



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**EASTER
SUNDAY**

5th APRIL 2026

Psalter - 'Proper'

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Tel: **01440 703775**

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 11th April – Jili Jijo, Diony Jose, Bindhu Roy

**Saturday 18th April – Sherin Cijo, Saji Abraham, Sheena Jestine,
Juvana Mariya Jestine, Josh Cijo.**

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 5th April: EASTER SUNDAY - Volunteers please.

Sunday 12th April – Buendia Family

HAPPY EASTER

Wishing you every blessing and joy for Easter and for the 50 days of the Easter Season ahead. Thank you to everyone in our parish community who has helped in any way during the Season of Lent and to help prepare us and our church for Easter. May the joy of the Risen Lord bring us peace, and peace for our world, especially to the people of the Holy Land, other areas of the Middle East and Ukraine. With every blessing and prayers.

Fr. John



'The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.'

EASTER DAY REFLECTION by Fr. Adrian Graffy

Each one of our four canonical gospels ends with stories of the discovery of the empty tomb and accounts of appearances of the risen Jesus. Throughout the first week of the Easter period the gospel at Mass is taken from this material. Today we read John's account of the discovery of the empty tomb. The account gives a prominent role to Mary Magdalene, who becomes known by Christians as 'the apostle to the apostles'. It is she who discovers the empty tomb and passes on the news. Why is it empty? She will know why when Jesus appears to her later in the chapter.

The disciple whom Jesus loves, thought to be the author of the account, is convinced of the resurrection without even seeing the risen Jesus. It is sufficient for him to see that the body of Jesus no longer lies in the tomb. The later appearance of Jesus to the eleven disciples will confirm what he already knows.

Christian faith proclaims: 'Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!' Without the resurrection, the real rising of Jesus to new life in a transformed and glorified body, there would be no good news to proclaim. The God of love is more powerful than death and sin, and God has shown this in raising Jesus, who became a victim of sin, to the life of the resurrection. The world is in dire need of news that is true, amid so many messages which are false, undermining and deceptive. True hope lies in the God who raised Jesus from the dead.

POLISH EASTER BASKETS

Members of our Polish Community are invited to bring their Easter baskets filled with symbolic foods
to St Felix Church for blessing
at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening at 8.00 p.m.
or at Mass on Easter Sunday at 10.00 a.m.

MARCH 100 CLUB WINNERS

The word 'CONGRATULATIONS!' is written in large, bold, capital letters. Each letter is a different color, creating a rainbow effect. The colors are: C (green), O (yellow), N (orange), G (red), R (pink), A (purple), T (blue), U (light blue), L (teal), A (green), T (yellow), I (orange), O (red), N (pink), S (purple), ! (blue).

1st Prize: £150 – SHARON COPPERTHWAITTE [33]

2nd Prize: £100 – ANNETTE FIELD

PARKING FOR THE EASTER VIGIL

On Holy Saturday evening we gather around the turning circle outside the main church doors, for the beginning of our Easter Vigil.

There will be no parking allowed in the turning circle outside the main doors of church, and this area must be kept clear of cars. Thank you.

Please remember you can park on School Lane and near St Felix School and walk across to church in a few minutes.

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

DATE	1 st READING	2 nd READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 4 th April Easter Vigil	Reader 1 – LINDA Reader 2 – SUE Reader 3 – DAVE Reader 4 - JENNA		Sign-up sheet in narthex
Sun. 5 th April Easter Sunday	ADEMIDE		Sign-up sheet in narthex
Saturday 11 th April	JO	KAREN	ANGELA
Sunday 12 th April	SALLY	ALICE	Sign-up sheet in narthex

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS

Sunday 5th April	Team 4 RACHEL and IAN
Sunday 12th April	Team 5 MALCOLM and MARIA

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

EASTER 2026

HOLY SATURDAY – 4th APRIL



THE EASTER VIGIL – 8.00 p.m. in St. Felix Church

EASTER SUNDAY – 5th APRIL



MASS FOR EASTER SUNDAY – 10.00 a.m.
in St. Felix Church

LOURDES WITH ACROSS PATHS AND HCPT

Fr John will be away from the parish from Easter Monday, 6 April until Easter Thursday, 9 April joining with a new group *Across Paths* and also joining the *HCPT* Easter Pilgrimage.

If you have any intentions or prayer requests, please pass them to Fr John or email them to him :-

john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk

by Easter Sunday (5th April).

