



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

EXULTATION of the HOLY CROSS

**Sunday
14th September 2025
EDUCATION DAY**

Psalter – Week 4

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 20th September - Jili Jijo, Diony Jose, Bindhu Roy

Sat 27th September –Sherin Cijo, Saji Abraham, Sheena Jestine, Remya Joseph

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 14th September – Baiju and Sonia Varghese & Ian Blythe

Sunday 21st September – Buendia Family & Ron White

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, on the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we ponder an unsettling mystery: the cross of Christ.

The Gospel recalls the desert experience of Moses and the Israelites on their journey to the promised land. God was angered by the people's complaints and sent fiery serpents which killed many. But God relented, and Moses was instructed to make the bronze image of a serpent on a pole and told that those who are bitten by the fiery serpents need only to look at the image and they will be healed. In the same way, Jesus tells us, he will be raised up on a cross and will be the source of life eternal for those who believe.

Jesus changed the meaning of the cross. A sign of man's inhumanity, it has become the central symbol of the Christian Faith because of the meaning Jesus gave to it: the humanity of God, of love, sacrifice, justice, and obedience.

The cross is central to Christian faith. You will never find a Catholic Church without a cross, occasionally a plain cross, but most often a crucifix with the figure of the crucified Christ on it. The sign of the cross has become life to every Christian: when Jesus chose to die on the cross, he put an end to death and let eternal life enter - salvation, through the cross.

This feast also reminds us that, as followers of Christ, we have our own crosses to bear. We need to accept our crosses and endure them in faith. We know that, like Jesus, our cross will not be the source of our end but the beginning of new life. Our cross reminds us that life is not a bed of roses. Nevertheless, it will lead us to life eternal.

Peace be with you.

Dcn Huw ☺

AUGUST 100 CLUB WINNERS



1st prize – S. LOMAŞ [53]

2nd prize – R. LOMAŞ [21]

EXPOSITION and 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 Sacrament.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY is celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in September. We proclaim the unique message of the Gospel that brings joy to all people who receive it with an open heart.

This year, the Church has been celebrating a significant anniversary. It's 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea. This great gathering of Bishops from around the Church began the work to formulate the creed we proclaim Sunday by Sunday. It is the content of this creed that is our mission, so that we may know and love God in this life, in order to be happy with him forever in the next. **The creed begins with a profound proclamation, "I believe..."**

This is the theme for *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday 2025*.

2025 SEASON OF CREATION



This year's theme is '*Peace with Creation*' and the symbol is '*Garden of Peace*', both inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18.

Isaiah describes a desolate creation without peace due to injustice and the broken relationship between God and humanity. Today, more than ever, some human activities are at war with creation – the global impact of unsustainable lifestyles, excessive consumption, lasting pollution. However, there is hope for a peaceful earth. God's peace emerges when we work for justice, reconciliation, solidarity and harmony with creation. Through prayer and action we must repair our human relationships with Earth, with other creatures and with God.

The 2025 symbol titled "Garden of Peace," depicts a white dove flying over a tree. The left side of the tree is barren, with roots digging into dry soil, surrounded by an arid, desolate landscape. In contrast, the right side of the tree is lush and green, standing amidst a flourishing landscape. The dove, carrying an olive branch in its beak, flies toward the right—symbolizing peace as a transition from a war-torn, overexploited land to one that is fertile, thriving, and hospitable.

(There are many resources and food for thought and prayer on the Season of Creation website: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>)

2025 SEASON OF CREATION

"Through prayer and action we must repair our human relationships with Earth, with other creatures and with God."

We are taking a few moments each day in personal and/or liturgical prayer for 'Peace with Creation'.

The second element of our Care for Creation is action. Dcn. Huw reminded us in his homily last week that we can each do something to care more for our common home.

In 'Laudate Deum' Pope Francis said that the most effective solutions will not come from individual efforts alone, but above all from major political decisions on the national and international level. **However**, he continued, cultural changes will not take place without personal changes.

"Efforts by households to reduce pollution and waste, and to consume with prudence, are creating a new culture. The mere fact that personal, family and community habits are changing is contributing to greater concern about the unfulfilled responsibilities of the political sectors and indignation at the lack of interest shown by the powerful. Let us realize, then, that even though this does not immediately produce a notable effect from the quantitative standpoint, we are helping to bring about large processes of transformation rising from deep within society" [LD 71]

DECIDE TODAY ON ONE MORE ACTION YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP BRING ABOUT THESE PROCESSES OF TRANSFORMATION.

An action like permanently removing another single-use plastic from your daily life, like buying more locally produced products, buying more fairtrade/rainforest alliance products, improving your recycling and reusing, petitioning local and national authorities. You have ideas - turn at least one into action!

EDUCATION SUNDAY 2025 - September 14th



This week-end the Catholic Church in England and Wales will observe Education Sunday, which this year occurs on the same day as the liturgical Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

As the challenges and opportunities of a new academic year get under way, we pray for the grace of Almighty God to approach them strong in faith and as 'pilgrims of hope' in this Holy Year of Jubilee.

The Holy Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ is a symbol of hope for all, and His teaching in the Gospels a guiding light for lifelong learning and spiritual growth for those who work in Catholic education and formation.

On Education Sunday, we give thanks to Almighty God for the vocation of all who work with the children and young people in the Catholic education sector. Let us endeavour to give witness to our Saviour's message of hope in the Gospels, and to pray that our Catholic schools, colleges and universities will be beacons of hope in our communities and our nations.

