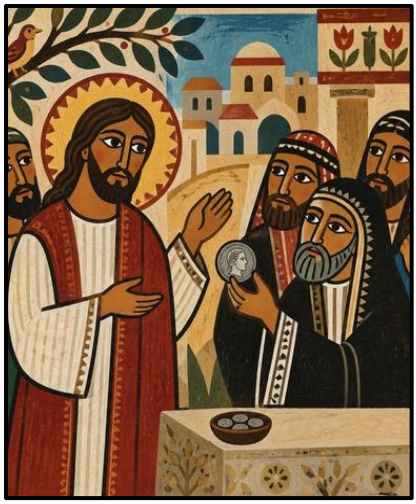


PARISH OF ST. FELIX, HAVERHILL

TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

World Mission Day

Sunday 18th October 2026

Psalter- Week 1

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 24th October – Stella Dooley, Mary Dooley, Christine White, Angela Rymills, Nora Roberts, Jo Rowson.
Saturday 31st October – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu, Anu Anto

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 18th October – Baiju & Sonia Varghese and Ian Blythe
Sunday 25th October – Jose Family and Ron White

Dear brothers and sisters,

A coin becomes the centre of a confrontation in this weekend's Gospel. Asked whether taxes should be paid to Caesar, Jesus faces a carefully prepared trap: either answer could turn either the people or the Roman authorities against him. He asks to see the coin used for the tax and draws attention to its portrait and inscription. "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God." His reply shifts the discussion from political allegiance to a much deeper question.

For those of us who reflect on images, the coin offers a striking contrast. Ye, it carries Caesar's portrait. But that's all. However, every human person bears the image of God. Something far more precious. The emperor's portrait marks the currency; God's image speaks of our deepest identity. No political power ultimately can claim the devotion that belongs to our Creator. Jesus therefore leaves us with more than an answer about taxation. He invites us to consider what we are doing with the life God has entrusted to us, and asks what imprint we leave on society? Our time, our gifts and our capacity to love all bear his imprint. *(Fr Patrick van der Vorst)*

Catholic social teaching sees the role of the state in a positive light, built on the fact that human beings are, by nature, social. Although we express our need for socialisation through many other institutions within society, government has a particular role.

As far as the Church is concerned, decisions on taxation and government spending need to be driven by human dignity and serving the common good. To address this, the Department for Social Justice of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has published a document on taxation called *Render Unto Caesar.* *Dcn. Huw* 😊

https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2025/07/Render-Unto-Caesar-070725-pm.pdf

CHILDREN'S MASS

Our 10 a.m. Parish Mass on Sunday 18th October is a Children's Mass.

Everyone is welcome, as always, to celebrate with, and pray together for our children and their families.

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)

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EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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.
Sunday 18th October	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY - **CHILDREN'S MASS**		
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 17th October	ASWIN	LINDA	MURRY
Sunday 18th October	CHILDREN'S MASS - NO READERS NEEDED		Sign-up sheet in narthex
Saturday 24th October	LINDA	JO	KAREN
Sunday 25th October	RAYMOND	ALICE	Sign-up sheet in narthex

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS	
Sunday 18th October	Team 2 SUE and DAVE
Sunday 25th October	Team 3 HELEN and RAYMOND
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.
- 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 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 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, particularly Mary Else and Alan D'Souza who died recently.

Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Michael Cozzi, Joe Mesquita, Josephine Fellows, Cyril Best, William Caulfield, Kathleen McGinty, Salvatore Proto, Christopher Hearn, Caroline Beaton, Mercia McFadyen

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.

Prayer for the Healing of Pope Leo XIV

Heavenly Father, Master Physician and Source of all healing, we place our beloved Pope, Leo XIV, into your loving and merciful hands.

We give thanks for the success of his surgery last week (13th October) and pray for Your healing presence to surround him that his recovery will be smooth and his health be completely restored. Strengthen him in body, mind and spirit. Fill him with Your peace, courage and unwavering trust in Your providence.

We also pray for the universal Church, whose members are united in love and concern for our Holy Father. Through the intercession of Mary, Health of the Sick, may our prayers sustain him and remind him that he is never alone.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who 'went about healing the sick'. Amen.

Prayers for Rumbek please

Last year, through our 2025 Parish Project we supported the Loreto Rumbek School in South Sudan. Last week we received the following request:

'Please pray for all in Loreto Rumbek. Serious fighting broke out in the town of Rumbek and surrounding villages on Thursday afternoon (8th Oct). It stopped at sunset but resumed at dawn. There are reports of people killed in the villages and of children caught in the crossfire.



Sr. Orla, the students and staff of Loreto Rumbek School are safe. However, the families of many students live in the affected villages. The Friday morning after the fighting began over 200 children took shelter in the school and women arrived to leave their belongings there for safety as they fear their homes will be attacked.

Please hold the students, their families and our staff in your prayers.

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. It is dedicated to enabling those who use their service to thrive.

The Sunflower SEND Hub also provides support and guidance to families; parents and other care givers. (Visit the Sunflower Hub website, **https://www.sunflowersendhub.org** for more information)

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 skills as well as other activities.



Therefore our Parish Project for 2026 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. Every little helps as it is by doing this together that we will achieve our target.

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.



From next weekend recycled Christmas cards will be available to buy in the narthex - **4 cards for £1**
All proceeds will go to our parish project to raise £1500 for **the Sunflower SEND Hub.**
[see information on previous page]

PLEASE NOTE:

THE ANNUAL PRIESTS ONGOING FORMATION
takes place from **Monday 19th to Wednesday 21st October.**

Fr John will be away from the parish attending these important days with fellow priests and with Bishop Peter.
Therefore, **there will be NO 10 a.m. Masses on Tuesday 20th or Wednesday 21st October.**

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.*

THIS WEEKEND IS WORLD MISSION DAY

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio - the Pope's charity for world mission - we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme ***"One in Christ, united in mission"*** to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection.

For our **World Mission Sunday Collection** this weekend there will be a basket on the font for any donations and also a button on the Dona Machine for World Mission Sunday. There are also gift aid envelopes available and prayer cards. You can make your donation online directly via the Missio QR code, by visiting **missio.org.uk** or by calling 020 7821 9755 (office hours) to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.



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.

Please 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. *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 10th/11th October 2026

Standing Orders:	£421.00
Collection:	£512.00
Total:	**£933.00**

£422.00 for our Parish Project supporting
The Sunflower SEND Hub in Haverhill

Second collections coming up

This weekend, 17th/18th is World Mission Sunday.
A collection will be taken to support the work of Missio.

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

next 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]

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME – World Mission Day

Saturday 17th October: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Eileen Heslop INT*

Sunday 18th October: 10.00 a.m. Mass – **Children's Mass**
People of the Parish

Twenty-nineth week of the Year

Tuesday 20th October: NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday 21st October: NO MASS TODAY

Thursday 22nd October: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Joaô (John) de Gouveia RIP*

Friday 23rd October: 10.00 a.m. Mass

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*

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