



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**THE ASSUMPTION
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Sunday 16th August 2026

Psalter - Week 4

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

**Saturday 22nd August – Sherin Cijo, Saji Abraham, Sheena Jestine,
Juvana Mariya Jestine, Josh Cijo.**

**Saturday 29th August – Nnenna Ezugwu, Chinonso Mfon-Eddie,
Stella Ugama, Kelechi Onwodi,**

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 16th August – Pat and PJ Sheehy & Annette Field

Sunday 23rd August -

Dear Friends,

The Eclipse experienced last Wednesday evening invited us to look upwards with wonder. For a short time, the light of the sun seemed diminished, and the shadows appeared strangely altered. Yet, even at its height, the eclipse could not overcome the sun's brilliance. The darkness was only temporary; the light remained.

Today's celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary also directs our gaze heavenwards. Mary does not draw attention to herself; like the moon reflecting the sun, she reflects the light of Christ. Her Magnificat proclaims: *"My soul glorifies the Lord."* Everything in her points beyond herself to God's saving love. Mary does not try to overcome the brilliance of Christ who remains with us always - to the end of the ages.

God reveals in Mary the destiny he desires for all his faithful people. Assumed body and soul into heavenly glory, she stands as a sign that darkness does not have the final word. The victory of Christ over sin and death shines through her life and now through her eternal glory.

As the full light of the sun returned after the eclipse, we are reminded that God's purposes are never eclipsed by the trials of the present moment. May we keep our eyes fixed on Christ, the true Light of the world

Dcn. Huw ☺



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

is celebrated this weekend
at our usual Sunday Masses
on Saturday evening at 6.30 p.m..
and Sunday morning at 10.00 a.m..

WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY of ST FELIX

CHRISTIANE, PATRICK and ROBERT

**During our 10 a.m. Mass
on SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2026.**

On Sunday 6th September we will welcome into our Parish family of St Felix and to the wider church

**Christiane Ribeiro and Patrick Ribeiro
who will receive the Sacraments of Baptism,
Confirmation and the Eucharist;**

**and Robert Burridge
who will be received into full communion with the church
and will receive the
Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist.**



Please remember them all; Christiane, Patrick and Robert,
their Godparents and sponsor
and all their families in your prayers.

**Keep the date and please come to celebrate with them on
Sunday 6th September
at our 10 a.m. Sunday Parish Mass.**

We will share refreshments to welcome them after Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
No Children's Liturgy during the Summer break			

SUMMER VACATION ACTIVITIES

We wish all our children and families a happy and safe summer vacation, and we shall look forward to seeing you again for Children's Liturgy when the schools return in September.



During the holidays, there is the 'Kindness Kangaroo' activity to complete. Please collect a kindness 'passport' from church, which explains what you need to do. Remember to pray for kindness and always be kind!

Linked to travel and summer activities, could you send a postcard to Jesus to tell him about your favourite summer activities? This might be a holiday, a special visit or just a fun activity. You could post your card to St Felix Church, Princess Way, Haverhill, CB9 9BP or bring it to church - whichever you prefer. We will make a display of these at the church, as they are received.

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
DATE	1 st READER	2 nd READER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 15 th August	LINDA	ASWIN	MURRY
Sunday 16 th August	MARITA	JENNA	Sign-up sheet in narthex
Saturday 22 nd August	LINDA	JO	KAREN
Sunday 23 rd August	RAYMOND	SALLY	Sign-up sheet in narthex

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS	
Sunday 16th August	Team 5 MALCOLM and MARIA
Sunday 23rd August	Team 6 ABRAHAM and ADARSH
<i>Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. Thank you</i>	

HYMNS - SUNDAY 16th August 2026



341 - Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly

609 - In Bread We Bring You

787 - Sing it in the Valleys

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.
- Pray for the people of Colombia affected by a devastating earthquake.
- 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 effects of climate change, especially by the current wildfires around the world.
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:

**Alice Gavin, David Allen, Ellen McIlroy, Harold Banham, Edward Shovlin,
Elizabeth Alston, Iris Green, Noel Larkin.**

During Summer (up to September) we are asked to pray for:

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

**Pope Leo asks us to join him in August in prayer for
*Evangelization in the City.***

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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.



