

### PARISH OF ST. FELIX, HAVERHILL

# THIRTIETH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time

**26<sup>th</sup> October 2025** 

Psalter - Week 2

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Head teacher: Mrs Anne-Marie Price

### **CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu, Anu Anto, Zina Pereira

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Jili Jijo, Diony Jose, Bindhu Roy

### **SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Buendia Family Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Pat & PJ Sheehy and Annette Field Dear Friends,

People can feel awkward about regarding humility as a virtue. Is it really a good thing to feel small? Perhaps it actually affects our mental health when we put ourselves down. What is wrong with the Pharisee's approach? He leads an admirable life and gives good example within the Jewish tradition. According to his self-appraisal, he kept all the rules, from fasting and almsgiving to honesty and purity. There was real effort there, a commitment to holiness within his tradition.

The Pharisee's view of himself, his self-appraisal, turns him from speaking to God, to talking about himself. His prayer dies. Genuine humility comes about through honest self-appraisal, in God's presence, with no ducking out. In the presence of the all-holy, all-powerful God each of us recognises our shortcomings - we are all sinners.

With this recognition we also realise our need for mercy. There is no bribe that we can offer to God to blot out our guilt. There is no pressure ('leverage' in current parlance) we can exert to gain a credit we do not deserve. Our best recourse is a humble spirit; this attitude will draw down on us divine mercy and grace.

Dcn Huw 😊

### SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

Please stay for a chat, with a drink and a snack, after 10.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Hosted by members of our Filipino community.



### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION COURSE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN 2026

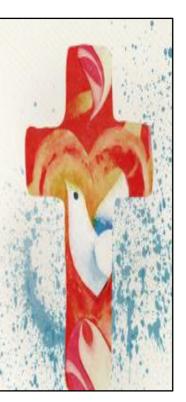
If you are in **year 9 or above at school** you may wish to think about confirmation. You do not have to commit to being confirmed at this stage.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a sign that a person has reached maturity and is now able to take responsibility for their own faith. It also strengthens and deepens the connection to the Church that is established at baptism.

If you would like to take part in the preparation course please contact Deacon Huw for an application form.

# Completed applications to be received by Dcn. Huw by 30th November 2025

- the First Sunday of Advent.



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

### **Morning Prayer of St Francis**

Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily; to lean on your great strength, trustfully, restfully; to wait for the unfolding of your will, patiently, serenely; to meet others, peacefully, joyfully; to face tomorrow, confidently, courageously. Amen.

St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

This prayer can be found in several places online including:

https://www.catholicgallery.org/prayers/morning-prayers/

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2025

### "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples"





Thank you for your donations to the World Mission Sunday appeal last weekend.

### £215.17 was raised for Missio.

Your continued prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide, regardless of background or belief. Please continue to pray for all who share the love and hope of Christ with our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world.

To support Missio 'Missionaries of Hope' all year round visit:

- https://www.missio.org.uk or
- call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

### HOPE 2025!

Inviting young people (Year 7+) - especially those preparing for Confirmation, Catechists and Youth Leaders to HOPE 2025!

This is a special event organised by the Diocesan Ignite Team to prepare to celebrate World Youth Sunday later in November in your parishes. It includes live music, inspiring talks, passionate prayer and good food!

St. Johns' Cathedral Narthex, Norwich
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025
2.00 p.m – 8.00 p.m (to include joining the parish vigil Mass)
Entry: £5 on the door.
www.rcdea.org.uk/youth



CAFOD WORLD GIFTS Catalogue 2025 available from this weekend in the narthex. Full range of gifts available online: <a href="https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections/all">https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections/all</a>

[NB free delivery on gifts purchased online next weekend before midnight on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November]

#### 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, including Joyce, Allwyn Marçhon, Andrea Savage, Jackie Collins, Fr Adrian Gates & Mariam. Please also pray for Anaanais' intentions.
- Please continue to pray for lasting 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 protect & nurture 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 that they will 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 their families and all who grieve.

Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Edward Claydon, Konrad Cyperski, Alfred Cassar, Konrad Krauze,
Margaret Ince, Gertrude Spenser, Irene Dempsey, Joseph Myers,
Frank Aken, David Braham, Ellen Sannon, Michael Togher.

### **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.

<u>Pope Leo asks us to join him in November in praying for the prevention of suicide.</u> Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

### **PARKING FOR SUNDAY MASS**

Please remember when parking for Sunday Mass
[Saturday evening and Sunday morning]
that the small car park opposite the church
is not public parking, this is for the residents of Blair Parade –
PLEASE DO NOT PARK HERE.

More parking is available, within a 5 minute walk, on School Lane and outside St Felix School, and on street near the church when available (but please do not block residents' drives).

