

**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,  
HAVERHILL**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY  
of EASTER**  
*World Communications Day*

**17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026**

*Psalter - Week 3*

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**CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Jili Jijo, Diony Jose, Bindhu Roy.**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Sherin Cijo, Saji Abraham, Sheena Jestine,  
Juvana Mariya Jestine, Josh Cijo.**

**SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Jose Family and Ron White**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Pat & PJ Sheehy and Annette Field.**

*Excerpts from the beginning of*

**POPE LEO'S MESSAGE FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 2026**

Our faces and voices are unique, distinctive features of every person; they reveal a person's own unrepeatable identity and are the defining elements of every encounter with others.

Faces and voices are sacred. God, who created us in his image and likeness, gave them to us when he called us to life through the Word he addressed to us. This Word resounded down the centuries through the voices of the prophets and then became flesh in the fullness of time. We too have heard and seen this Word in which God communicates his very self to us — because it has been made known to us in the voice and face of Jesus, the Son of God.

From the moment of creation, God imprinted on our faces a reflection of divine love, so that we may fully live our humanity through love. Preserving human faces and voices, therefore, means preserving this mark, this indelible reflection of God's love. We are not a species composed of predefined biochemical formulas. Each of us possesses an irreplaceable and inimitable vocation, that originates from our own lived experience and becomes manifest through interaction with others.

If we fail in this task of preservation, digital technology threatens to alter radically some of the fundamental pillars of human civilization that at times are taken for granted. By simulating human voices and faces, wisdom and knowledge, consciousness and responsibility, empathy and friendship, the systems known as artificial intelligence not only interfere with information ecosystems, but also encroach upon the deepest level of communication, that of human relationships.

The challenge, therefore, is not technological, but anthropological. Safeguarding faces and voices ultimately means safeguarding ourselves. Embracing the opportunities offered by digital technology and artificial intelligence with courage, determination and discernment does not mean turning a blind eye to critical issues, complexities and risks. ....

We need faces and voices to speak for people again. We need to cherish the gift of communication as the deepest truth of humanity, to which all technological innovation should also be oriented.

*You can read the Pope's full message on:*

**<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-leos-message-for-world-communications-day-2026/>**

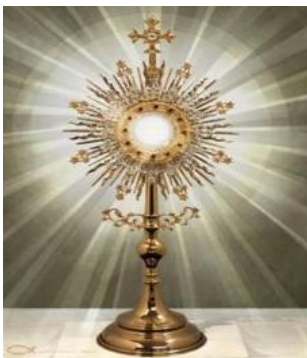
## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES 2026**



**Our second 'First Holy Communion Mass' will be  
celebrated at  
10 a.m. this Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Please pray for the children of our parish, and their families;  
for those who celebrated their First Holy Communion last  
Sunday and for those celebrating with us this Sunday.

## **EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT**



**First Sunday of the month  
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.**

You are welcome  
to come and spend time in  
prayer before the  
**Blessed Sacrament**

## **EAST ANGLIAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**



In 1976, Pope Paul VI issued a bull dividing the Diocese of Northampton and establishing the Diocese of East Anglia, bringing together more than fifty parishes across Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire. At that time, Mass attendance in the new Diocese had risen to over twenty-five thousand. In that memorable year, on 13th March 1976, the first Bishop of East Anglia, Rt Rev Alan Clark (1976–1995), was appointed, and the large parish church of St John's in Norwich—built between 1882 and 1910—was consecrated as the Cathedral of East Anglia in June 1976. This milestone is one, the whole Diocese is invited to celebrate.

Bishop Peter has designated this year as a Jubilee Year to mark the 50th anniversary of our Diocese, with celebrations planned at Diocesan, Deanery and Parish levels. Several Diocesan Commissions will also be organising events. All Catholic schools have been encouraged to plan and deliver their own celebrations.

### **GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS TOOK PLACE AT ST FELIX SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY**


In school the occasion was marked with a whole day of activities themed around the 70s and the Golden Anniversary.

We had a 70s dress up day. Our Year 6 pupils attended Mass in the Parish and viewed the display that had been collated as part of the Jubilee commemorations. At lunchtime the children experienced a 70s street party, with 70s themed food. In the afternoon we did a range of activities learning about the formation of the diocese and what it does now, by celebrating its golden jubilee and creating a collage of St Felix. Finally, at the end of the day, we performed dance routines to music from 1976.

