



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,  
HAVERHILL**

**THIRD SUNDAY of  
EASTER**

*(Parish Mass Book page 258)*

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Psalter – Week 3**

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**Our School: St. Felix Catholic Primary School:  
Head teacher: Mrs. A. Dodds**

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**CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Jili Jijo, Stella Melvin, Diony Jose, and Bindhu Roy,

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Alan Kent, Mike Bradshaw, Ann O’Flanagan & Helen Burns

**SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Buendia Family and Ron White

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Pat & PJ Sheehy and Annette Field.

## **EXCERPTS FROM A REFLECTION BY POPE FRANCIS ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

On this Sunday, we return to the Cenacle, where the Risen Christ presents himself in the midst of the disciples and greets them: “**Peace to you!**” But they are frightened and believe *that they saw a spirit*. Then Jesus shows them his wounds and says ‘*it is I myself; handle me*’, and to convince them, he asks for food and eats before their astonished eyes.

The Gospel says that the Apostles ‘*still disbelieved for joy*’. The joy they had was such that they could not believe that it was true. They were bewildered, astonished; astonished because the encounter with God always leads you to astonishment: it goes beyond enthusiasm, beyond joy; it is another experience. And they were joyful, but a joy that made them think: ‘this cannot be true!’ It is the astonishment of God’s presence. Do not forget this frame of mind, which is so beautiful.

Three very concrete verbs characterize this Gospel passage. They reflect our individual and community life: **to look, to touch and to eat**. Three actions that can give joy from a true encounter with the living Jesus.

*To look* is not only to see, it also involves intention, will. For this reason, it is one of the verbs of love. A mother and father look at their child; lovers gaze at each other; a good doctor looks at the patient carefully. *Looking* is a first step against indifference.

The second verb is *to touch*. By inviting the disciples to touch him Jesus indicates to them and to us that the relationship with Him and with our brothers and sisters cannot remain “at a distance”; it requires contact, sharing of life.

We come to the third verb, *to eat*, which clearly expresses our humanity; our need to nourish ourselves in order to live. But eating, when we do so together, among family or friends, also becomes an expression of love, an expression of communion, of celebration.... Eating together the Body of Christ is the core of Christian life.

**Being Christian is not first of all a doctrine or a moral ideal; it is a living relationship with the Risen Lord: we look at Him, we touch Him, we are nourished by Him and, transformed by His Love, we look at, touch and nourish others as brothers and sisters.**

SOURCE: [https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2021/documents/papa-francesco\\_regina-caeli\\_20210418.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2021/documents/papa-francesco_regina-caeli_20210418.html)

## **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 through our 'Intentions Book'
- Please pray for all people impacted by the recent earthquake in Taiwan.
- Please continue to pray for peace in Gaza, Ukraine and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict.
- Pray for people and environments severely affected by climate change. Pray that nations will work together to stop and reverse this.
- 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 prisoners, their families and those who work with them. Remember especially all those associated with HMP Highpoint.
- Pray for our children preparing to celebrate their First Holy Communion in May, and their families.
- Pray for the pupils and staff of St Felix School.
- Pray for Fr. John, Dcn, Huw, and all the people of our parish, especially those who are housebound or being cared for in our local care and nursing homes.

Pray for all the people we know and love who have died,  
and for those who grieve.

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

Dennis Bergin, Stella Mesquita, Danny Lind, Jaime de Almelda Costa,  
John Mahoney, Minnie Lawless, Francis Boyle, Patrick Grimley,  
May Peacock.

**During Easter Time we are asked to pray for  
New Members of the Church, Vocations, Survivors of Sexual Abuse, Human Work,  
The Right Use of Media, The Church**

**In April Pope Francis asks us to pray with him for:**

**The Role Of Women** - Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

## IN NEED of HELP?

If you are aware of anyone who is, in need of help during the ongoing cost of living crisis, please speak to Fr. John or you can contact 'Reach'



Need help. Don't wait. Get in touch.  
Our friendly team of advisers are here, 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



## Items needed this week:

1. Coffee
2. Crisps
3. Sugar
4. Longlife milk
5. Rice pudding

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## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
<i>Children's Liturgy returns during 10.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April.</i>			



TRANSFORM  
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— SUNDAY, 21st April 2024 —

# HEALING DAY RETREAT

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Start: 11.30am / Finish: 8.00pm approx

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**Donations on the day**

**CIVIC SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR  
MAYOR DAVE SMITH**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 3.00 p.m.**

In thanksgiving for Dave's year of service as our  
Town Mayor we are hosting  
the Civic Service of Thanksgiving in St Felix Church.

Dave warmly invites you all to celebrate and give thanks  
with him on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Refreshments will be available after the service.

**ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC CHAPLAINS IN EDUCATION (ACCE)  
Annual Conference**

Fr John will be away from the parish  
from Wednesday 17 April to Friday 19 April 2024  
attending the ACCE Conference in his role as School Chaplain  
to St Felix School.

Please note that there will be no weekday Masses  
on those days

**PARKING FOR SUNDAY MASSES**

Please do not block others in when parking in the church car park  
and if you are able to park away from the church and walk a little,  
please do so.

Parking is available in School Lane and next to the entrance to  
St Felix Primary School.

If parking on the roads close to church please be respectful of  
our neighbours and please do not block driveways or park across  
dropped kerbs.

*Thank you*



## REFLECTION TIME FOR ALL READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

– and for anyone interested in being  
considered to be a Reader or  
Eucharistic Minister

SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL FROM 10.45 AM TO 1.00 PM

We welcome **Deacon John Morrill** to lead us in our reflection.

Later in the autumn we hope to offer a Day of Reflection for all involved  
in any ministry in our parish at Clare Priory – more details later.

## HYMNS for SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL



285 – Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us

605 – Take Our Bread

284 – We Walk By Faith

287 – Thine Be the Glory

## PARISH FINANCES

### Collection for weekend 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Standing orders	£383.00
Collection	£393.57
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£776.57</b>

### Future second collections for 2024:

- 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> April – Vocations Sunday – for the formation of priests
- 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> May – World Communications Day – Catholic Communications Network
- 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> June – Day for Life – Bishops' Conference Life Charities
- 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> June – Peter's Pence – The Holy Father's Charitable Works
- 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> July – Sea Sunday – The Work of Stella Maris

**Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.**

## **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 B, weekday readings Year II]*

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER:**

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> April:	6.30 p.m. Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April:	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>Private Int</i>
	3.00 p.m. CIVIC SERVICE of THANKSGIVING	<i>for Mayor Dave Smith</i>

### **Third Week of Easter:**

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April:	NO MASS TODAY}	Fr John away at a
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April:	NO MASS TODAY}	conference
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April:	NO MASS TODAY}	“

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [World Day of Prayer for Vocations]:**

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April:	6.30 p.m. Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April:	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>Joe and Stella Mesquita &amp; Jacqui M-Morris RIP</i>
	3.30 p.m. Filipino Mass	

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

**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*