Thank you

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS				
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Team 5 MALCOLM and MARIA			
Sunday 2nd November	Team 6 Abraham and another			
Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count				

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 <sup>st</sup> READING	2 <sup>nd</sup> READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
Saturday 25 October	ASIN	ASWIN	ANGELA			
Sunday 26 October	ALICE	SUE	Sign – up sheet in narthex			
Saturday 01 November	10	JENNA	ANNE			
Sunday 02 November	ASWIN	ASIN	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:

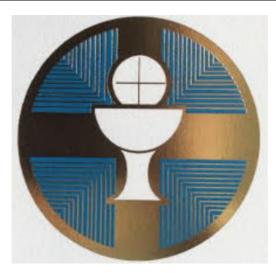
### 0800 009 6710

### info@reachhaverhill.org.uk

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



#### 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.
26 <sup>th</sup> October & 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Half term Next session Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> November		

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 please speak to Fr. John or Angela Wilson.

Thank you. Angela Wilson.

### HYMNS for SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER



982 – O Jesus Christ Remember 608 – Take My Hands 971 – Father I Place Into Your Hands 744 – Christ is the World's Light

Next choir practice on **Tuesday 4**th **November at 7.00 p.m.** 

### **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



### **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 <a href="mailto:john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk">john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk</a> 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

# Reflection for the Month of November as we pray for and remember with love all who have died and are at peace with the Lord

# Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them

### May they rest in peace and rise in the Glory of the Lord

Belief in the resurrection of the dead is an essential part of Christian revelation. It implies a particular understanding of the ineluctable mystery of death. Death is the end of our earthly life, but 'not of our existence' (St Ambrose) since the soul is immortal. 'Our lives are measured by time, in the course of which we change, grow old and, as with all living beings on earth, death seems like the normal end of life' (CCC, 1007). Seen from the perspective of the faith, 'death is the end of our earthly pilgrimage, of the time of grace and mercy which God offers us so as to work out our earthly life in keeping with the divine plan, and to decide our ultimate destiny' (CCC, 1013). Death is the passage to the fullness of true life. Death is the prolongation, in a new way, of life as the liturgy says: 'Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in Heaven' (Missal, Preface for the dead 1).

The death of a Christian is an event of grace, having as it does, a positive value and significance in Christ and through Christ. According to the faith of the Church, 'to die in Christ' begins at baptism. In Baptism, the Lord's disciples sacramentally die in Christ to live a new life. From the earliest days of the Christian religion the Church has honoured with great respect the memory of the dead. The whole month of November is an interesting time of prayer in the Church as it is filled with many important feast days, and it includes the days on which we commemorate all the saints and all the faithful departed.



### SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER - ALL SAINTS DAY

On this day we honour all the Saints and ask them to pray for us. Masses will be our usual weekend Sunday Masses celebrated at 6.30 p.m on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November and at 10 a.m on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November in St Felix Church

### ALL SOULS' DAY IS ON MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

We will commemorate all of those who have died and remember them at Masses on All Souls Day at 10 a.m and 7.30 p.m on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

### Envelopes for intentions for Holy Souls during November are available in the narthex

A basket will be put on the font for you to place your envelope containing the names of your deceased parents, relatives, friends and all for whom you wish to pray with any donation you wish to make.

All these intentions will be offered at Masses during the month of November.

November is a time for remembering and praying for our loved ones who have gone before us and whose loss we feel. It is a time when we are particularly conscious of those in our parish who are grieving and all those families who have lost loved ones in the past year.

### A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

God, thank you for the special people in our lives whom we are remembering in a special way during the month of November.

We thank you for being a compassionate God who walks with us in our dark moments of grief and loneliness.

We are thankful for all who continue to love and support us through our grief.

Lord, continue to be a light for us, giving us hope, direction and courage.

May we now live our lives treasuring the memories of those special people we have known and loved

and help us to bring light and hope to others.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen

## EXPOSITION and ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



### **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**

### Welcome to St. Felix Parish

If you have just moved into the area or have found us for the first time you are most welcome.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church, and would like to find out more please speak to the parish priest, Fr John.

Please do not hesitate to call him on 01440 702156 or email him at <a href="mailto:john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk">john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk</a>
You can also find out more about our parish at

www.stfelixchurch.org.uk

### **CLOCKS CHANGE THIS WEEKEND**



The clocks will go back by 1 hour this weekend, moving us from British Summer Time back to Greenwich Mean Time (officially at 2 a.m. on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October)

### **PARISH FINANCES**

### Collection for the weekend 18th/19th October 2025

Standing Orders: £421.00 Collection: £596.21 Total: £1017.21

£215.17 for MISSIO - World Mission Day Appeal

### **Second Collections Coming Up**

### 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> December – Diocesan Dependent Priests' Fund

A collection will be taken for this fund which supports our retired priests, those who are ill and those 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

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

There will be NO 10 a.m. Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday [28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> October] as Fr. John is away.

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 F.MAIL ADDRESS

### 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]

### **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October: 6.30 p.m. Mass Sinto and Vinitha –

Wedding Anniversary thanksgiving

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish* 

### THIRTIETH WEEK of the YEAR:

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October: NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October: NO MASS TODAY

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October: 10.00 a.m. Mass Ned Noone RIP

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October: 10.00 a.m. Mass

### **SOLEMNITY of ALL SAINTS**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish* 

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: 10.00 a.m. Mass

### 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