



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY**  
**OF EASTER**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

[Psalter Week 1]

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Head of School: Mrs. A. Dodds

**WHEN ATTENDING MASS & OTHER EVENTS IN OUR CHURCH**  
*we would appreciate face coverings still being worn [unless exempt]*  
*and hand sanitiser will still be available for your use. Thank you.*

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:**

Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> May – Alan Kent, Mike Bradshaw, Ann O’Flanagan & Helen Burns

Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> May – Jean Hatchell, Sheila Dooley, Mary Dooley & Christine White

**SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Pat & PJ Sheehy, Annette Field and Ron Hefford.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May -

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today's Gospel takes us to the Upper Room to listen to some of the words that Jesus addressed to the disciples in the "farewell discourse" before his Passion. After washing the feet of the twelve], he says to them: "*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another*" (Jn 13:34).

What is the novelty of this commandment that Jesus entrusts to his disciples? Why does he call it a "new commandment"? The old commandment of love became new because it was made complete with this addition: "*as I have loved you*", "**love one another as I have loved you**".

The novelty lies wholly in Jesus Christ's love, with which he gave his life for us. It is God's universal love, without any conditions or limits, which reaches its culmination on the cross. In that moment of extreme abasement, and in that moment of abandonment to the Father, the Son of God showed and gave to the world the fullness of love.

Jesus loved us first. He loved us despite our frailties, our limitations and our human weaknesses. It was he who ensured we become worthy of his boundless and never-ending love. By giving us this new commandment, he asks us to love one another, not only and not so much with *our* love, but with *his*, which the Holy Spirit instills in our hearts if we invoke him with faith. In this way — and only in this way — can we love one another not only as we love ourselves but as *he* loved us, that is, infinitely more. Indeed, God loves us much more than we love ourselves.

*(from Pope Francis' homily on 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, 2019)*

Items for the newsletter should be sent to

[stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com)

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

## A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom  
to guide their choices.

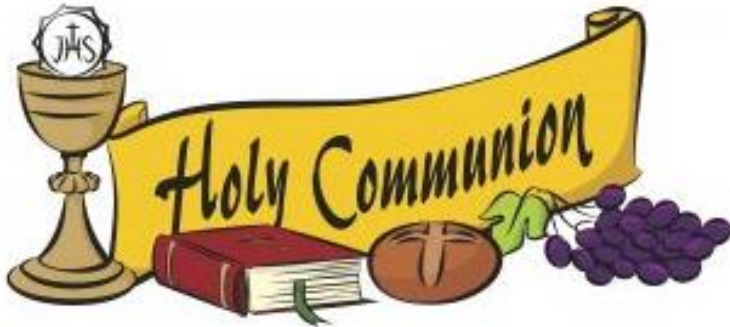
We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.  
Amen.

*(from CaFOD prayer resources)*

**Advice on how you can help people caught up in the war in Ukraine is available from the Catholic Social Action Network at:**

**<https://www.csan.org.uk/ukraine/>**



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

This year we have 19 children celebrating their First Holy Communion. The final group of children will celebrate First Holy Communion during a special children's Mass at 10 a.m. this Sunday [15<sup>th</sup> May]

The 'First Communion' families will each have a row of benches reserved for them in church.

Everyone is welcome to come along to celebrate with the children and their families.

Please keep them all in your prayers.

### HYMNS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

*Opening Hymn:*

**I the Lord of Sea and Sky (865)**

*Gloria:*

**Clapping Gloria with spoken verses**

*Communion Hymns:*

**This is My Body, Broken for You (627)**

**Be Still for the Presence of the Lord (720)**

*Final Hymn:*

**Give Me Joy in My Heart (722)**



**ST. FELIX PLANT SALE – NEXT WEEK-END!**

***Saturday and Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May [after Masses]***

If you have any plants, cuttings, seedlings or other gardening paraphernalia that we can sell to raise funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the church grounds please bring them along to church on the days of the sale or contact Sharon and/or Joan to make arrangements for them to be included.

If you able to help 'on the day' please do let us know! Thank you.

Sharon: [carparecool@hotmail.com](mailto:carparecool@hotmail.com)

Joan: [joan.hefford@gmail.com](mailto:joan.hefford@gmail.com)



**MAY WILD FLOWERS in the St Felix wild flower meadow:**



Bluebells and Common Vetch

**A MESSAGE FROM FR. JOHN.....**

Thank you for all your prayers and kind wishes for my recovery during this time. I am now beginning to feel much better again but still need to take things fairly easy. Following a visit to the transplant clinic last Monday, as I suspected, my kidney function has been affected by my encounter with Covid. Hopefully with an adjustment of medication and some careful monitoring this will resolve itself. I will keep you posted.