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
DATE	1 <sup>st</sup> READING	2 <sup>nd</sup> READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	ASWIN	ASIN	ANNE
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS		Sign-up sheet in narthex
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	ANGELA	JO	MURRY
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	DAVE	SUE	Sign-up sheet in narthex

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS	
<b>Sunday</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Team 4 RACHEL and IAN
<b>Sunday</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Team 5 Malcolm and Maria
<b><i>Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. Thank you</i></b>	

**HYMNS - SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026**



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS**

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>NB.</b> <i>No Children's Liturgy – First Holy Communion celebrations.</i> <b>Next session Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May.</b>		



15 of our young people are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation next month.

**We will welcome Bishop Peter to our Parish for our Confirmation Mass on SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE at our 6.30 p.m. MASS.**

Please remember our young people in your prayers.

You are welcome to come to the Confirmation Mass, and are invited to bring some food to share afterwards to celebrate with our young people and their families.

**Help is needed with setting up and serving the refreshments after Mass and clearing away, if you can help please speak to Deacon Huw or Fr John. *Thank you.***

# Castle Camps Open Gardens 7th June 2pm-5pm

**Refreshments available**

**Tickets £5.00 on the day from Lily Cottage**

**Raffle and plant stall**

**Enjoy some lovely local gardens**

**Contact Lindi Kent 07801 790213**  
[lindi.allen.kent@gmail.com](mailto:lindi.allen.kent@gmail.com)



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## **ANNUAL DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETREAT**

Fr John will be away from the Parish  
from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
attending the annual Diocesan Priests Retreat.

There will, therefore, be NO weekday Masses in the parish from  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Items for the newsletter should be sent to  
[stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk)  
**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'. 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 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 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 our children and young people, and their families, who are celebrating the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation in our parish.
- 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:**

**William Carroll, Patrick Grimley, William Brierly,  
James Donovan, Catherine Williams, John McGlue.**

**During Easter we are asked to pray for:**

**New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work,  
The Right Use of the Media, The Church**

**Pope Leo asks us to join him in prayer in May that everyone might have food.** Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

**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.

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## TOP 5 Items needed this week:

- Rice Pudding:
- Custard:
- Sponge Puddings:
- Tinned Meat:
- Tinned Tomatoes:

Haverhill Foodbank Together with Trussell

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

**Simplifying Our Needs**

When we think about living simply, we often narrow it down to the physical aspects of life. However, it also refers to simplifying our needs and desires. We can examine what is truly necessary and prioritize those over trivial wants. This mindset helps us eliminate distractions and focuses us on what really matters: our relationship with God, our families, and being good stewards of our resources. It's about understanding that our spiritual needs often outweigh our material ones.

*From: biblestudyforyou.com*

**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.**

**PENNIES FOR PEACE**



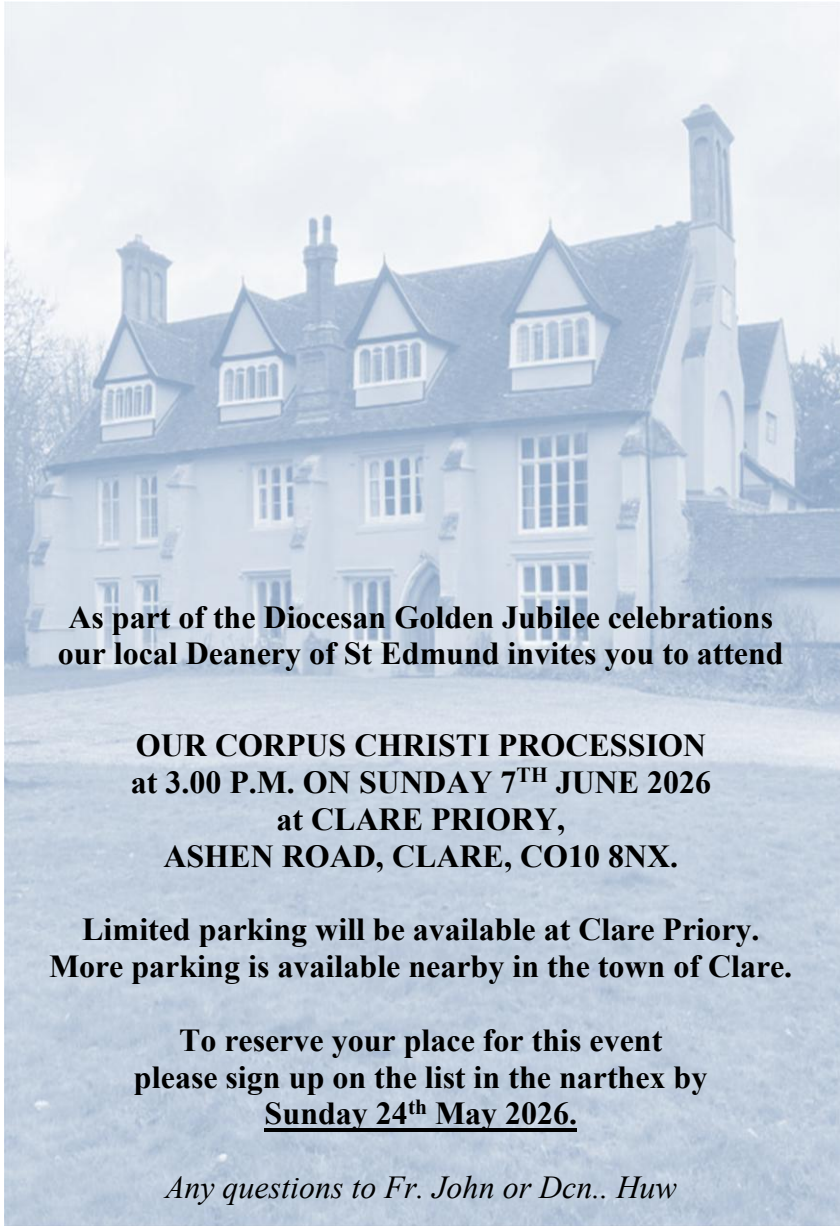
Got small change in your pocket, purse or wallet? Want to make good use of those 1p, 2p and 5p coins that are tricky to spend elsewhere?