Fr John will remember the parish very much in his prayers while he is in Lourdes and especially at the Grotto.

Please remember Fr John, the Across Paths Group and all who are in Lourdes with HCPT for their 70th Anniversary Pilgrimage. *Thank you*

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no weekday Masses at St Felix from Monday 6th April to Thursday 9th April while Fr John is in Lourdes. There will, however, be Mass on Easter Friday (10th April) at 10 a.m

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

Please note:

It is a requirement of The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency [CSSA], which is our churches national safeguarding organisation, that children who need to use the toilet while in church must always be accompanied by an adult.

Items for the newsletter should be sent to

stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
No Children's Liturgy sessions during Easter – The next session will be on Sunday 19th April.			

EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT



**There will NOT be Exposition
in April
as the first Sunday of the month
is Easter Sunday**

Inviting Young people; Year 7 - Young Adults, for a Special Bury Deanery Day - 18th April 2026

to be held at St. Benedict's School in Bury.

The day will include inspiring talks, music, prayer, and
delicious food! For more information and to download a
parental consent form, please see

www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

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'. Particularly remember those who are ill or have health concerns.
- Please continue to pray for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict.
- Pray for people living in any form of poverty. Remember the work of REACH and everyone associated with it.
- Pray for people and lands devastated by effects of climate change. Pray that everyone will do what they can to protect & nurture Creation.
- Pray that all producers of food and commodities receive just treatment and fair recompense for their labour and products.
- Pray that migrants and refugees receive just and compassionate help.
- 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 First Holy Communion and our young people preparing for Confirmation, and their families.
- Pray for Fr. John, Dcn. Huw, the people of our parish, particularly those in care and nursing homes, and the staff and pupils of St Felix School.

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

Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**Clayton Clarke, Lesley Stock, Emily Bradbury, Bridget Smith,
Nellie Warden, Joseph Fennessy**

During Easter we are asked to pray for:

**New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work,
The Right Use of the Media, The Church**

Pope Leo asks us to join him in prayer in April for priests in crisis.

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

A CONCERT FOR REACH



Date: *THURSDAY 30TH APRIL 2026*
Venue: *HAVERHILL ARTS CENTRE, CB9 8AR*
Time: *7.30 p.m.*
Tickets: *£15.00*

Tickets are available through Haverhill Arts Centre website:
<https://haverhillartscentre.co.uk/performance/a-concert-for-reach/>

or by phoning: **01440 714140** or going to the Arts Centre



AFTER MASS REFRESHMENTS

Tea, coffee, snacks and chats
after 10.00 a.m. Mass
Sunday 12th April.

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.

BANK HOLIDAY NOTICE

Our office and drop in will be closed on
Good Friday 3rd April



We will reopen as normal on
Tuesday 7th April



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

This is the message of Easter: we must look for him elsewhere. Christ is risen, he is alive! He is no longer a prisoner of death, he is no longer wrapped in the shroud, and therefore we cannot confine him to a fairy tale, we cannot make him a hero of the ancient world or think of him as a statue in a museum! On the contrary, we must **look** for him, and this is why we cannot remain stationary. We must take action, set out to look for him: look for him in life, look for him in the faces of our brothers and sisters, look for him in everyday business, look for him everywhere except in the tomb.

*From Pope Francis' last homily for Easter Sunday
20th April 2025*

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 28th/29th March 2026

Standing Orders:	£421.00
Collection:	£665.90
Total:	£1086.90

Forthcoming Second and Special Collections

4th/5th April 2026, Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday
EASTER OFFERING to OUR CLERGY

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

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, Special Collections and Second Collections, CAFOD, 100 Club, Flowers, Candles, Mass Offerings, Donations.**

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 A, Weekday readings Year II]

HOLY SATURDAY, 4th April: **8.00 p.m. The Easter Vigil**
People of the Parish

EASTER SUNDAY, 5th April: **10.00 a.m. Mass** *Patrick Behan RIP*

The Octave of Easter

Tuesday 7th April: NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday 8th April: NO MASS TODAY

Thursday 9th April: NO MASS TODAY

Friday 10th April: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Souwmya RIP*

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (or of DIVINE MERCY)

Saturday 11th April: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Bridget Smith RIP*

Sunday 12th April: 10.00 Mass *People of the Parish*

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

There will be NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions on Saturday 11th April before 6.30 p.m. Mass

**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