



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time.**

Sunday 2nd August 2026

Psalter - Week 2

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 8th August – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu, Anu Anto

Saturday 15th August – Jili Jijo, Diony Jose, Bindhu Roy

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 2nd August – Jose Family & Ron White.

Sunday 9th August – Buendia Family

Dear Friends,

These Sundays in Ordinary Time try to teach us about ordinary kingdom living: how to live in the Kingdom of God, following the Lord Jesus Christ. Today's Gospel tells us about Jesus wanting to go away and be in solitude after he heard about the death of John the Baptist. This is a completely understandable human response on the part of Jesus. But His followers were so attached to Him that they followed Him and would not leave Him alone. Jesus does not honour His own feelings in this situation but instead honours the needs of those who follow Him. This is a clear teaching for those who would minister to others: serve others and put your own needs to one side.

Another clear teaching from today's readings is in the first reading, from the Prophet Isaiah: spiritual wisdom and serving the living God are free gifts. We should also know that serving God and spiritual wisdom will not always be easy. So this is not just a question of wanting what God has to offer us, but of seeing that a commitment to God brings incredible gifts even as it propels us along paths that we would not have chosen by ourselves.

Again, today's Gospel teaches us that God will always give us what we need. Sometimes we disagree with God about what we need, but we must learn to trust God and have only what He provides. When we come to this point in our lives, we come to know deeply that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Today's reading from the Letter to the Romans keeps this insight before our eyes: no anguish, no distress, no persecution, no famine, no nakedness, no peril and no sword can separate us from this God whom we serve and who invites our love.

May our faith be this strong!

With every blessing and prayers,
Fr John

EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT



**TODAY
SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST 2026**

4.30 – 6.30 p.m.

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

**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 2026 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 Burrridge who will be received into full communion with
the church and will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation
and the Eucharist.**



Please remember them all - their Godparents and sponsor and all
their families in your prayers. **Please keep the date and 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.

**THE FEAST OF
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
is celebrated over the weekend of Saturday 15th and Sunday
16th August at our usual weekend Sunday Masses on Saturday
evening and Sunday morning

Follow the kindness trail *THIS SUMMER*

As God's chosen ones,
HOLY *and* BELOVED,
clothe yourselves with
COMPASSION,
KINDNESS,
HUMILITY,
MEEKNESS *and*
PATIENCE.

~ Colossians 3.12



collect the
kindness kangaroos
all around Haverhill
in your kindness passport



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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



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

PLEASE NOTE:

**There will be NO 10 a.m. Mass on
Wednesday 5th August
as the *Parkway Fun Day* is taking place at St Felix Church
that day.**

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
DATE	1 st READER	2 nd READER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 1 st August	JO	LINDA	ANNE
Sunday 2 nd August	ASIN	ASWIN	Sign-up sheet in narthex
Saturday 8 th August	ANGELA	KAREN	MURRY
Sunday 9 th August	DAVE	SUE	Sign-up sheet in narthex

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS	
Sunday 2nd August	Team 3 HELEN and RAYMOND
Sunday 9th August	Team 4 RACHEL and IAN
<i>Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. Thank you</i>	

HYMNS - SUNDAY 2nd August 2026



697 - Sing a New Song Onto the Lord

608 - Take My Hands

854 - Bring Forth the Kingdom

Items for the newsletter should be sent to
stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk
by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter



This year's **FREE** Parkway Fun Day will feature face painting, skee ball, mini golf, giant garden games and more!

Haverhill Town Council Parkway Fun Day

On Wednesday 5th August from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
we are hosting the Parkway Fun Day.

We will need to provide some refreshments; hot and cold drinks
and some cakes and biscuits for this day.

If you can help on the day please speak to Fr John or email him
on john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk

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.
- Pray for the people of Venezuela affected by devastating earthquakes.
- 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:

**Patricia Boxall-Davies, Vera Ricks, Alice Leaty, Mary Donovan,
Maureen Allen, Matthew Marsh, Paulene Griggs, Joan Downey,
Alice Warner, John Irish, Michael Leamy, James Moran, Albie Clark.**

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. Pasta Sauce
2. Rice pudding
3. Coffee
4. Custard
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'

FINAL THOUGHTS:

As we reflect about living simply, we're reminded of the beautiful simplicity that comes with focusing on God and the treasures of our hearts. We are called to embrace contentment, foster generosity, and prioritize our relationships over our material desires. By letting go of worry and simplifying our needs, we open ourselves to God's peace and blessings. Living simply means finding joy in creation and focusing on eternal values as we serve others. Together, let's carry these lessons into our lives, encouraging one another to live differently in a world that often values complexity. We have everything we need in Christ, and with that, we can truly savour the simple life God intended for us.

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From: biblestudyforyou.com

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Fr John will be away from the parish from Thursday 13th August until Friday 28th August in Lourdes.

He will be working with the Hospitality Notre Dame de Lourdes (HNDL) from Sunday 16th August to Friday 21st August on a 'Stage', and then Fr John will join our Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage from Friday 21st August to Friday 28th August.

Fr John will remember the parish family in his prayers at the Grotto and will light a candle for the parish. **Any personal intentions you wish Fr John to place at the Grotto in Lourdes, please email them to Fr John at john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk anytime up to Thursday 27th August. Thank you.**

The HNDL is a voluntary organisation which is open to all people aged 17 and over to come and work in partnership with the Shrine at Lourdes, to welcome, help and support all pilgrims and visitors to the Shrine, especially those who need any kind of assistance and care. All volunteers are given training and learn all about the meaning and spirit of Lourdes during their 'Stage' which is usually for 6 days

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

Collection for the weekend 25th/26th July 2026

Standing Orders: £421.00

Collection: £505.21

Total: £926.21

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

WELCOME TO FR. JAMES FYFE

We 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 from Wednesday 12th August to Friday 28th August and will celebrate the following Masses with us:

Friday 14th August, 10 am,
Saturday 15th August, 6.30 pm,
Sunday 16th August, 10 am,
Friday 21st August, 10 am,
Saturday 22nd August, 6.30 pm,
Sunday 23rd August, 10 am.

I am sure you will make Fr James very welcome to our Parish during his stay.

REFRESHMENTS after MASS



***After 10.00 a.m. Mass
TODAY
Sunday 2nd August.***

*Please stay for a chat
with other parishioners
over a cuppa and a
biscuit or two....*

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]

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 1 st August:	6.30 p.m. Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 2 nd August:	10.00 a.m. Mass	

Eighteenth week of the Year

Tuesday 4 th August:	10.00 a.m. Mass	
Wednesday 5 th August:	NO MASS TODAY	
Thursday 6 th August:	<i>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	
	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>Rita grace RIP</i>
Friday 7 th August:	10.00 a.m. Mass	

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 8 th August:	6.30 p.m. Mass	
Sunday 9 th August:	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

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