



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,  
HAVERHILL**

**THIRD SUNDAY  
of ADVENT  
Gaudete Sunday**

**14<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

*Psalter - Week 3*

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**Our School: St. Felix Catholic Primary School:**

**Tel: 01440 703775**

**Head teacher: Mrs Anne-Marie Price**

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu, Anu Anto**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Christmas Clean – Volunteers please!**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December – Jili Jijo, Diony Jose, Bindhu Roy**

**SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Buendia Family**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Jose Family & Ron White**

Dear Friends,

In this season of the Church, the challenge of patience is upon us and we can get frustrated. This is true on many occasions when we are required to wait, as we do in Advent. This weekend we try to put aside our impatience and celebrate the joy of expectation: the Lord IS coming - soon!

This weekend, as we celebrate *Gaudete Sunday*, we have Joy in Anticipation - Isaiah speaks of the desert blooming and the coming of God to save His people, which brings hope and joy; Joy in Preparing - preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ and preparing the way; Joy in Sharing - Just as Mary rejoiced and shared her joy with Elizabeth, we are called to share the good news of Christ's coming with others. The message of joy is not meant to be kept to ourselves but shared with the world.

*Gaudete Sunday* is a time to rejoice and reflect on the joy that comes from our faith. As we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath in the church, let us embrace the hope and joy of the season, preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. This Sunday reminds us that even in our waiting, we can find joy in God's promises and presence among us.

Spread the joy!

Dcn Huw ☺

**EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT**



**FIRST  
SUNDAY of the MONTH**

**4.30 – 6.30 p.m.**

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

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS



If you would like to make a donation for the Christmas flowers at St. Felix, envelopes will be available in the blue box on the table in the Narthex.

*Please write the name or names of those you would like to dedicate flowers to on the envelope.*

*If the person or persons are deceased, please indicate by writing RIP after their names.*

A list of dedications will be placed by the altar during the Christmas season.

*Thank you, Dave Arnold, Flower Team Coordinator*

## NOVEMBER 100 CLUB WINNERS



**First prize £150 - COLETTE HILLS [4]**

**Second prize £100 - RAY BANHAM [77]**

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

"This Advent I will allow your transparent joy to fill my heart, to let it course through the hurry and scurry of my activities and slow me down so that I enjoy the gift of being alive. I will remember the happiness associated with your birth and the enduring teachings you gave to our world. I pray with confidence for your joy to continue to be birthed within me and to be shared with those who gather this Christmas".

From Joyce Rupp, 'Return to the Root, reflections on the inner life', 2021 pg. 226

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS** Catalogue 2025  
available in the narthex.

Full range of gifts available online:

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections/all>



*Last week to get gifts  
by express delivery  
for Christmas.*

*Order via website  
& choose 'Print' or  
'eCard' version to  
receive gifts instantly.*

## **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 and those caring for them.
- Please continue to pray for lasting peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict.
- Pray for people living in any form of poverty. Remember the work of REACH and everyone associated in any way.
- 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:**

**Carmello Pace, Max Burgess, Christopher Waters, Brian Ward,  
David Davis, Edward Fletcher, Mark Staples**

**During Advent and Christmastime we are asked to pray for:**

**Migrants and Refugees,  
Expectant Mothers.**

**Pope Leo asks us to join him in December in praying for:  
Christians in areas of conflict.**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

*IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN.....*



**ST. FELIX CHRISTMAS CLEAN**

***TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER from 12 midday.***

*Can you please spend an hour or so to help get our church ready for our Christmas celebrations?*

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*Free cuppa and good company*

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS	
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Team 6</b> ABRAHAM and ANOTHER
<b>Sunday 21st December</b>	<b>Team 1</b> CAROL and DAVE/BINOY
<b><i>Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. Thank you</i></b>	

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
DATE	1 <sup>st</sup> READING	2 <sup>nd</sup> READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 13 December	VIOLET	LINDA	ANGELA
Sunday 14 December	SALLY	ALICE	Sign – up sheet in narthex
Saturday 20 December	ASIN	ASWIN	MURRY
Sunday 21 December	MARITA	JENNA	Sign – up sheet in narthex
Wednesday 24 December Midnight Mass	LINDA	ALICE	Sign – up sheet in narthex
Thursday 25 December Christmas Day			Sign – up sheet in narthex

### **HYMNS for SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**



**105 – Lift Up Your Heads, You  
Mighty Gates.**

**880 – Tell Out My Soul**

**107 – The King of Glory**

**768 – Our God Reigns**

***Next choir practice  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00 p.m.***

## 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.



With every donation, REACH is helping people break the cycle of hardship.

