



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**THE THIRD
SUNDAY of LENT**

Sunday 23rd March 2025

Psalter – Week 3

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 29th March – Angela Rymills, Jo Rowson, Nora Roberts

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

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 23rd March – Buendia Family & Ron White

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

A REFLECTION for the THIRD SUNDAY of LENT

from 'The Pontifical Mission Societies'

It is not by chance that the Church's liturgy for this Sunday of conversion invites us to listen again in the first reading to the revelation of the Name of God. Here we have one of the most important passages of Hebrew Scripture, if not the most important one, because for the first time in history, God revealed his name: "I am who am," or just "I-AM" which corresponds to the famous Tetragrammaton YHWH (which is unpronounceable out of deep respect for God).

In the biblical-Jewish tradition a 'name' indicates nature, identity, and mission. In the context of the passage, God revealed himself as the "Eternal-I-AM" who shows Himself full of attention and concrete care for His people: "I have witnessed the affliction... and have heard their cry... I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them... and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land. In fact, this revelation to Moses of the divine name on Mount Horeb is made complete by another revelation later. This happened after the exodus from Egypt, on the top of the same mountain, when God, the Eternal-I-AM, at the request of the same Moses, makes explicit his perennial essence in showing his glory and proclaiming: "The LORD (YHWH), the LORD (YHWH), a God gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love and fidelity" (Ex 34:6).

These words are particularly meditated upon and memorized in the Jewish tradition. For example, they are echoed in today's Psalm: "Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness." And what the Psalmist sings with love and gratitude will also be true in the life of each one of us, his faithful: "He pardons all your iniquities, / heals all your ills, / He redeems your life from the grave, / crowns you with kindness and compassion." Then, we all, too, can say to our souls in these inspired words, "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Let us never forget these words as we strive to return to the One who is Eternal-Love-Mercy.

This Saturday evening (22nd March)

we welcome one of the priests from Clare Priory who will celebrate our 6.30 p.m. Mass with us as Fr John is at St Edmunds King and Martyr Church in Bury St Edmunds for Fr. Gerry Quigley's Golden Jubilee of Priesthood Mass and celebration.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on the first Sunday of the month, 4.30 p.m – 6.30 p.m.

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



**BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS.
MOVE YOUR CLOCK FORWARD BY 1 HOUR at 2 a.m.**

GLOW

St Edmund's Deanery Youth Event

An afternoon of:

- Engaging talks
- Games
- Small Groups
- Adoration
- Catechesis
- Mass
- Food



Led by
The Ignite
Team



29th | MAR | 2025



St Benedict's Catholic School

Beetons Way, Bury St Edmunds IP32 6RH

Doors open at 12:30pm - Ending by 6:30pm



Register

HERE

Please bring your own packed lunch,
Supper will be provided.

To help cover the costs of the event,
we're suggesting an optional £5
contribution.

Your support is appreciated,
please feel free to attend whether
or not you can contribute.

Everyone is welcome!

or visit our website

www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

Calling all Youth from:

**Brandon,
Bury St Edmunds,
Clare, Diss, Haverhill,
Mildenhall,
Newmarket,
Stowmarket,
Sudbury and
Hadleigh, Thetford.**

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 - Linette Fernandes, Gisèle Marçhon, Dave Morgan and Betty, Liam & Jo. Also Elias Gomes and Hilda Fernandes who are receiving end of life care. Continue to hold Pope Francis in your prayers. Please also pray for the intentions of Francis Xavier Correirra and Aidan Marçhon and the Marçhon family.
- 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 the effects of climate change.
- 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.

Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**John Jackson, Patrick O'Mara, Rene Seeley, Eleonora Larose, Winifred Sanders,
Christina Brown, Charles Batch**

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 March Pope Francis asks us to pray for Families in Crisis.

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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:

- Rice:
- Long-life milk:
- Tinned Tomatoes:
- Crisps:
- Long-life juice:

Haverhill to expand
Foodbank Reach

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

*God of Creation, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Empower your Church to execute justice and speak truth to power.
Equip your Church to work for the healing of the nations and the
flourishing of all.*

Enable your church to recognise its priestly calling to tend and keep.

*Father of Creation, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
You made a world of wonder, a world that takes our breath away.
You declared it to be good.*

The Lord's name is to be praised. Amen

*(Revd Jon Swales. 'LAMENT & HOPE: Prayers for the Climate and
Ecological Emergency ', Prayer 17 – Symphonie of Praise)*

To read more of Jon Swales' prayers from his LAMENT & HOPE collection visit the 'Green Christian' website:

<https://greenchristian.org.uk/lament-hope-40-prayers-for-the-climate-and-ecological-emergency/>

Scroll down to, and click on **Lament & Hope – pdf**
(There are also many other resources on this website)

HYMNS for SUNDAY 16th MARCH 2025



**849 – God Forgave My Sin in
Jesus' Name**

721 – O Lord My God

713 – Sing of the Lord's Goodness

**785 – Though the Mountains May
Fall**

*Next choir practice in preparation for Lent and Easter
Tuesday 25th March at 7.00 p.m. in Church*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
23 rd March	ANGELA WILSON	1. Christine White 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 over-crowded. 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



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 one of the following dates, please speak to Fr John as soon as possible.

Wednesday 26th March, 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, 29th March 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.

Deanery Station Mass – Thursday 27th March, 7 p.m.

Bishop Peter will celebrate our Deanery Station Mass at 7 p.m.in the Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Etheldreda, 14 Exeter Road, Newmarket CB8 8LT

Adoration and Confessions will be available from 6 p.m.

Refreshments will be available after Mass.

All are welcome to come and celebrate together with clergy and parishioners from across our Deanery

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.



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.
Chrism Mass in Norwich at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist

Wednesday of Holy Week 16th April – 10 a.m.
Mass in St Felix Church

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 wit 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

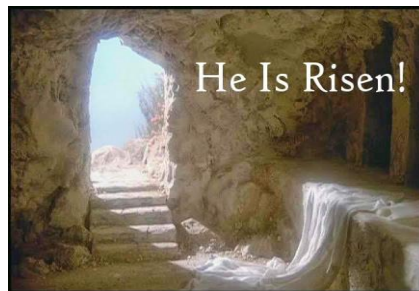
Children's Service – 12 noon St Felix Church

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

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

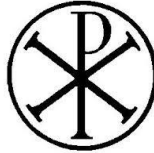
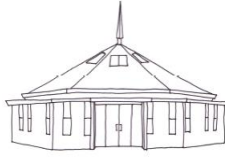
HOLY SATURDAY 19th APRIL

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



EASTER SUNDAY 20th APRIL

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



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)

**Please note that there will be
NO 10 a.m. Mass on Thursday this week
as Fr John is away at the Diocesan Council of Priests
meeting in Poringland.**

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend of 15th/16th March 2025

Standing Orders	£421.00
Collection	£404.74
Total:	£825.74

£391 for CAFOD Lent Fast Day

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 22nd March	JO	ANGELA	MURRY
Sunday 23rd March	MARITA	ALICE	Sign up list In narthex
Saturday 29th March	GISHO	LINDA	ANNE
Sunday 30th March	DAVE	ADERNIDE	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]

THIRD SUNDAY of LENT

Saturday 22nd March: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 23rd March: 10.00 a.m. Mass

THIRD WEEK of LENT

Tuesday 25th March: ***Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord***
10.00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday 26th March: 10.00 a.m. Mass

Thursday 27th March: NO MASS TODAY

Friday 28th March: 9.30 a.m. *Stations of the Cross*
10.00 a.m. Mass *Nell Halpin RIP*

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*

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