*from the message of Bishop Marcus Stock
to Catholic Schools for Education Sunday*



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*

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 Isabelle & Maria, Christiane Kobus, Grazyna Shelle, Anaanais & family and as yet unborn Helga & her family. Particularly remember those who are ill including Carl Scamp, Dave Morgan, Mary Morgan, Alwyn Marchon, Andrea Savage, Jackie Collins, Fr Adrian Gates, Lata and Anaania..
- 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 that everyone will do what they can to care for 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 .
- 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:

**Bill Fitzgibbon, George Ashwell, Keith Buckingham, Ann Walker,
John Finlay, Glen Hollingsworth, Margaret Howlett, Vincent Sproson,
Anthony Walker, Jane Bareham.**

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 September in praying for all of creation

that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Reflections to inform our thoughts, prayers and actions on
'Living Simply' as we celebrate the Season of Creation

“ authentic faith not only gives strength to the human heart, but also transforms life, transfigures our goals and sheds light on our relationship to others and with creation as a whole.

The Bible tells us: “God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good” (Gen 1:31). His is “the earth with all that is in it” (Deut 10:14). For this reason, he tells us that, “the land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; with me you are but aliens and tenants” (Lev 25:23). Hence, “responsibility for God’s earth means that human beings, endowed with intelligence, must respect the laws of nature and the delicate equilibria existing between the creatures of this world”.

Pope Francis, Laudate Deum 61b & 62

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS

**Sunday 14th
September**

Team 5
MALCOLM and MARIA

**Sunday 21st
September**

Team 6
ABRAHAM and ?

***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 6 th September	JO	LINDA	MURRY
Sunday 7 th September	ADEMIDE	DAVE	Sign – up sheet in narthex
Saturday 13 September	ASWIN	ASIN	ANGELA
Sunday 14 September	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.

September 2025

Top 5 Items needed this week:

- Tinned fruit: 
- Long-life milk: 
- Tinned Vegetables: 
- Jam: 
- Chocolate/snacks: 

 Haverhill Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Reach 
Community Projects

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.

If your child is in Year 3 or above, and you feel they are ready to participate in the programme, you should complete a registration form, which will be available in person from 1st November from Fr John at church. The completed form should be returned to Fr. John by 30th November. Unfortunately, due to limited space and for safety reasons, we have to restrict the number of children we may accept on the programme to twenty. We will only accept official completed forms returned by the deadline, not photocopies.

The St Felix programme is a partnership between the catechists and parents/guardians, and your support at home is vital to your child's learning and engagement.

If anyone has any questions about the programme, please speak to me, Fr John or Deacon Huw.

Mrs Angela Wilson (Parish Catechist)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Sunday 14th September	CHRISTINE WHITE	1. David S. 2. Nellie M. 3.	18

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 when Children's Liturgy recommences in September please speak to Fr. John or Angela Wilson.

HYMNS for SUNDAY 14th SEPTEMBER



469 – God, You Call Us To This Place

609 – In Bread we Bring You

967 – O The Love Of My Lord

719 – To God Be The Glory

*Next choir practice on **Tuesday 16th September at 7.00 p.m.***

ST FELIX PARISH PROJECT 2025

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



*Sr. Orla Treacy, Director of Loreto Rumbek Schools
with some of the young girls/women who attend
the secondary school.*

Over the last few months we have been working together as a parish to raise money for Loreto Rumbek School.

Our newsletter has contained information and news about the schools, associated projects and some of the students' stories to help us appreciate the work and achievements our donations will help support.

**Sr. Orla is currently in the UK and will be staying in
Cambridge from September 16th for a few days.**

**We are very fortunate that she is able to come to Haverhill
during that time with Sr. Noelle and join us for Mass on
SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER AND SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER.**

**They will talk to us 'face to face' about the school and
Rumbek mission and how the money we have raised will help.**

*We have now finished collecting for our 2025 Parish Project.
Thanks to your generosity, we exceeded our minimum target of **£1000**
and have raised in excess of **£1700**. The Loreto Rumbek School and
associated projects rely on sponsors and donations from people like us.
The more we can give, the more they can do.*



Open Morning

Saturday 27th September 2025



Find out more about our wonderful school at our Open Morning for prospective Year 7 students.

10am to 12.30pm on 27th September 2025

For more information about applying for a Year 7 place for September 2026, please visit our website at: www.st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk



**St Benedict's
Catholic School**

*Developing Wisdom, Compassion and Resilience
through Prayer and Work*

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will take place on:

Thursday 25th September at 7 p.m. in St Felix Church.

All are welcome to attend.

Any questions or items for discussion can be placed in the box on the table in the narthex or handed to / or emailed to, either Fr John, or Deacon Huw.

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

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 30th/31st August 2025

Standing Orders:	£421.00
Collection:	£495.41
Total:	£916.41

£57.00 for our Parish Project – Loreto Rumbek School, South Sudan
Total - £1733.86

Second Collections Coming Up

20th/21st September – Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission Sunday)

A collection will be taken to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate.

Friday 4th October – CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

5th/6th October – collection to support the work of CAFOD

18th/19th October – World Mission Sunday.

A collection will be taken to support the work of Missio

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 who are 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

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]

FEAST of the EXULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS [EDUCATION SUNDAY]

Saturday 13th September: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Liam Mullen INT*

Sunday 14th September: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK of the YEAR:

Tuesday 16th September: NO MASS TODAY) *Fr John is at Clare Priory*
Wednesday 17th September: NO MASS TODAY) *for the monthly Ministry*
to Priests Group

Thursday 18th September: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Souls in Purgatory*

Friday 19th September: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Bridget Crowe RIP*

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[EVANGELII GAUDIUM DAY]

Saturday 20th September: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 21st September: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Mary George 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