This weekend we welcome Fr Dick White who will celebrate Mass on Saturday evening at 6.30 p.m. I am hoping to celebrate Mass at 10 a.m. this coming Sunday for the last of the First Holy Communions. I wish again to thank Fr Dick and the priests from Clare Priory for covering Masses for us.

This coming week there will be no weekday Masses on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning as I am away at Clare Priory. **There will be Mass on Thursday and Friday morning at 10 a.m.**

Thank you again for your prayers and kind wishes and I hope to see you very soon

Fr. John

*If you need to speak with myself or Deacon Huw,  
please call me on **01440702156**,  
or Deacon Huw on **07399 163718**.*

*If you need to contact one of us, please do not hesitate to do so.*

**Wishing you and your families every blessing and continued prayers for Easter time. Keep safe.**

*Fr John and Deacon Huw.*

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
SWAFFHAM**

**Assistant Headteacher with SENDco responsibilities  
required from September**

**for more information please visit:**

**<https://www.shcprimary.co.uk/vacancies/>**

## **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 all people who have requested prayers through our 'Intentions Book'. Remember also other people you know who are in need of prayer at this time for any reason.
- Please remember in your prayers those members of our Parish who are housebound or being cared for in our local care and nursing homes.
- Pray for our children who are celebrating their First Holy Communion over the next few weeks and our young people who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, pray also for their families.
- Pray for peace in our world, especially in Ukraine and Russia, and for wisdom and justice in world leaders.
- Pray for people whose income is insufficient to adequately meet their needs, especially those who are our local neighbours. Please remember the work of 'REACH' in your prayers
- Pray for Fr. John, Dcn, Huw, the pupils and staff of St. Felix School and all the people of our parish.

Pray for all we know and love who have died. Pray also for people who have no-one else to pray for them, and for those who grieve.

### **Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Stella Macgechan, Mary Banham, Samantha Warren, John Church,  
Doreen Poole, Patricia Bell, William Carroll.

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

New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work, Survivors of  
Sexual Abuse, The Right Use of the Media, The Church,

In May, **Pope Francis** asks us to join him in praying for:

### ***For faith-filled young people***

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

**LITURGY of the WORD**

**FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER** [15.05.2022]

1<sup>st</sup> reading: *They gave an account of all that God had done with them*  
Acts chapter 14 verses 21-27

Psalm: *I will bless your name for ever, O God my King*  
Psalm 144 verses 8-13

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: *God will wipe away all tears from their eyes*  
Apocalypse chapter 21 verses 1-5

Gospel: *I give you a new commandment: love one another.*  
The Gospel according to John chapter 13 verses 31-35

**FIFTH WEEK of EASTER:**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Acts chapter 15 verses 7-21

Psalm: *Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.*  
Psalm 95 verses 1-3, 10

Gospel: The Gospel according to John chapter 15 verses 9-11

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Acts chapter 15 verses 22-31

Psalm: *I will thank you, Lord, among all the peoples.*  
Psalm 56 verses 8-12

Gospel: The Gospel according to John chapter 15 verses 12-17

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*From Salford Diocese Liturgy Office*



## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAMME



- The programme consists of face to face sessions with candidates on the first Sunday of each month from 12:00–4:00 p.m. in the church and some ‘zoomed’ sessions  
The next session in St Felix Church is on 5<sup>th</sup> June.
  - At each session in church I would like us to have a ‘bring and share’ lunch to help build community within the group.
  - There will be a Mass of Enrolment and a Mass of Commitment during the course.
  - A date for celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation has yet to be agreed with the Bishop.
  - There will be a final session **after** celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Dcn. Huw*

### SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

***Saturday evening from 5.45 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.***

... or at another time by request to Fr John.

### OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS BOOK

Please feel free to enter any intentions in this book in the narthex, and these will be offered at all Masses.

