



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**TWENTIETH
SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time**

Sunday 17th August 2025

Psalter – Week 4

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Sat. 23rd August – Alan Kent, Mike Bradshaw, Ann O’Flanagan, Helen Burns

Saturday 30th August – Sheila Dooley, Mary Dooley, Christine White

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 17th August – Baiju & Sonia Varghese and Ian Blythe

Sunday 24th August – Buendia Family and Ron White

Dear Friends,

This weekend's gospel reading is a bit of a challenge, in two parts. The first part states the passionate desire of Jesus, first in the language of fire and then of baptism. There is a sense of something tremendous about to take place, both destructive and purifying, and also a sense of foreboding.

The second part of the Gospel reflects the experience of the early church. When a person became a believer in Christ, it could affect the harmony and cohesion of the whole family. It may well be that we are back to that situation today. The conscious choice of discipleship and our full engagement with it can indeed be disconcerting if not disruptive for our families and friends.

Even so, many comfortably secure Christians are deeply attached to the *status-quo* that favours them. They consider it the main task of Christianity to help maintain law and order, to maintain what they perceive as their Christian values. To them it seems strange and wrong for Jesus to invite, not economic and social transformation, but a deep and radical transformation of society.

As Christians we should seek a better world. Those who really listen to Jesus are moved by his passionate desire for completely changed world. True disciples have "revolution" in their heart, in the sense of wanting a more just society. We need to work and pray to transform people's and nations' consciences.

Dcn Huw ☺

In Mary of Nazareth, we recognize our own history: the history of the Church, immersed in the common lot of humanity. By taking flesh in her, the God of life — the God of freedom — has conquered death. Yes, today we contemplate how God overcomes death — yet never without us. His is the Kingdom, but ours is the "yes" to his love that can change everything.

Pope Leo: Feast of the Assumption 2025

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Fr John will be away from the parish in Lourdes from:

Thursday 14th August until Thursday 28th August

He will be working with the Hospitality Notre Dame de Lourdes (HNDL) from Sunday 17th August to Friday 22nd August on a 'Stage', and then he will join our Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage from Friday 22nd August to Thursday 28th August. Fr John will remember the parish family in his prayers at the Grotto and will light a candle for the parish.

Any personal intentions you wish Fr John to place at the Grotto, please email them to him anytime up to Wednesday 27th August - john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk. Thank you.

The HNDL is a voluntary organisation which is open to all people aged 17 and over to work in partnership with the Shrine at Lourdes to welcome, help and support all pilgrims and visitors to the Shrine, especially those who need any kind of assistance and care. All volunteers are given training and learn all about the meaning and spirit of Lourdes during their 'Stage' which is usually for 6 days.

WELCOME TO FR JAMES FYFE

We welcome Fr James Fyfe, one of our retired Diocesan Priests, who will be here with us in our parish to celebrate Masses while Fr John is away in Lourdes. Fr James will be staying at the presbytery from Wednesday 13th August to Friday 29th August and will celebrate the following Masses:

Friday 15th August - Feast of the Assumption - 10 a.m & 7.30 p.m
Saturday 16th August - 6.30 p.m.
Sunday 17th August - 10.00 a.m.
Friday 22nd August - 10.00 a.m.
Saturday 23rd August - 6.30 p.m.
Sunday 24th August - 10.00 a.m.

I am sure you will make Fr James very welcome to our Parish during his stay.

Please note there will be no weekday Masses between Monday 18th August & Thursday 28th August with the exception of Friday 22nd August at 10.00 a.m.

REUSE & DO SOME GOOD.

You may remember the used Christmas cards many of you gave me at the beginning of the year.

Now is your chance to buy them back!

The new cards made from the old cards will be for sale over the next few weeks...
or until the cards run out:

4 CARDS – £1.00

All proceeds to our Parish Project
in support of Loreto Rumbek School,
South Sudan.



DIOCESAN GOLDEN JUBILEE 2026

Next year our Diocese of East Anglia will celebrate its Golden Jubilee.

As part of these celebrations each Parish has been asked to celebrate the past 50 years of the parish. So we at St Felix can celebrate this we need a couple of people to volunteer to gather information and look through our parish archives to set up a couple of celebrations during the year of our Diocesan Jubilee.

If you are interested in helping with this please speak to Fr John or email him at john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk We can also be part of the Diocesan working group to feed in ideas and suggestions for other parishes and for the Diocese to use.

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', 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, particularly those in care and nursing homes

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:

**Ellen McIlroy, Harold (Ray) Banham, Edward Shovlin,
Elizabeth Alston, Iris Green, Noel Larkin, Gertrude Webb.**

During Summer, up to September, we are asked to pray for:

**A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Human Life; Seafarers;
Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe.**

Pope Francis asked us to pray in August for mutual coexistence.

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

Reflections to inform our thoughts, prayers and actions on
'Living Simply'

It is all too easy to be blinded by fear and suspicion. Too often we are not present to the richness, graces and blessings of our days and nights. Because of the stresses and strains of our work and families, we are seldom aware of what is going on, seldom inside ourselves enough to savour the flavour of the everyday routines....

Our search for fulfilment, or for love, or for meaning, or for God usually takes us towards something or someone outside ourselves, beyond our present experiences. What we find difficult to believe is that we can easily find within us what we seek so desperately somewhere else.

