

PARISH OF ST. FELIX, HAVERHILL

THIRTIETH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 25th October 2026

Psalter- Week 2

ST. FELIX CHURCH, PRINCESS WAY, HAVERHILL, CB9 9BP

Presbytery - 3 Wentworth Terrace, Haverhill, CB9 9BP

Parish Priest: Fr. JOHN WARRINGTON:

Tel: **01440 702156 (Parish Office**)
Tel: **01440 704142 (Presbytery)**
Email*:* **john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk**

Deacon: Rev. HUW WILLIAMS: Tel**: 07399 163718**
Email: **huw.williams@rcdea.org.uk**

Messages may be left via our website: www.stfelixchurch.org.uk
***To contact a priest in an emergency please call 07773 478835**

Our School: St. Felix Catholic Primary School: Tel: 01440 703775
Head teacher: Mrs Anne-Marie Price

CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 31st October – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu, Anu Anto
Saturday 7th November – Jili Jijo, Diony Jose, Bindhu Roy

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 25th October – Jose Family and Ron White
Sunday 1st November – Buendia Family

Dear friends,

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 22:34-40), Jesus is asked a question that lies at the very heart of the Christian life: "*Which commandment in the Law is the greatest?*" His answer is both simple and challenging. We are to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

It is striking that Jesus gives these two commandments as his answer – not just the one answer requested. Love of God and love of neighbour belong together, they are inseparable. Our faith in God is revealed in the way we treat one another, especially those who are vulnerable, lonely, or in need. At the same time, our love for others finds its source and strength in our relationship with God.

In a world often marked by division, self-interest, and indifference, Christ calls us to a different way. The love he speaks of is not just a feeling, but a daily commitment. It is expressed in patience, forgiveness, generosity, and compassion. It is found in small acts as much as in great sacrifices: a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, a visit to someone who is sick or isolated, a willingness to put someone else's needs before our own.

As we gather this weekend, let us ask the Lord to deepen our love. May our prayer lead us to action, and may our actions bear witness to God. In doing this, we fulfil not only the greatest commandment but also the vocation we received at Baptism: to be disciples of Christ in the world.

Dcn. Huw 

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

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

'TAKE A LITTLE TIME'

Take a little time for seeing - grass and blooms with dew impearled.
Take a little time for being - quiet in your own small world.
Take a little time for sowing - flowers amongst life's many weeds.
someday you will see them glowing - growing from the hidden seeds.
Take a little time to ponder - what is in your secret heart.
Take a little time to wander - in the silence set apart.
Take a little time for living - busy though your day may be.
Take a little time for giving - happiness to somebody.

From ' The Patience Strong Omnibus.
A personal selection from 50 years of verse '
(page 41)

[2]

EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT



NEXT SUNDAY - 1ST NOVEMBER

4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
25.10.2026 & 01.11.2026	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY IN HALF-TERM **NEXT SESSION ON SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER**		

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
DATE	1st READER	2nd READER	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 24th October	LINDA	JO	KAREN
Sunday 25th October	RAYMOND	ALICE	Sign-up sheet in narthex
Saturday 31st October	KAREN	SHEILA	ANGELA
Sunday 1st November			Sign-up sheet in narthex

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS	
Sunday 25th October	Team 3 HELEN and RAYMOND
Sunday 1st November	Team 4 RACHEL and IAN
Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. *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'. Particularly remember those who are ill or have health concerns such as cancer, dementia, neurological and mental health issues and any serious health condition. Pray for those on the road to recovery and those on the journey to this life's end. Remember also all who care for and support people who are ill and whose health is compromised.
- 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 natural disasters and effects of climate change. Pray that all will work 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 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:

Edward Claydon, Konrad Cyperski, Alfred Cassar, Conrad Krauze, Margaret Ince, Gertrude Spenser, Irene Dempsey, Frank Aken, David Braham

During Autumn (to the Feast of Christ the King) we are asked to pray for: The Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation, Students and Teachers, The Spread of the Gospel, Justice and Peace in the World, Prisoners and Their Families, All Victims of War, Young People.

Pope Leo asks us to join him in October in prayer for *Mental Health Ministry.* Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

MODERN SLAVERY

Modern slavery is often hidden in plain sight in our countryside, towns and cities. We call the volunteers "Freedom Watchers" simply because, as they go about their everyday lives, they watch out for the thousands of souls in our Diocese who have no freedom. Unsurprisingly, given how many slaves live among us, these volunteers have found people who were clearly being exploited. Observant, caring Freedom Watchers helped by calling the Modern Slavery Helpline on 08000 121 700 and reporting what they had seen. Ten highly vulnerable people have been given the chance of liberty by Freedom Watchers, simply through their raised awareness and willingness to lift a finger to help. That may not be a large number but imagine the impact on the life of each person freed.

During the summer, a vulnerable woman was identified by a Freedom Watcher in one of our cities and reported to the Modern Slavery Helpline. It seemed that the woman was being cuckooed, that is, exploited by criminals who take over vulnerable people's homes for illegal purposes such as drug dealing. The practice typically involves the coercion, manipulation and exploitation of the victim. The Modern Slavery Helpline assesses calls and passes referrals on to the police or another appropriate agency. These calls often lead to the rescues of oppressed and downtrodden people that are reported in the media. The greater the number of Freedom Watchers, the greater the number of enslaved people being found. As Pope Leo XIV put it in Dilexi Te: "The act of rescuing someone from slavery… is seen as an extension of Christ's redemptive sacrifice."

