



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**FOURTH SUNDAY
of EASTER**
‘Good Shepherd Sunday’

Sunday 11th May 2025

Psalter – Week 4

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

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

Sat. 24th May – Alan Kent, Mike Bradshaw, Ann O’Flanagan, Helen Burns

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 11th May – Jose Family

Sunday 18th May -

A REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL by FR. ADRIAN GRAFFY

Having listened to the accounts of the appearances of the risen Jesus in the Gospel of John we now consider some of the words of Jesus from earlier in the gospel, which richly illustrate his mission and identity. We read from the Gospel of John throughout the Easter period due to its profound insights into the person and work of Jesus. It is appropriate to reflect on these deep truths and rich images as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and his gift of new life to us.

Today's passage is taken from the tenth chapter of the gospel, which is renowned for Jesus' words: 'I am the good shepherd'. In fact, the chapter includes various sayings of Jesus relating to the image of the shepherd and his sheep. The use of this image, or parable, takes us back into the books of the Old Testament, where God is on several occasions described as a shepherd who has care for the sheep. The most famous instance of this is of course Psalm 22 (23), which begins with the words 'The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I shall want.'

Despite the brevity of today's passage from John's gospel, several important themes of the gospel occur. 'Belonging to Christ' as sheep to a shepherd presupposes hearing and accepting the word. In John's gospel we know Jesus himself as 'the Word'.

Finally, Jesus speaks of his relationship with the Father. 'The Father and I are one' is a statement of enormous importance in helping us to understand the person of Jesus and the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

This 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

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

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*:

"In a world where everything is bought and sold, people's sense of worth appears increasingly to depend on what they can accumulate with the power of money. We are constantly being pushed to keep buying, consuming and distracting ourselves, held captive to a demeaning system that prevents us from looking beyond our immediate and petty needs. The love of Christ has no place in this perverse mechanism, yet only that love can set us free from a mad pursuit that no longer has room for a gratuitous love. Christ's love can give a heart to our world and revive love wherever we think that the ability to love has been definitively lost." §218

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 the people of South Sudan, particularly the students and staff of Loreto Rumbek School.
- 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.
- Please pray for all the People of God at this special time of Faith and Hope in the Church, now and in the time to come.

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:

**Nellie Warden, Iris Essam, William Carmody, Marie Smith, Stella Macgechan,
Mary Banham, Samantha Warren, John Church, Doreen Poole,
Patricia Bell, Peter Warrington.**

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

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

HYMNS for SUNDAY 11th 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 for the coming 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



ST FELIX PARISH PROJECT 2025

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



The Loreto Rumbek Primary School

opened in 2010 to educate children from the local community aged 6-13 years. The school operates 2 shifts. The morning school is for 740 children and the afternoon school for a further 470 pupils.

In 2024 South Sudan was the most difficult country in the world for girls to access education. Although coeducational the Loreto Rumbek primary school prepares girls for secondary education and reserves 50% of the school places for girls. The primary school provides a daily meal for students, free health care, health education, and psychosocial support including trauma care. Loreto Rumbek also offers clubs for students to attend including sports, drama, science.

The biggest difficulty is keeping the girls in school. In South Sudan as a whole, the greatest dropout rate occurs in primary 4 (age 9) when around 50% of girls leave education. **In Loreto Rumbek School the dropout rate for girls has been less than 5% for over 10 years.**

[Find out more about the work of the primary school by following this link:
www.loretothumbek.ie/primary-school

*Our target over the next 6 months is to raise at least **£1000** to support the work of Loreto Rumbek School. This is the 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.
We will let you know how we are progressing towards our target.*

ADVANCE NOTICE:

ST. FELIX PLANT SALE

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

Please start preparing your plants and other garden gear.



APRIL 100 CLUB WINNERS



1st prize £150 - MICHELLE BARKER (61)

2nd prize £100 - JOHN GERRARD (24)

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS

Sunday 11th May

Team 5
MALCOLM and MARIA

Sunday 18th May

Team 6
ABRAHAM and ?

Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. Thank you

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
DATE	1 st READING	2 nd READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 10 th May	KAREN	JO	MURRY
Sunday 11 th May	First Holy Communion Mass – no readers needed		Sign – up sheet in narthex
Saturday 17 th May	LINDA	VIOLET	ANNE
Sunday 18 th May	First Holy Communion Mass – no readers needed		Sign – up sheet in narthex

PARISH FINANCES

Collections for the weekend 3rd/4th May 2025

Standing Orders: £421.00
 Collection: £569.28
 Total: £990.28

£105 for our Parish Project – Loreto Rumbek School, South Sudan

Running Total: £180.00

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

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

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]

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

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

FOURTH WEEK of EASTER:

Tuesday 13th May: NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday 14th May – *Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle*

10.00 a.m. Mass *Mary & Ray Banham RIP*

Thursday 15th May: 10.00 a.m. *Peter Warrington RIP*

Friday 16th May: 10.00 Mass *Victor & Victoria INT*

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER

Saturday 17th May: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 18th May: 10.00 a.m. - **First Holy Communion Mass**
Joe, Stella & Jacqui Mesquita RIP

3.30 p.m. Filipino Mass

PLEASE NOTE

There will be **NO** 10 a.m. Mass on Tuesday 13th 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