



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**THE FOURTH
SUNDAY of LENT
Laetare Sunday**

Sunday 30th March 2025

Psalter – Week 4

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 5th April – Jili Jijo, Diony Jose, Bindhu Roy, Sherin Cijo,
Saji Abraham, Sheena Jestine.

Saturday 12th April – Alan Kent, Mike Bradshaw, Ann O’Flanagan, Helen Burns

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 30th March – Pat and PJ Sheehy & Annette Field

Sunday 6th April – Baiju and Sonia Varghese & Ian Blythe

A REFLECTION ON JOY:

In his Daily Meditation 'Abiding in God's Joy and Peace' (Friday 11th October 2024), Fr. Richard Rohr refers to the dance between joy and sadness as a necessary paradox of life. He reflects...

Enlightened people invariably describe the spiritual experience of God as restful, peaceful, delightful, and even ecstatic. St. Bernard of Clairvaux said that for him, Jesus was "honey in the mouth, music to the ear, and joy in the heart." Sufi mystics Hafiz and Rumi and poets like Tagore and Kabir made life with God sound downright fun and fantastic, a poem instead of a trial.

In *The Book of Joy** Archbishop Desmond Tutu reminds us of the joy of abiding in God's love:

'Dear Child of God, you are loved with a love that nothing can shake, a love that loved you long before you were created, a love that will be there long after everything has disappeared. You are precious, with a preciousness that is totally immeasurable. And God wants you to be like God, filled with life and goodness and laughter - and joy.

God, who is forever pouring out God's whole being from all eternity, wants you to flourish. God wants you to be filled with joy and excitement and ever longing to be able to find what is so beautiful in God's creation: the compassion, the caring, the sharing. And God says, Please, my child, help me. Help me to spread love and laughter and joy and compassion. And you know what, my child? As you do this - hey, presto - you discover joy. Joy, which you had not sought, comes as the gift, as almost the reward for this non-self-regarding caring for others.'

**The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*' by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu with Douglas Abrams. 2016

Items for the newsletter should be sent to
stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com
by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter



to PAT and PJ SHEEHY
who celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary
on 20th March 2025

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



**Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament takes place
next Sunday, 6th April
5.30 p.m – 6.30 p.m.**

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

***PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME
DUE TO THE MAYOR'S
THANKSGIVING SERVICE at 3 p.m.***



**BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS THIS WEEKEND.
REMEMBER TO MOVE YOUR CLOCK FORWARD
BY 1 HOUR on SUNDAY MORNING, 30th MARCH**

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', especially those who are ill.
- Please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict.
- Pray for all people and lands devastated by effects of climate change.
- Pray for people caught up in the devastating earthquake in Myanmar
- 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 Fr. John, Dcn. Huw, the pupils and staff of St Felix School and all the people of our parish.

Pray for all the people we know and love who have died;

Remember their families and all who grieve.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anita Noel Rodrigues who died suddenly. Pray also for strength and comfort for her husband and their two young daughters.

Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

James Logan, John Scicluna, Thomas Corr, Beryl Pooley, Robert Trunchion, Angela Richards, Douglas James. Margaret Logan, Ena Westrope, Nell Halpin, Ann Hale, Hilda Betts, Clayton Clarke, Lesley Stock, Emily Bradbury.

During Lent we are asked to pray for:

Candidates for the Sacraments, the Needy and Hungry of the World, the World Day of Prayer, Penitents and Wanderers

In April Pope Francis asks us to pray for the use of new technologies

Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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.

March 2025

TOP 5 Items needed this week:

- Sponge puddings
- Crisps
- Long-life milk
- Crackers
- Long-life juice

Haverhill to expand
Foodbank Reach Community Projects

Some Reflections to inform our thoughts and prayers on
'Living Simply'

PSALM 23 [from The Catholic Children's Bible]

1. The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need.
2. He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water.
3. He gives me new strength. He guides me in the right paths, as He has promised.
4. Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, Lord, for you are with me.
Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me.
5. You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me;
You welcome me as an honoured guest and fill my cup to the brim.
6. I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life; and your house will be my home as long as I live.