On 6 February 2027 the Diocese will be holding its first full modern slavery conference at Our Lady Immaculate & St Etheldreda Catholic Church, 14 Exeter Road, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 8LT from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Details are available here Please see the poster in church and the flyer available in the narthex.

People may attend in person or, if they are unable to do so, watch via a livestream. A link will be available nearer the time on the Diocesan Modern Slavery webpages, which also provide more details about the conference and relevant contact information.

All are encouraged to attend so that we can learn our role in ending this "wound in the body of Christ" that increasingly impacts us all.

NEED HELP DURING the ON-GOING COST of LIVING CRISIS?

Please speak to Fr. John or you can contact

Reach Community Projects

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.



St Felix Parish Project 2026:

The **Sunflower SEND Hub** in Haverhill offers support services tailored to meet the needs of local children and young people who have SEND - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities – and their families

https://www.sunflowersendhub.org

A resource that the Hub particularly wishes to purchase for the children and young people who come to them is an interactive touch screen. This would help all the children supporting communication, education, social and life.



Our 2026 Parish Project is to *raise £1500 towards the cost of an interactive screen for the Sunflower SEND Hub.*

You can donate to this important local service by using the Dona Card Machine and selecting 'Sunflower SEND Hub' or by putting what you can, when you can in the white box in the narthex.

Thank you for your support, Parish J&P Group.

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, *Special Collections and Second Collections*, CAFOD, *100 Club*, Flowers, *Candles*, Mass Offerings, *Donations,* Parish Project 2026 – Sunflower SEND Hub.

…DOING 2 GOOD THINGS AT ONCE…

Help increase our reusing/recycling efforts
AND support **The Sunflower SEND Hub** in Haverhill.



A few recycled Christmas cards are still available in the narthex – **4 cards for £1**
All proceeds will go to our parish project to raise £1500 for **the Sunflower SEND Hub.**

THANK YOU FOR CELEBRATING WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thank you for your donations to the World Mission Sunday appeal. Your 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 mission year-round, visit missio.org.uk
or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

TO CONTACT A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY…

If Fr. John is away from the Parish, please contact either:

Bury St Edmunds Parish on 01284 754358.
or Newmarket Parish on 01638 662492
or Clare Parish on 01787 277326
or call 07773 478835. *Thank you.*

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS



SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER

Refreshments will be available after the 10 a.m. Mass hosted by members of our Filipino community.

Please stay for a cuppa and a chat



A new Parish Census form is now available online via our Parish Website www.stfelixchurch.org.uk or via the QR code displayed in church. Printed copies are also available in the narthex. We are asking you to complete either an online form or a form in church so we can put together an up-to-date data base for our parish.

be reassured your data will be kept secure and will be held under our Diocesan GDPR rules, and will only be used to enable
Fr. John and Deacon Huw to exercise their pastoral ministry and care for our parish.

Please complete or return your Parish Census form by the end of October 2026 – NEXT WEEKEND

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 1ST NOVEMBER – ALL SAINTS' DAY

On All Saints 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 31st October
and at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 1st November in St Felix Church

ALL SOULS' DAY IS ON MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

We will commemorate all of those who have died and remember them at Masses on All Souls Day at 10 .00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Envelopes for intentions for Holy Souls during November will be available in the narthex

A basket will be placed on the font for you to place your envelope with the names of your deceased parents, relatives, friends and all for whom you wish to pray inside and 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 ourLord,
Amen.

Fr John will be away for a short break

from Monday 26th October to Thursday 29th October.
Therefore there will be no weekday Masses on those days.
However, there will be Mass at 10.00 a.m. on Friday 30th October.

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 17th/18th October 2026

Standing Orders:	£421.00
Collection:	£555.16
Total:	**£976.16**

£65 for the World Mission Sunday Collection

£133 for our Parish Project supporting the Sunflower SEND Hub – RUNNING TOTAL NOW £565

Second collections coming up

12th/13th December – Diocesan Dependent Priests Fund.
This fund supports our retired priests, those who are ill, and those who are no longer active in ministry.
Please keep them in your prayers, and we give thanks for their years of ministry in our Diocese.

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

CLOCKS CHANGE THIS WEEKEND.



The clocks 'fall' back by one hour early on Sunday morning as we leave British Summer Time and return to GMT. So we gain an hour in bed on Sunday and take on the darker evenings.

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.

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 A, Weekday readings Year II]

THIRTIETH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 24th October:	6.30 p.m. Mass	*People of the Parish*
Sunday 25th October:	10.00 a.m. Mass	*Thanksgiving – Wedding Anniversary, Vinister-Sinto*

Thirtieth week of the Year

Tuesday 27th October:	NO MASS TODAY	
Wednesday 28th October:	NO MASS TODAY	
Thursday 29th October:	NO MASS T ODAY	
Friday 30th October:	10.00 a.m. Mass	*Joaō (John) De Gouveia RIP*

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Saturday 31st October:	6.30 p.m. Mass	*People of the Parish*
Sunday 1st November:	10.00 a.m. Mass	*Ned Noone RIP*

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions take place on Saturday evening 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