



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**TWENTY-FIFTH
SUNDAY**
in ORDINARY TIME
Home Mission Sunday

Sunday 20th September 2026

Psalter- Week 1

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 26th September – Jili Jijo, Diony Jose, Bindhu Roy

**Saturday 3rd October – Sherin Cijo, Shaji Abraham, Sheena Jestine,
Juvana Mariya Jestine, Josh Cijo**

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 20th September – Baiju & Sonia Varghese and Ian Blythe

Sunday 27th September – Jose Family and Ron White

HOME MISSION – THE JOY AND BEAUTY OF KNOWING

JESUS CHRIST

This year, Pope Leo has given the Church the beautiful gift of an encyclical entitled *Magnifica humanitas* (MH). It has been called Pope Leo's manifesto for the defence of human dignity in the AI age, but it so much more than that. It is fundamentally about the reality of the deep yearning all humanity has to see the face of God, whether we realise this or not. It is "hardwired" within us. It is an essential part of our humanity.

The encyclical paints a picture of the grandeur of God writ large in the world, seen and experienced fully within His creation and, above all, when we encounter the face of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Pope Leo makes clear that we face a pivotal choice: Will we build Babel or will we construct a city of God?... "Where are we going? Toward what goal do we wish to orient ourselves? What direction should we choose as people and as a human community?" (MH, 6).

"With the heart of a shepherd and a father, I ask everyone to abandon the construction of yet another Tower of Babel and to join forces in building up the common good, so that humanity will never lose its beauty, and the world once again will come to recognize the human heart as the place where God desires to dwell." (MH, 16).

The Holy Father quotes St. Augustine's famous line from *The Confessions of St. Augustine*: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." Pope Leo is reminding us that human flourishing cannot be reduced to technological fulfilment; the human heart is ordered toward God (MH 11). He is constantly pointing us back to Jesus.

This beautiful encyclical, then, is reminding us of what the task and purpose of Home Mission Sunday is about – pointing us always to the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus Christ. This is the work, the mission, of the whole Church, it is the Great Commission and comes into every area of life within the Church.

*Excerpts from a reflection by Abbot Hugh Allan O.Praem,
for Home Mission Sunday 2026.*

(known as Evangelii Gaudium Sunday in recent years)

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home-mission-the-joy-and-beauty-of-knowing-jesus-christ/>



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water

EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

The Season of Creation is a time to come together in prayer and action for Creation as we contemplate the 2026 theme of 'Living Water'.

"Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live. Stir in us a calling to care for the waters - to protect the watershed, defend the rights of water, and honour the dignity of the thirsty. May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations."

[from the 2026 Season of Creation Prayer]

The gift of living water brings life to dead areas and restores fertility to damaged or barren ecosystems. Through living water comes healing; but in order to receive new life, we too must step into the water and become part of God's river of life, taking part in the healing of creation.

To become part of God's river of life we must cherish, protect and conserve the precious, life-giving water we have been given. There are many actions we can take, to look after the water, so essential for our lives and the whole of Creation. Take the time during this Season of Creation to consider an action that you and/or your household can take to look after our water and use less, an action that can become part of your daily life contributing long-term to 'God's river of life'.

THIS IS IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNGER AND FUTURE MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES.

At church recently you were given a paper waterdrop. Others are still available if you missed it or would like another. Please use the raindrop to record your action, prayer or promise to conserve and heal our water. Bring your waterdrop back to church during this Season of Creation and place it in the font. Together our waterdrops will form a part of God's river of life healing ourselves and Creation.

Example:



Some thoughts about actions to conserve water and nature

Use water in a bowl when ever you can instead of letting taps run.

Reuse water – after washing/cooking veg etc use water (cooled) to water plants indoors and in garden.

Take shorter showers.

Use 'eco' settings on washing machines etc if you have them.

Fix dripping taps and leaking toilets.

Only heat as much water as you need to use at the time.

Increase your capacity to collect rainwater.

Consider what can reach water sources from our domestic use – how do we use fertilizers, do we use eco-friendly cleaning products when we can, do we avoid grease/oil and left-overs going down our sink waste pipes and non-flushable items down our toilet?

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Sunday 20 th September	CHRISTINE WHITE	1. ? 2. ? 3. ?	

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
DATE	1 st READER	2 nd READER	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 19 th September	JO	ANGELA	ANNE
Sunday 20 th September	MARITA	JENNA	Sign-up sheet in narthex
Saturday 26 th September	ANGELA	LINDA	MURRY
Sunday 27 th September	ALICE	ADEMIDE	Sign-up sheet in narthex

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS	
Sunday 20th September	Team 4 RACHEL and IAN
Sunday 27th September	Team 5 MALCOLM and MARIA
<i>Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. Thank you</i>	

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 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, especially by the floods and mud slides in Nepal and the Tibetan border area. Remember those who have gone to help.
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 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:

**Vincent Sproson, Anthony Walker, Jane Bareham, Lee Whitehead,
Dennis Lyons, Patrick O'Brien, Ellen Jennings, William Griffin,
James Hegarty, Elsie Pryce, Baby Thomas.**

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 September in prayer for

The care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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.

