Holy Father continues that mission, guiding us in faith and charity.

Christ also promised that the gates of hell would not prevail against the Church. This assurance gives us confidence that the Church, despite the weaknesses of her members, will never lose the truth of the Gospel. Through the Petrine ministry, the Church is protected from definitive error in matters of faith and morals and remains steadfast in her mission until the Lord returns.

For us as Catholics, this is a profound source of peace. When questions arise or interpretations differ, we are not left to navigate alone. We look to the teaching office Christ Himself established—a reminder that our faith rests not on human strength, but on divine grace.

May this truth deepen our trust in Christ and strengthen our love for His Church.

Dcn. Huw 

Our Prayers Are Asked For

FR. PETER MARSH

who is now near death at Lawshall nursing home.
Fr. Peter served as Parish Priest of St. Felix, Haverhill
from 1986 to 1995.

WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY of ST FELIX

CHRISTIANE, PATRICK and ROBERT

**During our 10 a.m. Mass
on SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2026.**

On Sunday 6th September we will welcome into our Parish family of St Felix and to the wider church

**Christiane Ribeiro and Patrick Ribeiro
who will receive the Sacraments of Baptism,
Confirmation and the Eucharist;**

**and Robert BurrIDGE
who will be received into full communion with the church
and will receive the
Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist.**



Please remember them all; Christiane, Patrick and Robert,
their Godparents and sponsor
and all their families in your prayers.

**Keep the date and please come to celebrate with them on
Sunday 6th September
at our 10 a.m. Sunday Parish Mass.**

We will share refreshments to welcome them after Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
No Children's Liturgy during the Summer break			

SUMMER VACATION ACTIVITIES

We wish all our children and families a happy and safe summer vacation, and we shall look forward to seeing you again for Children's Liturgy when the schools return in September.



During the holidays, there is the 'Kindness Kangaroo' activity to complete. Please collect a kindness 'passport' from church, which explains what you need to do. Remember to pray for kindness and always be kind!

Linked to travel and summer activities, could you send a postcard to Jesus to tell him about your favourite summer activities? This might be a holiday, a special visit or just a fun activity. You could post your card to St Felix Church, Princess Way, Haverhill, CB9 9BP or bring it to church - whichever you prefer. We will make a display of these at the church, as they are received.

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
DATE	1 st READER	2 nd READER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 22 nd August	LINDA	JO	KAREN & ANNE
Sunday 23 rd August	RAYMOND	SALLY	Sign-up sheet in narthex
Saturday 29 th August	ANGELA	LINDA	ANNE
Sunday 30 th August	ALICE	SUE	Sign-up sheet in narthex

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS	
Sunday 23 rd August	Team 6 ABRAHAM and ADARSH
Sunday 30 th August	Team 1 CAROL and DAVE
<i>Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. Thank you</i>	

<u>HYMNS - SUNDAY 23rd August 2026</u>	
	864 - Go Tell Everyone
	720 - Be Still for the Presence of the Lord
	877 - Will You Come and Follow Me?

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 or have health concerns.
- Please continue to pray for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and everywhere in the world affected by conflict.
- Pray for people living in any form of poverty. Remember the work of REACH and everyone associated with it.
- Pray for people and lands devastated by natural disasters and effects of climate change, especially by the current wildfires around the world. 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 that migrants and refugees 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 those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**Gertrude Webb, Elizabeth Cameron, Albert Groves, Stevie-Jay Simms,
Mary McEwan, Madeline Jones, Michael Leamy.**

During Summer (up to September) we are asked to pray for:

**A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those Who Suffer
Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Their Human Rights;
Human Life; Europe; Seafarers,**

**Pope Leo asks us to join him in August in prayer for
*Evangelization in the City.***

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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.



1. Coffee – small jars
2. Custard
3. Rice pudding
4. Sponge puddings
5. Long-life milk

Thank you to everyone that supports the foodbank through the donation of food, money or time!



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

A PRACTICE OF THANKSGIVING

" I did the only thing I could think of doing -- simply saying 'thanks' as I went through the day.

I woke up with a brief prayer: 'Thank you that I am alive'.

I got coffee and breakfast: 'Thank you for this food'.

I looked out the window: 'Thank you for sunshine'.

I went into my office: 'Thank you for words, for work'...

