

PARISH OF ST. FELIX, HAVERHILL

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Remembrance Day

Sunday 8th November 2026

Psalter- Week 4

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 14th November – Sherin Cijo, Saji Abraham, Sheena Jestine, Juvana Mariya Jestine, Josh Cijo
Saturday 21st November – Nnenna Ezugwu, Chinonso Mfon-Eddie, Stella Ugama, Kelechi Onwodi, Nellie Malango

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 8th November – Pat and PJ Sheehy & Annette Field
Saturday 15th November – Baiju and Sonia Varghese & Ian Blythe

Dear friends,

The Gospel this weekend presents the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Jesus reminds us that faith is not something that can be borrowed at the last moment. The wise bridesmaids were prepared, their lamps filled with oil, ready to welcome the bridegroom whenever he arrived.

The oil represents a living relationship with God, nourished through prayer, charity, worship, and faithful perseverance. That is why the oil cannot be borrowed. This is the relationship we are called into, and nobody can do it for us: not our parents, not our parish, not even the wisest bridesmaid in the queue.

The oil costs nothing but our attention: our lamp of faith should be well stocked up spiritually by leading prayerful godly lives and by putting our faith into action. We must always remain vigilant, through prayer, study and acts of mercy, the sacraments, reading the Scriptures attentively, not just dutifully, and the small unseen acts of love.

The bridegroom has been patient. It is we ourselves who keep saying 'later', and it is tragic. No one can make that spiritual preparation for us. It is a decision we need to make for ourselves; be prepared and stay awake. Prepare now while we still have time, for those who do not prepare are not allowed to enter the wedding banquet.

Dcn. Huw ☺

MASS AT EASTCOTTS NURSING HOME

On Tuesday 10th November at 11 a.m. Fr John will be celebrating Mass at Eastcotts Nursing Home for 4 Catholic residents.

If you would like to come along to this, to pray with and support our parishioners who are resident at Eastcotts, you will be most welcome:

Eastcotts Nursing Home,
Calford Green, Kedington,
Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 7UN

NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR HOLY SOULS

Envelopes for intentions for Holy Souls during November are available in the narthex.

The basket on the font is for you to place your envelope containing the names of your deceased parents, relatives, friends and all for whom you wish to pray, with any donation you wish to make.

All these intentions will be offered at Masses during the month of November.

November is a time for remembering and praying for our loved ones who have gone before us and whose loss we feel. It is a time when we are particularly conscious of those in our parish who are grieving and all those families who have lost loved ones in the past year.

Remembrance Day:

The first reading this weekend is from the Book of Wisdom and tells us that wisdom is found by those who seek her. God does not hide himself from us; rather, he comes to meet those whose hearts are open and attentive. The psalm echoes this longing: "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."

On this Remembrance Sunday, these readings take on a special meaning. As we remember those who lost their lives in war and all who have suffered through conflict, St Paul's words offer us comfort and hope. He reminds us not to grieve "like the rest, who have no hope," for Christ's death and resurrection have opened the way to eternal life for all who believe in him.

The act of remembrance is more than looking back. It calls us to live faithfully in the present and to prepare confidently for the future that God has promised for us.

As we honour the dead and pray for peace, may we keep our lamps burning brightly, ready to welcome Christ whenever he comes, and committed to being instruments of his peace in our world.

Dcn. Huw

This Sunday, November 8th. is
REMEMBRANCE DAY

Haverhill's Remembrance Sunday event will consist of a parade followed by a service at Haverhill cemetery.

2:20pm – Remembrance Sunday Parade:

- The parade will start from Haverhill Arts Centre car park and proceed along the High Street.

- After a short pause on the Market Square the procession will continue to the Withersfield Road cemetery for 3:00pm.

3:00pm – Act of Remembrance in the Cemetery:

- The service will be led by the Rev. Max Drinkwater of St Mary's Church, Haverhill and includes the Last Post.

- After the service the parade will head back to Haverhill Market Square for an official dismissal.

The poppy is a symbol of Remembrance and hope, including hope for a positive future and peaceful world.
They are a show of support for the Armed Forces community, those currently serving, ex-serving personnel and their families; and a symbol of Remembrance for all those who have fallen in conflict.

EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT



FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

You are invited to come and spend time in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament.

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

Thanksgiving for God's Daily Goodness

… When we practice gratitude for daily goodness, we train our hearts to notice that God is caring for us all the time. This kind of thankfulness keeps us from taking things for granted. It also helps us enjoy what we already have instead of always reaching for more. A grateful heart can turn a simple meal into a moment of worship and a regular day into a gift… God's goodness is not hidden. It shines in creation, in provision, in friendship, and in His constant care. Even when life feels routine, His love is present. Gratitude helps us slow down enough to see it. When we thank God for daily blessings, we remember that His kindness is fresh every morning. This brings peace to our hearts and joy to our homes. We become more aware of how deeply loved and cared for we are.

https://biblestudyforyou.com/grateful-bible-verses-about-thanksgiving-and-gratitude/ [2]



A new Parish Census form is available online via our Parish Website www.stfelixchurch.org.uk or via the QR code displayed in church. Printed copies are also available in the narthex. We are asking you to complete either an online form or a form in church so we can put together an up-to-date data base for our parish.

Be reassured your data will be kept secure and will be held under our Diocesan GDPR rules and will only be used to enable Fr. John and Dcn. Huw to exercise their pastoral ministry and care for our parish.

