



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**THIRD SUNDAY
of EASTER**

Sunday 4th May 2025

Psalter – Week 3

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 10th May – Jili Jojo, Diony Jose, Bindhu Roy

Sat. 17th May – Sherin Cijo, Saji Abraham, Sheena Jestine, Remya Joseph

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 4th May – Baiju and Sonia Varghese & Ian Blythe

Sunday 11th May – Jose Family

A REFLECTION BY FR. ADRIAN GRAFFY ON JOHN 21:1-19

This is the account of the final appearance of Jesus to the disciples in the Gospel of John. The version in the lectionary also includes the words of Jesus to Simon Peter: 'Feed my lambs! Feed my sheep!'

The scene is simple. The disciples seem disorientated, engaging in their previous occupation of fishing. Have they abandoned any idea of going out to preach the good news? The risen Jesus comes to them as a friend and provides for their needs: their need to make a living, their need for breakfast!

The risen Christ retains his full humanity, including his concern for people in their day-to-day situations, however menial. The offering of bread and fish is a reminder of the miracle of the loaves and fishes told in chapter 6 of the Gospel of John, which pointed to the Eucharist, the memorial of his cross and resurrection to new life.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



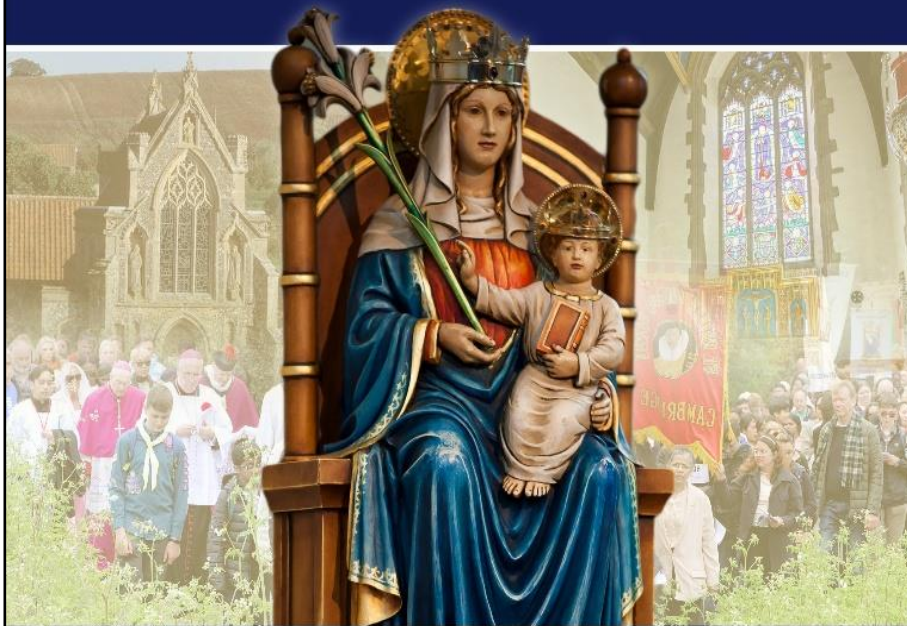
**Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
takes place this Sunday,
04.05.2025
4.30 p.m – 6.30 p.m.**

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

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



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EAST ANGLIA



EAST ANGLIA WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

MONDAY 5TH MAY 2025

11:00 Gathering at the Coach Park
near the Old Railway Station

Followed by Rosary Procession
Via : Village - Holy Mile - Basilica

12:00 Crowning of the Statue of
Our Lady of Walsingham

Solemn Pontifical Mass
in the Chapel of Reconciliation

14:00 Service of Reconciliation
and Confessions in the
Chapel of Reconciliation
and Shrine Grounds

Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament in the
Chapel of Reconciliation

15:00 Solemn Benediction

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PETER



As we complete the Nine Days of Official Mourning, days when we have offered our prayers for the eternal repose of our late Holy Father, Pope Francis, the Universal Church now invokes a particular outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the College of Cardinals.

The Cardinals have already been meeting in 'Congregation', including those who are over eighty years of age, to reflect and discuss prayerfully in preparation for the Conclave. The Cardinal Electors, those under eighty years of age, will enter Conclave on the 7th of May.

I call upon every member of this Local Church, the Diocese of East Anglia, to join me over the coming days in offering fervent prayer in support of the Cardinal Electors.