A poster titled "Harvest shopping list 2026" with a decorative border of autumn leaves. It lists various food items in two columns, each preceded by a small green square. The items are: Long-life milk, Long-life fruit juice, Tinned fruit, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned Vegetables, Fruit Squash, Chocolate/snacks, Jams, Tinned Meat, Condiments, Crackers, Noodles, Tea, Coffee, Toiletries, Toilet roll, Ladies/Mens deodorant, and Pasta sauce. At the bottom, a red line of text states: "Please ,no beans, soup, pasta and cereals".

Reach Community Projects

Harvest shopping list 2026

Just one or two items from the list would be greatly appreciated!

☐ Long – life milk	☐ Condiments
☐ Long – life fruit juice	☐ Crackers
☐ Tinned fruit	☐ Noodles
☐ Tinned tomatoes	☐ Tea
☐ Tinned Vegetables	☐ Coffee
☐ Fruit Squash	☐ Toiletries
☐ Chocolate/snacks	☐ Toilet roll
☐ Jams	☐ Ladies/Mens deodorant
☐ Tinned Meat	☐ Pasta sauce

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Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

Welcome to St Felix Parish. If you have just moved into the area or have found us for the first time - You are most welcome.

RCIA/Journey of Faith

In our Parish this September we are offering a time of preparation for those seeking to be welcomed as members of the Catholic Church. Our Parish Journey of Faith course follows the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and is a time of prayer, preparation, celebration and welcome into the Catholic Church. The time of preparation is from September this year to next Easter.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church or would like to find out more about the Church you are invited to join us for our

**Journey of Faith Welcome Evening
on
Wednesday 23rd September 2026 at 7.30 p.m.
in St Felix Church.**

Please let Fr John know if you are interested in coming along. If you wish to speak to the parish priest, Fr John, please do not hesitate to call him on 01440 702156 or email him at

john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk

Also, if you would like to help with this program in our Parish in any way, please speak to Fr John. *Thank you*

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, Parish Project 2026 – Sunflower SEND Hub.

St Felix Parish Project 2026:



The **Sunflower SEND Hub** is a local charity based in Queen Street, Haverhill. It offers support services tailored to meet the needs of local children and young people who have SEND - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

The team at the Hub is committed to ensuring that every child receives the support they require in safe, structured environments to enable them to thrive. The Sunflower SEND Hub also provides support and guidance to families; parents and other care givers. (Visit the Sunflower Hub website, <https://www.sunflowersendhub.org> for more information)

Donations from people like us enable the Sunflower Hub to continue their vital work in supporting local families who have children with SEND. By donating to Sunflower SEND Hub, we can directly impact the lives of these children and their families.

A resource that the Hub particularly wishes to purchase for the children and young people who use their service is an interactive touch screen. This technology would benefit children of all ages and abilities supporting communication, education, social and life skills and other activities.

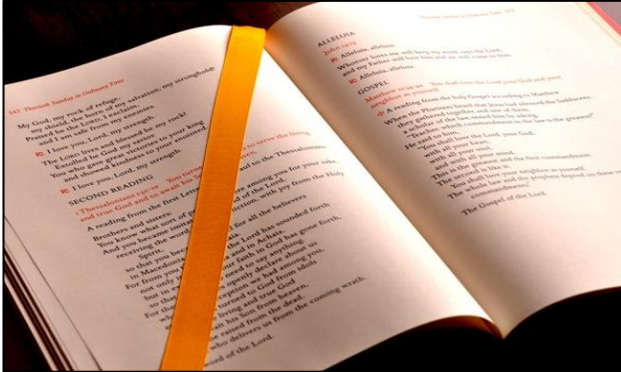


Here's where we can be of help...

...We challenge ourselves to raise £1500 towards the cost of an interactive screen for the Sunflower SEND Hub.

You can donate to this important local service straight away using the Dona Card Machine - 'Sunflower SEND Hub'

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD



Have you ever considered becoming a reader in church? If so, please come to an introductory training session

on Saturday 10th October from 10.30 till 12 midday.

Attending this session does not commit you to becoming a reader but will give you an insight into this important ministry and what it involves.

We would very much like to have readers from a variety of age groups and from all the communities which enrich our parish on both Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

To register please email suearnold47@yahoo.co.uk or phone, text or WhatsApp me on 07790 319393. Thank you.