Please complete or return your Parish Census form as soon as possible, paper copies to Fr John or Deacon Huw. *Thank you.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Sunday 8th November	ANGELA WILSON	1. Nnenna Ezugwu 2. 3.	?12

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
DATE	1st READER	2nd READER	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 7th November	ANNMARY	JENNA	ANNE
Sunday 8th November	KAREN K	BETH	Sign-up sheet in narthex
Saturday 14th November	ANGELA	JO	MURRY
Sunday 15th November	MATTHEW	JENNA	Sign-up sheet in narthex

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS	
Sunday 8th November	Team 5 ABRAHAM and MARIA
Sunday 15th November	Team 6 MALCOLM and ADARSH
Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. *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'. Particularly remember those who are ill or have health concerns such as cancer, dementia, neurological and mental health issues and any serious health condition. Pray for those on the road to recovery and those on the journey to this life's end. Remember also all who care for and support people who are ill and whose health is compromised.
- Please continue to pray for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and everywhere in the world affected by 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 natural disasters and effects of climate change. Pray that all will work 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 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:

Derek Warner, Anthony Robinson, Olive Grace, Patrick O'Keefe, Maya Sukpe, Maureen Kearns, Mary Jenvey, Ernest Lyons, Alan Neale, Mary Lally, Evelyn Armitstead, Ann-Marie Court, Edward Collins, Edward Cooney.

During Autumn (to the Feast of Christ the King) we are asked to pray for: The Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation, Students and Teachers, The Spread of the Gospel, Justice and Peace in the World, Prisoners and Their Families, All Victims of War, Young People.

Pope Leo asks us to join him in prayer in November for the proper use of wealth.that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and of those who have less.

NEED HELP DURING the ON-GOING COST of LIVING CRISIS?

Please speak to Fr. John or you can contact

Reach Community Projects

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.



St Felix Parish Project 2026:

The **Sunflower SEND Hub** in Haverhill offers support services tailored to meet the needs of local children and young people who have SEND - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities – and their families

https://www.sunflowersendhub.org

A resource that the Hub particularly wishes to purchase for the children and young people who come to them is an interactive touch screen. This would help all the children supporting communication, education, social and life skills.



Our 2026 Parish Project is to *raise £1500 towards the cost of an interactive screen for the Sunflower SEND Hub.*

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY WE ARE NOW WELL OVER HALFWAY TO OUR TARGET

You can donate to this important local service by using the Dona Card Machine and selecting 'Sunflower SEND Hub' or by putting what you can, when you can in the white box in the narthex.

Thank you for your support, Parish J&P Group.

Items for the newsletter should be sent to
stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk
by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2027



Official Registration Forms for the 2027 programme are NO LONGER available.
We have to limit the group size to 20 children due to the space we have in church and
ALL THE SPACES FOR 2027 HAVE NOW BEEN FILLED

Thank you and God Bless.

Annual Deanery Mass for Deceased Clergy, Religious and people of our Deanery of St Edmund.
(Bury St Edmunds Deanery)

Thursday 12th November at 10 a.m.
Our Lady's Catholic Church,
Stricklands Rd, Stowmarket. IP14 1AP

Everyone is welcome to attend to pray for the people who have served our Deanery over the years.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory

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, *Special Collections and Second Collections*, CAFOD, *100 Club*, Flowers, *Candles*, Mass Offerings, *Donations,* Parish Project 2026 – Sunflower SEND Hub.

TO CONTACT A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY…

If Fr. John is away from the Parish, please contact either:

Bury St Edmunds Parish on 01284 754358.
or Newmarket Parish on 01638 662492
or Clare Parish on 01787 277326
or call 07773 478835. *Thank you.*

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 31st October/1st November 2026

Standing Orders:	£421.00
Collection:	£563.66
Total:	**£984.66**

£183 for our Parish Project supporting the Sunflower SEND Hub – RUNNING TOTAL NOW £870. Thank you for your generous donations. We now only need a further £630 to reach our target.

Second collections coming up

12th/13th December – Diocesan Dependent Priests Fund.
This fund supports our retired priests, those who are ill, and those who are no longer active in ministry.
Please keep them in your prayers, and we give thanks for their years of ministry in our Diocese.

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

OCTOBER 100 CLUB WINNERS



to

1ST prize - £150
RAY HARDY [79]

2ND prize - £100
DAVE ARNOLD [92]

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

Please note:

It is a requirement of

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency [CSSA],

which is our church's national safeguarding organisation, that children who need to use the toilet while in church must always be accompanied by an adult.

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 A, Weekday readings Year II]

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Saturday 7th November:	6.30 p.m. Mass	*People of the Parish*
Sunday 8th November:	10.00 a.m. Mass	*Colin Lyons RIP*

Thirty-second week of the Year

Tuesday 10th November:	NO MASS at ST FELIX TODAY 11.00 a.m. Mass at Eastcotts Nursing Home	
Wednesday 11th November:	10.00 a.m. Mass	*Olive Grace RIP*
Thursday 12th November:	NO MASS TODAY	
Friday 13th November:	10.00 a.m. Mass	*Anna Jose RIP*

THIRTY-THIRDD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME – World Day of the Poor

Saturday 14th November:	6.30 p.m. Mass	*Joaō (John) De Gouveia RIP*
Sunday 15th November:	10.00 a.m. Mass	*People of the Parish*

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions take place on Saturday evening 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