We entrust the Church to Divine Providence as we await the election of the 267th Successor of St Peter.

JOB VACANCY AT THE WALSINGHAM SHRINE

PILGRIMAGE & SHRINE SITE TEAM LEAD (£30,000–£35,000 pa)

The Walsingham Trust is seeking a leader to coordinate pilgrimage planning and provide support for the Sacred Liturgy at the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica. The role also includes overseeing the operations of the Gift Shop, Tea Room and Domestic Team.

You will work closely with the General Manager and Rector to ensure pilgrimages and liturgies are well organised and properly resourced, as well as ensuring that the chapels are well kept and cared for. Weekend availability is required from Easter to mid-October.

The position is full-time, based on a five-day working week with two weekdays off during the pilgrimage season. For details or to apply, email: recruitment@walsingham.org.uk

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

Pope Francis' last encyclical called ***Dilexit Nos***, on the human and divine love of the heart of Jesus Christ was published in October 2024. The words "Dilexit Nos" are the first words of the encyclical and mean "He loved us".

From *Dilexit Nos*:

Instead of running after superficial satisfactions and playing a role for the benefit of others, we would do better to think about the really important questions in life. Who am I, really? What am I looking for? What direction do I want to give to my life, my decisions and my actions? Why and for what purpose am I in this world? How do I want to look back on my life once it ends? What meaning do I want to give to all my experiences? Who do I want to be for others? Who am I for God? All these questions lead us back to the heart. [§8]

*Dilexit Nos: the
Heart of Pope
Francis' Pontificate*

Led by Dr Peter Coughlan

**Wednesday
May 7
@5 PM
Online Event**

SCAN HERE

www.margaretbeaufort.cam.ac.uk

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; especially
Elias Gomes and Sukrinder who died recently.
Remember their families and all who grieve.**

Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**Julia O'Farrell, James Rawcliffe, Thomas Brennan, Joan Matthews, Leslie Dourado,
Josephine Sims, Zygmunt Borowy, Louisa Waters, Howard Forshaw,
Veronica Watts, Catherine Bates, Abigail Sheppard, Thomas Faherty**

During Easter time we are asked to pray for:

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

In May Pope Francis asked us to pray for working conditions.

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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.



Items needed this week:

1. Rice
2. Crisps
3. Crackers
4. Tinned tomatoes
5. Tinned potatoes

May 2025

 Haverhill
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday; a day when we reflect on how the ministry of Christ as Priest, Prophet and Shepherd continues in the Church through the ordained priesthood. Priests do not fall from Heaven ready-made. The call to priesthood needs to be heard, vocations need to be nurtured, and funding is needed to provide for priestly formation. The cost of training a priest is more than £150,000. We all have our part to play in praying and encouraging vocations and in financially supporting the formation of our future parish priests. Please continue to pray for priestly vocations and be as generous as possible towards the Second Collection on Good Shepherd Sunday



DAY FOR ANYONE THINKING ABOUT A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

The Diocese is organising a short day of recollection for anyone open to the possibility of discerning a calling to the priesthood. Held at the parish church in Thetford on 24th May 2025, beginning with Mass at 10:30 a.m, the day is open to those at any stage of discernment, including those who may simply be curious about beginning to explore this path.

It will include times of prayer, as well as input from Fr. Gregory Pearson (of the Dominicans), Fr. Christopher Smith, (Diocesan Director of Vocations) and Prof. Richard Macquire (Cathedral Heritage Officer). For more information and to express interest in attending, you are warmly encouraged to contact Fr Christopher Smith at christopher.smith@rcdea.org.uk

PARISH SACRISTANS

Fr John is looking for a few volunteers to offer to work as Sacristans each weekend at St Felix, to prepare everything for Sunday Masses; for the 6.30 p.m. Saturday evening Mass and for the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass. If you are interested in helping to be part of this important team in our parish, please speak to Fr John. Training will be given.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
There is NO Children's Liturgy over the Easter holidays or on the First Holy Communion Sundays in May.			
THE NEXT CHILDREN'S LITURGY SESSION WILL BE ON 25TH MAY,			



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION **MASSES**

Please pray for the children of our parish, and their families, who are preparing to celebrate First Holy Communion.

Our First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 4th May, 11th May and 18th May

HYMNS for SUNDAY 4th MAY 2025



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS AT ST FELIX:

We have a long tradition of providing flower arrangements in our church to enhance the celebrations of the liturgy.