Generational poverty can trap people for years, but your support ensures REACH can offer long-term guidance, advice, and care.

Donations made today until Christmas Day could be doubled by matched funding from generous sponsors up to £10,000.

For more information and to donate follow this link:

**[ReachCP.org.uk/Christmas](https://ReachCP.org.uk/Christmas)**





# CAMPS COMMUNITY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thursday 18th December

7 p.m

The URC, High Street, Castle Camps

CB21 4SX

Free - donations welcome.

Drinks and mince pies too!



## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
14 <sup>th</sup> December	CHRISTINE WHITE	1. ? 2. ? 3.	?

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.*

## **ADVENT AT ST FELIX**

### **CHOIR PRACTICES**

On Tuesday evenings of Advent at 7 p.m. in church our choir will be practicing the hymns and music for Advent and Christmas. If you would like to join our choir and learn and sing the music of Advent and Christmas you are very welcome to come along.

### **CHOOSE YOUR FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

During Advent there will be a sheet in the narthex for your suggestions for Christmas Carols to be sung over Christmas and the Christmas season. We may not be able to sing all of them but please write your favourite carols on the sheet provided and we will do our best to sing as many of them as possible. Thank you.

## CHRISTMAS AT ST FELIX

### CHRISTMAS EVE – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

**Children's Mass for Christmas – 5.00 p.m.**

**Midnight Mass – 10.00 p.m. Preceded by Carols – 9.30 p.m.**



### CHRISTMAS DAY

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December

**Mass for Christmas Day  
10.00 a.m.**

*[There will be NO Mass on  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December]*

### FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY

#### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December

**Masses on Saturday at 6.30 p.m. and Sunday at 10.00 a.m.**

### FEAST of MARY, HOLY MOTHER of GOD

#### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026

**11.00 a.m. MASS for PEACE followed by a  
'BRING AND SHARE' LUNCH.**

### FEAST of the EPIPHANY

#### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Masses at  
10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.**



## OUR EPIPHANY GIFTS for REACH.

During Advent and Christmas, and coming up to the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord (January 6<sup>th</sup>), we will again make a collection of personal care items to donate to REACH.

Please buy one or two items during the coming weeks of Advent and Christmas. **Keep your personal care gifts at home and bring them to church on the Second Sunday of Christmas - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January** - so that everyone's gifts can be collected together as our Epiphany Gift to be donated to REACH.



Items required for:

Men's personal care eg. razor, shaving cream/gel, deodorant

Women's personal care eg. deodorant, moisturiser,

make-up remover

Bathing/showering eg. shower gel, body wash, soap, flannel

Dental/oral care eg tooth brush, tooth paste, mouthwash

Hair care eg shampoo, conditioner, hair brush, comb

Baby/infant care eg. body wash, shampoo, moisturiser, nappies

[NB: NO baby milk or food]

Thank you

### PARISH FINANCES

#### **Collection for the weekend 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Standing Orders: £421.00

Collection: £523.81

Total: **£944.81**

**£137.78 for candles**

#### **Second Collections**

#### **This weekend 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*

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

**PLEASE NOTE NEW E.MAIL ADDRESS**

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**There will be NO 10 a.m. weekday Masses on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December as Fr John is at Clare Priory for his monthly Ministry to Priests meeting.**

## **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]*

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Gaudete Sunday**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Joao (John) De Gouveia RIP*

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

### **THIRD WEEK of ADVENT:**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December: NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: NO MASS TODAY

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Joao (John) De Gouveia RIP*

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Rafael INT*

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Deceased members of  
family*

## **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*