*[Please write ‘YES’ beside your intention if you wish the intention to reach more people by being put in the Parish Newsletter, which also appears on the Parish website]*

Thank you.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



'Let the little children come to me...' - Mark 10:14

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY REGISTRATION

Following recent health and safety advice, we now have to register the children attending Children's Liturgy **each week**. Due to the limited number of spaces, priority will be given to children aged 4-8 years **and only those who have registered in the Narthex when they arrive for Mass may attend that Sunday**. [Unfortunately this means that your child may not be able to attend every week if the spaces are already full when you come to register. However the resources are sent out with this newsletter so you can still follow them with your child at home]

Children under 4 and those with special needs are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent at all times. The side room may be used for the younger children while the Gospel reading and discussion takes place, so that the older children are not distracted.

The ratio of adults to children that we are allowed is 1:6, and as the number of adults varies each week, so will the corresponding number of children we may register.

If any adults would like to help with Children's Liturgy, please see Angela Wilson.

Wishing you and your families a blessed Eastertide.

*Angela Wilson, Mary Mathew, Christine White, Isabella Zufatti, Sue Arnold*

*April 2022*

*There will be no  
Children's Liturgy on May 15<sup>th</sup>  
as we will be celebrating First Holy Communion Masses.  
The next Children's Liturgy is on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

# +livesimplyaward

We are working towards the **Livesimply Award**, which requires us to demonstrate that as a Parish community, and within the families and individuals who make up our parish, we are living:

- simply
- in solidarity with people in poverty
- sustainably with creation.



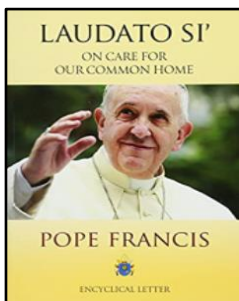
Use your search engine to get to 'The Journey to 2030' website.

Take a browse to find out more about the goals from Pope Francis' 'Laudato Si' and living sustainable with 'Creation' and protecting our environment.

There are ideas for parish/school/family, links to other organisations, further reading and prayer.

If this gives you ideas and thoughts you would be willing to share with others or that we can explore as a parish, please send them to the newsletter, pass them on to a member of our J&P group or even just pin them to the J&P noticeboard in the narthex.

*Thank you.*



### **To read 'Laudato Si':**

*it can be purchased via the CTS book shop or from 'Amazon'*

*You can also download or read it by going to the Vatican Website or by following links from other websites such as 'CaFOD'*

*Many sites also provide summaries/main points*

## A ST FELIX PARISHIONER REFLECTS ON 'LAUDATO SI' And 'LIVESIMPLY'

I recently read Pope Francis's encyclical letter ' Laudato Si On Care for our Common Home '. It is profoundly insightful into all aspects of the human condition, how we function and the effects we have on our home, planet Earth. 'The Journey to 2030' movement and website platform says of this letter that it calls for ambitious changes, and it is the official teaching of the Catholic Church.

I felt reading 'Laudato Si' gave meaning and motivation to why there is a call to Live Simply and Cafod's LivesimplyAward is encouraging us to do this. Reading 'Laudato Si' helped me to become aware of the forces at play in our world (for example, consumerism/materialism, competition/the market, individualism, media/technology, economic growth/the financial world, the digital world, our throw-away culture) and how these can affect our sense of what it is to be human, to be connected to a loving God and to a planet so abundant in all forms of life.

In 'Laudato Si' Pope Francis has invited the human family to " work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us ". The global community needs to work together to solve the immense problems of our planet but it strikes me that firstly I need to change. 'The Journey to 2030' website/movement talks about a conversion of heart and mind. It says;

- conversion of heart and mind is an essential component of Christian spirituality
- the heart is the source of our decisions, passions and motivation
- the heart is the source that ultimately determines how we live and act in this world
- without a conversion of the heart we fall too easily into the trap of the mind where we fill our head with good honest intentions, positive thoughts and ideas but at the same time we lack the inner drive and motivation to bring about the change we seek
- if our hearts are set on advancing our own wealth, social status and security our behaviours will most likely become consumeristic, materialistic and controlling, and this can happen despite our best intentions.

- Christian spirituality through the teachings of Jesus shows us that the path to authentic joy and happiness can be found when we draw from within, from the eternal source that is God. A consumer society by contrast convinces us that joy and happiness can be found when we draw from without, through the possession of material goods and accumulation of wealth

‘The Journey to 2030’ has seven goals for individuals and communities to work towards over the coming years, the first one being “Spirituality”. This goal asks us to recognize where we separate worldly realities with heavenly pursuits. It asks us to look at how our encounter with Jesus Christ becomes evident in the way we interact with reality around us. This goal is central as it is our relationship with God, self-knowledge and appreciation of our place in the universe that give meaning and motivation to our actions. It informs what is important and helps guide our priorities in life.