Please think of our  
***PENNIES FOR PEACE JAR***

in the narthex and put your change there.

By collecting our loose change together, we can accumulate a significant amount [usually in excess of £100] to donate to the work of **PAX CHRISTI, The International Catholic Movement for Peace**

**DIOCESAN GOLDEN JUBILEE**  
**DEANERY CELEBRATION AT CLARE PRIORY.**



**As part of the Diocesan Golden Jubilee celebrations  
our local Deanery of St Edmund invites you to attend**

**OUR CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION  
at 3.00 P.M. ON SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026  
at CLARE PRIORY,  
ASHEN ROAD, CLARE, CO10 8NX.**

**Limited parking will be available at Clare Priory.  
More parking is available nearby in the town of Clare.**

**To reserve your place for this event  
please sign up on the list in the narthex by  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

*Any questions to Fr. John or Dcn.. Huw*

## ST FELIX 2026 PLANT SALE



This is an early warning message for those who are getting plants ready for sale... and those wanting to buy so they can start planning and preparing...

*More information later.*

### RECEIVING ST FELIX NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL

You can help our parish live more sustainably and use less ink and paper, by receiving the parish newsletter electronically. If you are able to do this please send a message to Linda on [linda.pector@gmail.com](mailto:linda.pector@gmail.com)

If you have changed your email and wish to continue receiving the newsletter please let me have your current e-address.

**Alternatively if you receive the newsletter by e-mail but wish to stop, also please let Linda know.**

Some paper newsletters will continue to be produced for those people who cannot, or do not wish to, receive them electronically.

## **PARISH FINANCES**

### **Collection for the weekend 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Standing Orders:	£421.00
Collection:	£556.73
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£977.73</b>

### **Forthcoming Second and Special Collections:**

16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> May – World Communications Sunday –  
for the Catholic Communications Network,  
20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> June – Day for Life – Bishops’ Conference Life Charities,  
27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> June – Peter’s Pence – The Holy Father’s Charitable works,  
11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> July – Sea Sunday – the Work of Stella Maris

*Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.*

## **IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE**

**Please note:**

**It is a requirement of The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency [CSSA], which is our churches national safeguarding organisation, that children who need to use the toilet while in church must always be accompanied by an adult.**

## **PARISH JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP MEETING**

The next J&P Group meeting takes place  
on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 p.m. in church.

All are welcome to come along.

A zoom link will be available via email to Fr John  
([john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk)) for those wishing to join online.

Discussion will include ideas and suggestions for our  
2026 Parish Project.

## **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]*

### **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: World Communications Day**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Colin & Dorothy Staight RIP*

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May: 10.00 a.m. **First Holy Communion Mass**  
*People of the Parish*

### **Seventh week of Easter**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May: NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May: NO MASS TODAY

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May: NO MASS TODAY

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: NO MASS TODAY

*Fr John is attending  
the annual  
Diocesan Priests'  
Retreat*

### **SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Mary & Roy Banham RIP*

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May: 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*