TO CONTACT A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY...

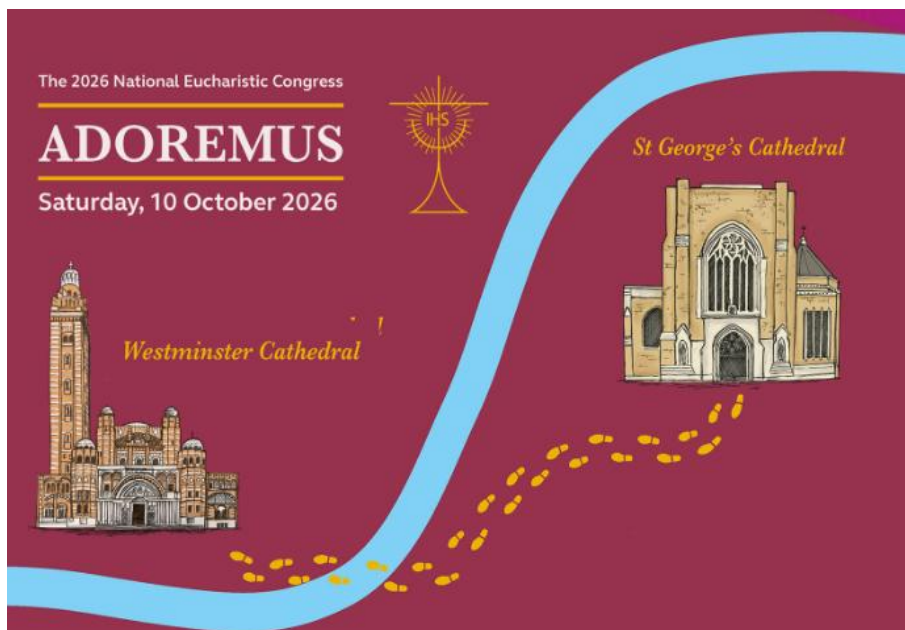
If Fr. John is away from the Parish, please contact either:

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.

ADOREMUS NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2026



The diocese is delighted that fifty places are available for participation in the National Eucharistic Congress in London on Saturday 10th October.

The day begins at midday with Mass in St George's Cathedral, Southwark, followed by a keynote address by Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe. After a picnic lunch, the day will culminate with a historic Eucharistic Procession, through the streets of London, from Southwark to Westminster Cathedral where devotions will continue into the evening.

Those who would like to register interest in participating in this momentous celebration of our faith are asked simply to email the Diocesan Adoremus Representative Fr Peter Wygnanski peter.wygnanski@rcdea.org.uk to receive further information.

(Please note that those taking part will need to arrange their own transport to and from the event.)

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL 19TH & 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Each year we are asked to host an Annual Mission Appeal. This year the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales will be holding an appeal in our Parish.

On their behalf we will welcome Sr Mary Sebastian Ogwuike from the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ over the weekend of 19th & 20th September 2026. To support the poor and marginalized the sisters work in different countries of the world serving the homeless, destitute, vulnerable children and adults, refugees, widows and elderly people.

We look forward to welcoming Sr Mary Sebastian. Please remember her and all in her community and all Missionary Sisters in your prayers.

There will be a collection for their work this weekend.

PARISH CENSUS 2026

At the end of September we will be 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.

Please be reassured all 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 Deacon Huw to exercise their pastoral ministry and care for our parish.

More information will be published soon.

Items for the newsletter should be sent to

stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 12th/13th September 2026

Standing Orders:	£421.00
Collection:	£373.60
Total:	£794.60

Second collections coming up

Friday 2nd October – CaFOD Harvest Fast Day
3rd/4th October – Collection to support the CaFOD Harvest Day Appeal

17th/18th - World Mission Sunday (Missio)
A collection will be taken to support the work of Missio.

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.

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN SCHOOLS MASS

takes place on
Friday 25th September
at 12 noon in our
Cathedral of St John the Baptist,
Norwich.
Fr John will be attending this
Mass with year 6 from
St Felix school.

Please note:
There will be
NO 10 a.m. Mass on this day.

Thank you.

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]

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME – Home Mission Sunday

Saturday 19th September: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 20th September: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Mary George RIP*

Twenty-fifth week of the Year

Tuesday 22nd September: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Clare RIP*
Maryamma & Poulose RIP

Wednesday 23rd September: 10.00 a.m. Mass *P.D. Xavier RIP*

Thursday 24th September - ***Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham***
10.00 a.m. Mass *Tim Bourne RIP*

Friday 25th September: NO MASS TODAY

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 26th September: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 27th September: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Deirdre Barker RIP*
(nee Shanahan)

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