



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH
SUNDAY
in ORDINARY TIME**

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Sunday 6th October 2024

Psalter – Week 3

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Saturday 12th October – Jili Jijo, Diony Jose and Bindhu Roy.

Sat 19th October – Alan Kent, Michael Bradshaw, Ann O’Flanagan, Helen Burns

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 6th October – Pat & PJ Sheehy and Annette Field

Sunday 13th October – Baiju & Sonia Varghese and Ian Blythe

REFLECTION BY FR.ADRIAN GRAFFY ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

[Mark 10:2-16]

Jesus, on his journey to Jerusalem, has reached Judaea and some Pharisees question him about divorce. In answer Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis some words which appear also at the end of our first reading: 'This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body.' Jesus reasserts teaching about marriage which people in earlier times were unwilling to accept, because they were 'so unteachable'. It calls for commitment and fidelity. The second piece of teaching is also relevant to families and relationships. The treatment of children is crucial to the health of a community.

Fidelity in marriage and a common endeavour to face difficulties are much needed in our time. The safety of children is an enormous concern and is rightly a priority. Not every marriage is ideal and there are some which cannot continue due to irreconcilable differences. In such situations great unhappiness can be experienced. Commitment and faithfulness, and loving guidance of young people and children, remain the basic foundations of a healthy and happy society. These are God-given principles, which reflect the faithful goodness of God.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO 10 A.M. MASS
ON THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER AND
ON FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER.**

Fr John is in Poringland at a meeting for the Deans with Bishop Peter on Thursday, and he is in Poringland again on Friday at a meeting of the Diocesan Commission for Evangelization with Bishop Peter.

**THIS SUNDAY; 6TH OCTOBER
AFTER 10.00 a.m. MASS**



**Join us for a cup of tea, coffee or a
cold drink
and a chat with other parishioners...**



Dear Brothers and Sisters,
May the Lord give you peace!

The month of October is approaching, and with it the realization that for the past year the Holy Land, and not only, has been plunged into a vortex of violence and hatred never seen or experienced before. The intensity and impact of the tragedies we have witnessed in the past twelve months have deeply lacerated our conscience and our sense of humanity.

Violence, which has caused and is causing thousands of innocent victims, has also found its way into political and social language and actions. It has struck a profound blow to the common feeling of belonging to the Holy Land, to the consciousness of being part of a plan of Providence that wanted us here to build together His Kingdom of peace and justice, and not to make it instead a reservoir of hatred and contempt, of mutual rejection and annihilation.

In recent months we have already spoken out clearly about what is happening and have repeatedly reiterated our condemnation of this senseless war and what has generated it, calling on everyone to stop this drift of violence, and to have the courage to find other ways of resolving the current conflict, which take into account the demands of justice, dignity and security for all.

We can only call once again on those in authority and those who bear the grave responsibility of making decisions in this context, to a commitment to justice and respect for every person's right to freedom, dignity and peace.

We too have a duty to commit ourselves to peace, first by preserving our hearts from all feelings of hatred, and instead cherishing the desire for good for everyone. By committing ourselves, each in our own community contexts and in the forms we can, we should support those in need, help those who are personally invested to alleviate the suffering of those affected by this war, and promote every action of peace, reconciliation and encounter.

Yet, we also need to pray, to bring our pain and our desire for peace to God. We need to convert, to do penance, and to implore forgiveness.

Therefore, I invite you to a day of prayer, fasting and penance on October 7 next, a date that has become symbolic of the drama we are experiencing. The month of October is also the Marian month and on October 7 we celebrate the memory of Mary Queen of the Rosary.

May each of us, with the rosary or in whatever form he or she sees fit, personally but better again in community, find a moment to pause and pray, and bring to the "merciful Father and God of all consolation" (2 Cor. 1:3), our desire for peace and reconciliation. Attached you will find a prayer proposal, that may be used freely.

We invoke the intercession of Mary Queen of the Rosary for this beloved Land and its inhabitants.

Sincerely in Christ,

†Pierbattista Card. Pizzaballa
Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord our God,
Father of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and Father of all mankind,
Who in the cross of Your Son
and through the gift of His own life,
at great cost You wished to destroy
the wall of enmity and hostility
that separates peoples and makes us enemies.

Send into our hearts
the gift of the Holy Spirit,
that He may purify us from every feeling
of violence, hatred and revenge,
enlighten us to understand
the irrepressible dignity
of every human person,
and inflame us to the point of consumption
for a peaceful and reconciled world
in truth and justice,
in love and freedom.