HYMNS for SUNDAY 30th MARCH 2025



**804 - The King of Love My
Shepherd Is**

605 - Take Our Bread

967 - O the Love of My Lord

821 - The Kingdom of God

*Next choir practice in preparation for Lent and Easter
Tuesday 1st April at 7.00 p.m. in Church*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
30 th March	CHRISTINE WHITE	1. David Summerville 2. Mary Mathews 3. ?	18?

Children's Liturgy is for children who attend **Reception class and Years 1, 2 and 3**, so that 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 remain in the main church and not attend Children's Liturgy. We have a side room that can be used for younger children and their adult carer, if they need some space to move about.

The ratio of DBS-checked adults to children is 1:6 for our age group, so the number of children who are permitted to attend depends upon the number of adult helpers we have and the space available in the Narthex. We have a registration system before Mass where parents should sign their children in and they are given a registration card, which should be brought to the session on that day. Those without a card may need to be sent back to the main church if we are overcrowded. Children should register each time that they come to Mass.

We are always looking for more adult helpers, so if you would like to assist us and are willing to have a Disclosure and Barring Check please speak to Fr John or Angela Wilson.

*Thank you.
Angela Wilson*

LENT, HOLY WEEK and EASTER 2025



LENT

Children's Liturgy for Lent

During Lent our Children's Liturgy Group will help our children to prepare for Easter during our 10 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Lent House Masses

During Lent you can offer to host one of our weekly Lent House Masses. Mass will be celebrated at 7.30 p.m. If you are able to offer your home to welcome other people to celebrate with you on the following date, please speak to Fr John as soon as possible.

Wednesday 2nd April. *Thank you.*

Stations of the Cross

During Lent Stations of the Cross will be prayed in church **on Fridays** before the 10 a.m. Mass at **9.30 a.m.** and on **Good Friday evening, 18th April at 7.30 p.m.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

During Lent there will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Saturday 5.45 p.m to 6.15 p.m or by arrangement with Fr John.

Altar Servers for Holy Week and Easter

Please would all altar servers sign up for the services and Masses at which they are able to serve during Holy Week and Easter.

There is a list in the servers' sacristy. With thanks

Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers please sign up on the list in the narthex to carry out your ministry during Holy Week and Easter.

Thank you

Refreshments after Sunday morning Mass – Sunday 6th April



After the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass we will be serving refreshments
provided by members of our Portuguese Community

All are welcome to stay and chat over a cuppa or a cold drink.

Mayor's Thanksgiving Service – Sunday 6th April, 3 p.m. in St Felix Church

Come and join with our Town Mayor and Parishioner Dave Smith to give thanks for his service as our Mayor for the past year (two years) and to welcome Civic and Ecumenical guests at a special Thanksgiving Service. All are welcome.

Refreshments will be available after the service.

Lent Reconciliation Service

On Thursday 10th April at 7.30 p.m. we welcome some of our local priests to celebrate our Lent Reconciliation Service with us.

Please come along and pray together and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday - 13th April - Mass at St Felix Church

Saturday 12th April at 6.30 p.m.

Sunday 13 April at 10 a.m.

Tuesday of Holy Week 15th April – 11.30 a.m.

Chrim Mass in Norwich at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist

Wednesday of Holy Week 16th April.

Mass in St Felix Church – 10.00 a.m.

Altar Servers' rehearsal – 6.00 p.m.

Triduum



MAUNDY THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

Children's Service – 3 p.m. St Felix Church.

Mass of The Lord's Supper – 7.30 p.m., St Felix Church

Watching until 10.30 p.m. ending with Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY 18th APRIL

Ecumenical Procession of Witness – 10 a.m.