The trick is how to live in the present, how to be aware of what is just below the surface of our lives, how to come home to ourselves. God and joy do not have to be searched out and found. They are already here. But we need to be in the here and now too.

From: **Daniel O'Leary, Prism of Love: God's Colours in Everyday Life.**
Columba Press, 2009.

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS

Sunday 17th August

Team 1
CAROL and DAVE/BINOY

Sunday 24th August

Team 2
SUE and DAVE

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

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.

August 2025

Top 5 Items needed this week:

- Rice pudding**: Ambrosia Rice Pudding
- Long-life milk**: Dairy Farm Whole Longlife UHT Milk
- Crackers**: Tesco Multigrain Crackers
- Tinned potatoes**: Grower's Harvest New Potatoes in Water
- Chocolate/snacks**: Walkers 6 Classic

Haverhill Foodbank Reach Community Projects
Together with Trussell

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Children's Liturgy has finished for the summer break. The next session will be on SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2025			

Children's Liturgy is for children in Reception Class and Years 1, 2 and 3 so 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 not attend Children's Liturgy.

We are always looking for more adult helpers. If you would like to assist us when Children's Liturgy recommences in September please speak to Fr. John or Angela Wilson.

SEND A POSTCARD TO JESUS

An activity for children to do over the holidays. Children could send Jesus a postcard from their holiday destinations, or a day out or fun activity during their school holidays. The postcard can be bought or drawn by the children and the message they put on the card could be to thank Jesus for something wonderful that they have seen, or experienced, or particularly enjoyed during their holiday or activity.

The cards can be sent c/o St Felix Church, or dropped into the church letter box on return from your holiday or visit.

I will make a display of the cards as they arrive.

Thank you. Angela Wilson.

ST FELIX PARISH PROJECT 2025

*We are supporting the work and mission of
LORETO RUMBOK SCHOOL in South Sudan*



Our support for Loreto Rumbek School contributes to another important difference the school is able to make to girls and young women in Rumbek by providing them with protection from abuse, forced childhood marriages and early pregnancies.

This is Debora's story:

'My journey with Loreto Rumbek started way back in 2012 when I was admitted to Senior 1. (about 14 years old) At some points, I went through a difficult time and thought I wouldn't make it. I am a survivor of forced marriage.'

Twice Debora's extended family forced her into marriages they had arranged when she was 14 and 16 years of age. Her father tried to support her and with the help of Sr. Orla and Loreto Rumbek they succeeded and Debora returned to school and completed her education.

She now works as a Safeguarding Officer at the Disable Agency for Rehabilitation and Development (DARD) and is a teaching assistant at Rumbek University of Science and Technology. She is married.

Debora is grateful to well-wishes who paid her school fees and all who stood with her during those earlier traumatic times.

<https://loretorumbek.ie/debora-a-safeguarding-officer-and-teacher/>

Thanks to your generosity, we have exceeded our minimum target of £1000. The Loreto Rumbek School and associated projects rely on sponsors and donations from people like us, so we will continue our support during the summer holiday. The more we can give, the more they can do. Please donate in the narthex with cash or by using the dona card machine.

SAVE THE DATE:

Our parish and others in the Bury St Edmund deanery will come together at the Bishop's invitation and celebrate the work of organisations involved in social outreach at a

[Caritas East Anglia Festival](#) on Saturday 6 December 2025

at St Edmund, King and Martyr Church,,

21 Westgate Street, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1QG.

from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

If there are charitable social actions or organisations, i.e., people coming together to help improve their lives and solve the problems that are important in their communities, that you would like to see, or think should be represented at the Festival, particularly if you are involved in them yourself, please e-mail your ideas to caritas@rcdea.org.uk now.

The festival will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter and be followed by refreshments and opportunities to find out about local projects. It will end at 12.15 p.m. with prayer and reflection on the day. ALL WELCOME to attend for part of, or the whole event.

For more information and if you are able to take part please speak to Fr John

EXPOSITION and ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

4.30 – 6.30 p.m.

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

Items for the newsletter should be sent to

stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

PLEASE NOTE NEW E.MAIL ADDRESS

PARISH FINANCES

Collections for the weekend 9th /10th August 2025

Standing Orders: £421.00
Collection: £565.14
Total: £986.14

£375.20 CAFOD GAZA EMERGENCY APPEAL.

Parish Project – Loreto Rumbek School, South Sudan
Running Total: £1090.86

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*

MUSICAL BREAK

Our choir and all our musicians are having a well-earned summer break. They will return to lead the music for our Sunday Masses
on Sunday 7th September

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

DATE	1 st READING	2 nd READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 16 th August	ASIN	ASWIN	MURR Y
Sunday 17 th August	DAVE	SUE	Sign – up sheet in narthex
Saturday 23rd August	VIOLET	LINDA	ANGELA
Sunday 24 th August	RAYMOND	ADEMIDE	Sign – up sheet in narthex

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]

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 16th August: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Ray & Mary Banham RIP*

Sunday 17th August: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

TWENTIETH WEEK of the YEAR:

Tuesday 19th August: NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday 20th August: NO MASS TODAY

Thursday 21st August: NO MASS TODAY

Friday 22nd August: ***Memorial of the Queenship of the BVM***
10.00 a.m. Mass *Jose Int*

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 23rd August: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 24th August: 10.00 a.m. Mass *George Mathew RIP*

There will be NO
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS
for the next 2 weekends
while Fr. John is away in Lourdes

**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