Almighty and eternal God,
in Your hands are the hopes of men
and the rights of every people:
Assist with Your wisdom those who govern us,
so that, with Your help,
they will become sensitive to the sufferings of the poor
and of those who suffer the consequences
of violence and war;
may they promote the common good and lasting peace
in our region
and throughout the earth.

Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope,
obtain the gift of peace
for the Holy Land that gave birth to you
and for the whole world.
Amen.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL 2024

On Friday we celebrated CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. This weekend we have a collection for the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Appeal, Envelopes are available on the front and donations can be put in the basket on the front. Or you can donate via our Dona Card Machine using the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day button, and via the CAFOD Website using this link [Harvest Family Fast Day Appeal 2024 \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://cafod.org.uk) or you can scan this QR Code using a smart phone.



Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. When Daniel talks about carpentry, he does so with immense passion. He worked hard to master carpentry at a CAFOD-funded training programme, so he can support his family.

Daniel is carving his way to a better future *"We learnt to make cabinets, tables and chairs. I loved everything they taught us. If God helps and this work expands, I can do greater things."* – Daniel.

Daniel is hard-working, resilient, and full of empathy. He really cares for the people around him and is determined to help his family. Daniel who lives in Goma, in the Democratic Republic of Congo grew up with real poverty. Daniel's family didn't always have enough to eat, despite both of his parents working. There was no money to send him to school. As soon as he was old enough, he started looking for work so he could support his family to get food on the table. But without an education his opportunities for work were even more limited. *"We grew up in a life that is not easy. It was a life of struggling all the time"*

Thankfully, he encountered a group of young men putting on dusty overalls outside a workshop. They told him they were learning carpentry at a CAFOD-funded training centre. He joined the carpentry training programme and with the help of our local experts, he worked diligently for eight months to train as a carpenter. Daniel is a young person full of hope who got an opportunity that is not given to many other young people in his situation, he got the chance to learn carpentry. He now has his own workshop. He's not only crafting beautiful doors, chairs and cabinets for happy customers, he's also carving a better future for himself and his family. With your support, many young people will also have the opportunity to learn new skills.

"The benefit of the vocational training is tremendous. The opportunity at first to learn something that will stay with them. That is the first thing, they're able to learn some life skill that they will take with them throughout their lives. And through that, they will be able to train others, just like Daniel." - Katy Katonda, CAFOD's DRC Country Representative.

ST FELIX RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY



We currently have spaces for 15 and 30 hour provision for children aged three by August 31st 2024.

(Born between 1/9/2020 – 31/8/2021)

Monday – Friday; 8:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Morning, afternoon or all-day spaces available.

For more information or to arrange a visit please contact

admin@st-felixrc.suffolk.sch.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

CAR PARKING at ST. FELIX



When parking in St Felix car park please consider other users. Please leave disabled parking spaces for people with mobility problems and do not block other users in. **Please do not park right outside the church entrance and leave easy access for emergency vehicles in case they ever need to reach the church.**

If parking on the road please respect the needs of our neighbours. There is plenty of parking available in School Lane and near the Rugby Club and it is a comparatively short walk from there to the church.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

A message from Deacon Huw:

It will not be necessary to provide Christmas Cards for the use of prisoners at Highpoint from this year.

Thank you again for your previous donations

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASS – 06.10.2024



922 – Bind Us Together

971 – Father I Place Into Your Hands

78 – Bread of Life, Hope of the World

801 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



'Children's Liturgy' is happy to welcome children who attend Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. Younger children and those with additional needs are welcome to attend with an adult.

Please note that your child will need to collect a registration card as you sign them in, in order for us to manage the number of children attending.'

| DATE | LEADER | ADULT HELPER | CHILD No. |
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| 06.10.24 | MARY MATHEW | 1. Christine White 2. 3. | 12 |

| WEEKEND READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS | | | |
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| DATE | 1 st READING | 2 nd READING | EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS |
| Saturday 5th October | LINDA | | ANGELA |
| Sunday 6th October | ALICE | SALLY | Sign up list In narthex |
| Saturday 12th October | JO | | MURRY |
| Sunday 13th October | MARITA | SUE | Sign up list In narthex |

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 those who are seriously ill, including Lata, Declan, John, Helen, Franco, Anna, Elias Gomes & Fr. Adrian Gates.
- Please continue to pray for peace in Gaza, Ukraine and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict.
- Pray that Governments, leaders and all people will learn to reconnect with Creation and act to heal and protect the Earth, our Common Home.
- 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 children and young people. Remember especially the staff and pupils of St Felix School.
- Pray for Fr. John, Dcn, Huw, and all the people of our parish, especially 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, especially Simon Marchon who died recently. Remember their families and all who grieve.

Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**Kathleen Williams, Maria Barrett, Theresa Carter, Noel Lee, Christopher Tobin,
Jennifer Gauld, Ethel O'Connell, Celine Wright, Edward Jones, John Bidwell,
Charlotte Kirkby.**

During autumn we are asked to pray for:

The Harvest, Students and Teachers, Justice and Peace in the World, Prisoners and their Families, Victims of War, Home Missions, People in Poverty, Young People.

In October Pope Francis asks us to pray for: A Shared Mission

Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

IN NEED of HELP?

If you are aware of anyone who is in need of help during the ongoing cost of living crisis, please speak to Fr. John or you can contact



Need help. Don't wait. 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.

This week we are in need of...

Noodles



Sponge pudding



Crisps



Crackers



Tinned potatoes



#FoodbankFriday

Haverhill Foodbank

Reach



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of our PPC will take place on:

Thursday 17th October at 7 p.m. in St Felix Church.

Everyone is welcome to come along. We will be discussing 3 questions which Bishop Peter is asking every Parish Pastoral Council and every Parish Community to discuss over the next few weeks. This is a very important meeting for our parish – please do come along and join the discussion

Agenda:

- 1. Welcome and prayer*
- 2. Present*
- 3. Apologies*
- 4. Minutes of last meeting for approval (22/5/24)*
- 5. Matters arising (not elsewhere on the agenda)*
- 6. Matters to be raised in AoB – for later discussion*
- 7. Parish community matters – opportunities to raise matters of interest or concern to the parish community.*
- 8. Questions from Bishop Peter – see below.*
- 9. Jubilee Year 2025 and AoB.*
- 10. Date of next meeting*
- 11. Closing Prayer.*

Questions relating to future pastoral provision and mission strategy

Phase 2 - Parish Consultation.

Question 1. How do you think parish structures and practices need to evolve to best serve the mission of the Church; that is, sharing the Gospel in a society which is forgetting its Christian roots more and more? You will need to reflect both on how your Parish Community has changed over the past twenty-five years and what it realistically might look like in ten years' time, with the help of the document sent with these questions.

Question 2. How can we foster and sustain a deeper personal relationship with Christ within the communion of the Church, both in your local parish and as a part of the diocese? What can be done to ensure that young and old alike can better live their everyday lives as 'intentional' disciples, that is followers of Jesus Christ who embrace His teaching and become capable of sharing a living Catholic faith with others?

Question 3. Being realistic about our resources, both human and financial, what concrete steps do you think should be taken in your parish to address present and future needs? You should think about:
-How the diocese, your neighbouring parishes, and the different congregations within your own parish (those who attend the different Masses that are celebrated) can help you overcome challenges and create opportunities. - How individual members of your Parish Community can be appropriately enabled to contribute to the demanding work of change and development.

Copies of the Supporting Document for this consultation are available in the Narthex. They have also been attached to the newsletter sent electronically.

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*

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend of 28th/29th September 2024

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| Standing Orders | £383.00 |
| Collection | £414.72 |
| Total: | £797.72 |

Future Second Collections for 2024.

5th/6th October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Collection

19th/20th October: Missio – World Mission Sunday

2nd/3rd November: St Edmunds Fund

(Diocesan Social Outreach Fund)

14th/15th December: Diocesan Dependant Priests Fund

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

Items for the newsletter should be sent to

stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

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 B, weekday readings Year II]

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 5th October: 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. *Indian FHC Mass*
 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*
Sunday 6th October: 10.00 a.m. Mass *George Mathew RIP*

Twenty-seventh Week of the Year:

Monday 7th October: ***Day of Prayer, Fasting & Penance for Peace
& Reconciliation in the Holy Land***
Wednesday 9th October: ***Feast of St John Henry Newman***
 10.00 a.m. Mass *Nell & John Halpin RIP*
Thursday 10th October: NO MASS TODAY
Friday 11th October: NO MASS TODAY

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME ***Start of Prisons' Week***

Saturday 12th October: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*
Sunday 13th October: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Joe, Stella & Jacqui
 Mesquita 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.

Confessions are also available by appointment with Fr. John

**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