Commencing from the Old Independent Church, Haverhill, CB9 8EE to the Market Place to join with fellow Christians in an Act of Worship

Children's Service – 12 noon St Felix Church

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3.p.m. St Felix Church

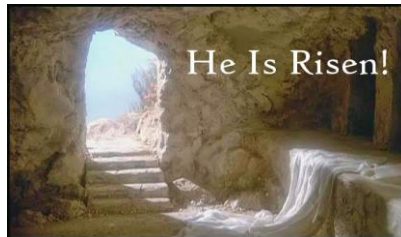
Stations of the Cross – 7.30 p.m. St Felix Church

Polish Easter Baskets

Members of our Polish Community are invited to bring Polish Easter baskets filled with symbolic foods, to St Felix Church for blessing at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening at 8 p.m. and at Mass on Easter Sunday at 10 a.m..

HOLY SATURDAY 19th APRIL

The Easter Vigil – 8 p.m. St Felix Church



EASTER SUNDAY 20th APRIL

Mass for Easter Sunday – 10 a.m. St Felix Church

DONATIONS AND DEDICATIONS FOR EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation for Easter flowers and a dedication to a loved one, friend or in memory of someone, you can use the envelopes which will be in the blue box in the Narthex from Sunday 30th March.

Dedications can be made until Sunday 13th April to allow time to prepare a list of the dedications to be placed on the sanctuary for the Easter Vigil.

Thank you, Dave Arnold



EASTER CHURCH CLEAN



Many hands make light work
SATURDAY 19th APRIL
from 12 midday.
Please come and help....

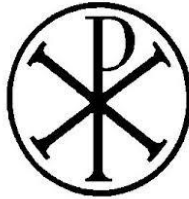
missio
Today. Tomorrow. Together.



Missio Red Box Holders

If your Red Box needs emptying please bring it to church over the next couple of weeks so it can be returned before Easter. Donations can also be made directly via the Missio website missio.org.uk
Thank you for your continued support.

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Proclaim the Word

A series of talks for Readers

Fr Adrian Graffy, Scripture scholar and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, offers a series of talks designed specifically for those who have the task of reader/lector in the Catholic liturgy. You can watch this talk via live stream free of charge [No prior booking necessary]

www.whatgoodnews.org

Talk 2: 'A richer table of God's word'

The Second Vatican Council decreed that the provision of Scripture in the Church's liturgy was to be more comprehensive and more abundant. In this second talk, Fr Adrian explains how the readings from all parts of Scripture are arranged in the 'order of readings'. The talk is both for readers, and for all who cherish the Liturgy of the Word at Mass.

Wednesday 2nd April 2025, 7 p.m (1900 BST)

**There will be NO 10 a.m. Mass on Thursday 3rd April
as Fr John is at Clare Priory for the
Annual Clergy Lent Day of Reflection.**

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend of 22nd/23rd March 2025

Standing Orders	£421.00
Collection	£728.54
Total:	£1149.54

£105 for our '100 Club'

Forthcoming Second Collections:

17th April 2025, Maundy Thursday - REACH

18th April 2025, Good Friday – Holy Land Shrines
Collection to support the Holy Places of Palestine

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

DATE	1 st READING	2 nd READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 29 th March	GISHO	LINDA	ANNE
Sunday 30 th March	DAVE	ADERNIDE	Sign up list In narthex
Saturday 5 th April	VIOLET	JENNA	KAREN
Sunday 6 th April	AARON	SUE	Sign up list In narthex

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, Second Collections, CAFOD, 100 Club, Flowers, Candles, Mass Offerings, Donations.**

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 c, Weekday readings Year I]

FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT [Laetare Sunday]

Saturday 29th March: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 30th March: 10.00 a.m. Mass *In thanksgiving for our Mothers*

THIRD WEEK of LENT

Tuesday 1st April: 10.00 a.m. Mass *icilly Philip RIP*

Wednesday 2nd April: 10.00 a.m. Mass
Vincent Farragher & family RIP

Thursday 3rd April: NO MASS TODAY

Friday 4th April: 9.30 a.m. Stations of the Cross
10.00 a.m. Mass *Bridget Smith RIP*

FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT

Saturday 5th April: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 6th April: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Patrick Behan RIP*
3.00 p.m. Mayor's Thanksgiving Service
5.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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