*Many thanks for this contribution to the newsletter.  
Please share your thoughts too...*

### **PARISH FINANCES**

#### **COLLECTIONS/WEEKLY OFFERING & DONATIONS:**

##### **Collections for the weekend 23/24 April 2022:**

Standing orders:	£296.00
Collection:	£310.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£606.50</b>

##### **Collections for the weekend 30 April/01 May 2022:**

Standing orders:	£296.00
Collection:	£313.17
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£609.17</b>

##### **Collections for the weekend 07/08 May 2022:**

Standing orders:	£296.00
Collection:	£296.20
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£592.20</b>

Donations to ‘Priests Training Fund’: £171.05

*Thank you for your generosity to your Parish Community*

# KEEP HAVERHILL RECYCLING

*We collect:*

**\*TETRA PAK drink cartons.**

(Please wash, dry and flatten the cartons and leave the lid on)

**\*SMALL ELECTRICAL ITEMS**

(such as hair dryers, DVD players, torches, coffee makers, radios etc.  
Please remove any batteries)

**\*EMPTY MEDICINE BLISTER PACKS**

**\*CRISP PACKETS** (NOT POPCORN OR CHEDDARS)

**\*BREAD BAGS**

**\*PENS, MARKERS AND FELT TIPS**

**\*BATTERIES**

**\*TOOTHPASTE TUBES AND TOOTHBRUSHES**

**\*CONFECTIONERY WRAPPERS**

(Chocolate wrappers, sweet pouches and multipack packaging)

**\*PERSONAL CARE AND BEAUTY**

(wipes packaging, toothpaste/cream tubes, roll on deodorants  
NOT BOTTLES OR AEROSOLS)

**\*PET FOOD POUCHES**

(clean & dry plastic pouches and dry food packaging)

**\*COFFEE PODS**

(Tassimo, L'OR & Nespresso)

PLEASE BRING THESE ITEMS TO US ON HAVERHILL MARKET  
on the **THIRD FRIDAY & SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.**

**Next collection dates: 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> May**

GIFT AIDING YOUR WEEKLY OFFERING TO ST FELIX CHURCH

Tax payers can increase the value of their contribution to the church by 'Gift Aiding' it. This does not cost you anything; just a little time on the initial paperwork, as the Government pays the difference.

Please collect yours if you have not already done so. Please also let me know if you would like envelopes to 'Gift Aid' your weekly offering.

If you are able to set up a weekly or monthly standing order and pay directly into the parish bank account, please do so. This is the easiest way for the parish to record gift aided offerings. Please make sure you put your name as the reference followed by GA e.g. 'BagginsGA'

Thank you to all who have already chosen this option.

For the parish to claim Gift Aid on your offerings, you must have completed a Gift Aid Declaration Form. The forms are available in the narthex or you can download them from the parish website.

If you have any queries, please contact me via  
email [annette.field@sky.com](mailto:annette.field@sky.com)

or leave a message with Fr John or Dcn Huw.

Thank you, Annette Field (Parish Gift Aid Officer)



**Tackling poverty in and around Haverhill**

Please continue to support the work of

**Reach Community Projects**

as much as you can by contributing to the Foodbank collections in local stores or at church.

Current shortages are:

*Sponge puddings (non-refridgerated)*

*Long-life Orange Juice*

*Sugar [1 kg]*

*Noodles*

*UHT (long-life) Milk*

Money donations which enable **Reach** to purchase what is needed can be made by visiting [www.reachhaverhill.org.uk](http://www.reachhaverhill.org.uk)

## **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/>

### **FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Mass 6.30 p.m. *People of the Parish*

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Mass 10.00 a.m. **First Holy Communion Mass**  
*Children celebrating 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion & their families.*

### **Fifth week of Easter**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May: **NO MASS TODAY**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May: **NO MASS TODAY**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Mass 10.00 a.m. *Private Intention*

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May: 10.00 a.m. *Private Intention.*

### **SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May: Mass 6.30 p.m.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Mass 10.00 a.m. *People of the Parish*

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May:

**SOLEMNITY of THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

## **SUSTAINABILITY - another thought**

**Did you know that it is estimated that glass takes  
about 5000 years to decompose.**

**In contrast it can be recycled  
ENDLESSLY!**