Our small team would like to extend an invitation to our various national communities in the parish to become involved by taking on responsibility for arrangements that reflect your traditions.

By joining our rota it will help spread the commitment for arranging flowers each week. It would be very helpful to have one contact for each community.

You do not need to have any formal training but rather do what you feel is appropriate and in accordance with your traditions.

We usually have one arrangement under the altar and then one by the statue of Our Lady and another by the statue of the Sacred Heart. We do more for major feasts and first Holy Communion celebrations.

As we have a flower fund any expenses can be reimbursed.

I'd like to prepare a new rota in the next two weeks and would appreciate it if you could contact me if you can join our team or would like to know more. You can contact me by email: davidjsarnold@gmail.com



ADVANCE NOTICE:

ST. FELIX PLANT SALE

After Masses on Saturday 31st May & Sunday 1st June

Please start preparing your plants and other garden gear.



VE DAY 80

8 May 1945 – VE (Victory in Europe) Day – was one that remained in the memory of all those who witnessed it. It meant an end to nearly six years of a war that had cost the lives of millions; had destroyed homes, families, and cities; and had brought huge suffering and privations to the populations of entire countries.

On Thursday 8th May we are invited to remember.

Haverhill Town Council will commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day with a formal raising of the Union Flags at 9 a.m. on the Market Square.

In the evening you are invited to a special service in St Mary's Church at 7 p.m. Bell ring will commence at 6.30 p.m. until the service commences at 7 p.m.



Stay for tea, coffee,
or a cold drink,
and a chat
after 10.00 a.m. Mass
today;
Sunday 4th May.

ST FELIX PARISH PROJECT 2025

supporting the work and mission of LORETO RUMBEEK SCHOOL in South Sudan

South Sudan is a country whose difficulties include extreme poverty, outbreaks of ethnic violence, food insecurity, high vulnerability to climate risks and the possibility of economic collapse.

Education is very limited especially for girls.

Loreto Rumbek School provides primary education for boys and girls, and secondary and higher education for girls and young women. A primary Health Care Centre meets students' basic health needs and those of the local community, especially the most vulnerable. The school also has a feeding programme that ensures that at times of severe food shortage the children in the school have adequate nutrition.

*Our target over the next 6 months is to raise at least
£1000*

This is the approximate cost of funding a pupil in the primary school and a student in the secondary school for 1 year.

*There is a donation point in the narthex.
You can donate cash (small change) whenever you can by placing it in the Loreto Rumbek School box.
You can also donate using the dona card machine if you prefer. As our donations accumulate we will let you know how we are progressing towards our target.*

We will also let you have more details about what your donations are helping to achieve for the children, especially the girls and young women, in this area of South Sudan.

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
DATE	1 st READING	2 nd READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 3 rd May	JENNA	LINDA	ANGELA
Sunday 4 th May	First Holy Communion Mass – no readers needed		Sign – up sheet in narthex
Saturday 10 th May	KAREN	JO	MURRY
Sunday 11 th May	First Holy Communion Mass – no readers needed		Sign – up sheet in narthex

PARISH FINANCES

Collections for the weekend 26th/27th April 2025

Standing Orders: £421.00
 Collection: £455.30
 Total: £876.30

£75.00 for our Parish Project – Loreto Rumbek School

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*

PARISH ACCOUNTS FOR 2024

Please find a copy of our Parish Accounts for 2024 with this newsletter. Thank you to our Parish Finance Committee for all their work and their continued support.
If you have any questions please speak to Fr John or Dcn Huw.

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]

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER

Saturday 3rd May: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Bernice Perry RIP*

Sunday 4th May: 10.00 a.m. - **First Holy Communion Mass**
People of the Parish

4.30–6.30 p.m. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

THIRD WEEK of EASTER:

Tuesday 6th May: NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday 7th May: 10.00 a.m. Mass *David Int.*

Thursday 8th May: 10.00 a.m. *Florin Int.*

Friday 9th May: 10.00 Mass *Lillian Saffill RIP*

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER

Saturday 10th May: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 11th May: 10.00 a.m. - **First Holy Communion Mass**

PLEASE NOTE

There will be **NO** 10 a.m. Mass on Tuesday 6th May
as Fr John is away.

**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