Even when it comes to thankfulness, sometimes you have to take what you can get. I took nothing for granted... Over the weeks, with my hapless prayers, I discovered something quite unexpected: gratitude, like interest, compounds. This simple form of giving thanks made me pay attention and start looking for particular reasons to be grateful. There would always be grounds for ingratitude. Always. Seeking out the small things for which I could give thanks, however, changed my field of spiritual and emotional vision. I learned not to focus on what was lacking "

[2] *From: Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation, 27 November 2025*

EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT



FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH,

4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

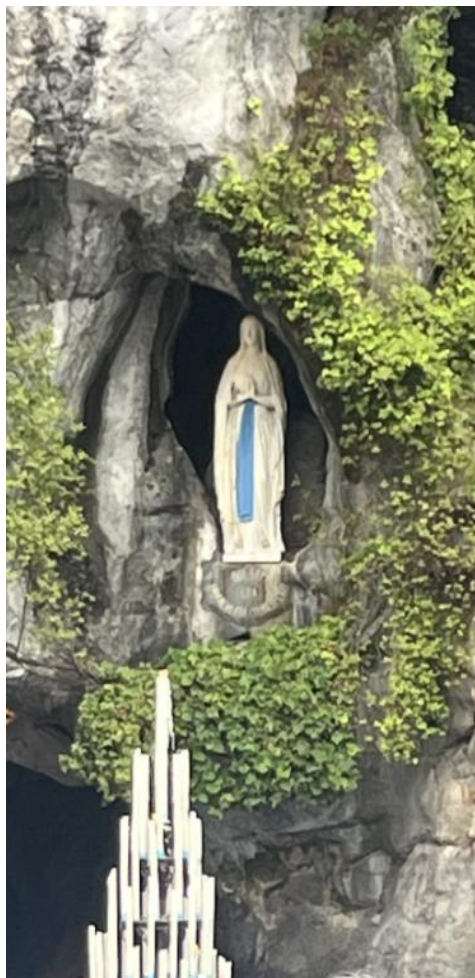
You are invited to come and spend
time in prayer with the
Blessed Sacrament.

Items for the newsletter should be sent to

stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

PRAYERS IN LOURDES



As you know, I am currently in Lourdes and this weekend will welcome pilgrims from our Diocese as part of the Catholic Association Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, celebrating its 125th Anniversary and celebrating our Diocesan Golden Jubilee. Deacon Huw and his wife Carol will be here, along with many from our Diocese.

I carried to Lourdes with me, many of your personal prayer intentions and have prayed these at the Grotto, placed them there and have lit candles for them all.

Please remember everyone on pilgrimage in Lourdes, especially from our Diocese and the Catholic Association,

Please also pray for all who work at the Shrine here in Lourdes as they prepare for the upcoming Pastoral Visit of Pope Leo in September.

With every blessing and prayers from Lourdes,

Fr. John



Parish Project 2026:



The **Sunflower SEND Hub** is a local charity based in Queen Street, Haverhill. The Sunflower Hub offers support services tailored to meet the needs of local children and young people who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities [SEND]. The team at the Hub is committed to ensuring that every child receives the support they require in safe, structured environments to enable them to thrive. The Sunflower SEND Hub also provides support and guidance to families; parents and other care givers. (Please visit the Sunflower Hub website, <https://www.sunflowersendhub.org> for more information)

Donations from people like us enable the Sunflower Hub to continue their vital work in supporting local families who have children with SEND. By donating to Sunflower SEND Hub, we can directly impact the lives of these children and their families.

A resource that the Hub particularly wishes to purchase for the children and young people who use their service is an interactive touch screen. This technology would benefit children of all ages and abilities supporting communication, education, social and life skills among other activities. Here's where we can be of help...



*...beginning next month we challenge ourselves to raise **£1500** towards the cost of an interactive screen for the Sunflower SEND Hub*

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, Special Collections and Second Collections, CAFOD, 100 Club, Flowers, Candles, Mass Offerings, Donations.**

PARISH FINANCES

Please note that the details of the parish collections for the next two weekends will be published in September.

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

TO CONTACT A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY WHILE FR. JOHN IS AWAY IN LOURDES

please contact:

**Bury St Edmunds Parish on 01284 754358,
or Newmarket Parish on 01638 662492,
or Clare Parish on 01787 277326**

Thank you

WELCOME TO FR. JAMES FYFE

We warmly welcome
Fr. James Fyfe,
one of our retired Diocesan
Priests, who will be with us in our
parish to celebrate Masses while
Fr John is away in Lourdes.

Fr James will be staying at the
presbytery until Friday 28th
August and will celebrate the
following Masses with us:

Saturday 22nd August, 6.30 pm,
Sunday 23rd August, 10 am.

Thank you Fr. James

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

Please note:

It is a requirement of

**The Catholic Safeguarding
Standards Agency [CSSA],**

which is our church's national
safeguarding organisation,
that children who need to use
the toilet while in church must
always be accompanied by
an adult.

Thank you.

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 A, Weekday readings Year II]

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 22nd August: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 23rd August: 10.00 a.m. Mass *George Mathew RIP*

Twenty-first week of the Year

Tuesday 25th August: NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday 26th August: NO MASS TODAY

Thursday 27th August: NO MASS TODAY

Friday 28th August: NO MASS TODAY

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 29th August: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Thanksgiving INT*

Sunday 30th August: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

PLEASE NOTE:

there will be **NO** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
or Confessions before the Saturday evening Mass
until Saturday 5th September. Thank you.

**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