1. Coffee – small jars
2. Custard
3. Rice pudding
4. Sponge puddings
5. Long-life milk

Thank you to everyone that supports the foodbank through the donation of food, money or time!



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

A PRACTICE OF THANKSGIVING

" I did the only thing I could think of doing -- simply saying 'thanks' as I went through the day.

I woke up with a brief prayer: 'Thank you that I am alive'.

I got coffee and breakfast: 'Thank you for this food'.

I looked out the window: 'Thank you for sunshine'.

I went into my office: 'Thank you for words, for work'...

Even when it comes to thankfulness, sometimes you have to take what you can get. I took nothing for granted... Over the weeks, with my hapless prayers, I discovered something quite unexpected: gratitude, like interest, compounds. This simple form of giving thanks made me pay attention and start looking for particular reasons to be grateful. There would always be grounds for ingratitude. Always. Seeking out the small things for which I could give thanks, however, changed my field of spiritual and emotional vision. I learned not to focus on what was lacking "

From: Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation, 27 November 2025

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.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Fr John will be away from the parish in Lourdes until Friday 28th August.

He will be working with the Hospitality Notre Dame de Lourdes (HNDL) from Sunday 16th August to Friday 21st August on a 'Stage', and then he will join our Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage from Friday 21st August to Friday 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 him to place at the Lourdes Grotto, please email to him at john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk anytime up to Thursday 27th August.**

Thank you.

The HNDL is a voluntary organisation which is open to all people aged 17 and over to come and 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

TO CONTACT A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY WHILE FR. JOHN IS AWAY IN LOURDES

please contact:

**Bury St Edmunds Parish on 01284 754358,
or Newmarket Parish on 01638 662492,
or Clare Parish on 01787 277326**

Thank you

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



A-LEVEL AND GCSE RESULTS AND OTHER PUBLIC EXAM RESULTS

This past week and next week see the A-Level results and GCSE results for lots of the young people in our parish and in our families.

Please remember them, their families, all who care for them and those who have taught them and supported them in any way in your prayers.

We pray for all of you who have received exam results and those waiting for them.

We pray:

***God of knowledge,
You told us not to be afraid.
Calm anxious minds and ease the racing thoughts
of all who wait for their results,
Thank you for the hard work of young minds
and for those who support them.
Give students the resilience to face whatever comes
And the peace to trust in Your plan for
their next steps.***

Amen.

St. Carlo Acutis, pray for us.

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 FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 8th /9th August 2026

Standing Orders:	£421.00
Collection:	£489.58
Total:	£910.58

Please note that the details of the parish collections for the next two weekends will be published in September.

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

WELCOME TO FR. JAMES FYFE

We warmly welcome
Fr. James Fyfe,
one of our retired Diocesan
Priests, who will be with us in our
parish to celebrate Masses while

Fr John is away in Lourdes.
Fr James will be staying at the
presbytery until Friday 28th
August and will celebrate the
following Masses with us:

Saturday 15th August, 6.30 pm,
Sunday 16th August, 10 am,
Friday 21st August, 10 am,
Saturday 22nd August, 6.30 pm,
Sunday 23rd August, 10 am.

Thank you Fr. James

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]

SOLEMNITY of the ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday 15 th August:	6.30 p.m. Mass	<i>Mary & Ray Banham RIP</i>
Sunday 16 th August:	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

Twentieth week of the Year

Tuesday 18 th August:	NO MASS TODAY
Wednesday 19 th August:	NO MASS TODAY
Thursday 20 th August:	NO MASS TODAY
Friday 21 st August:	10.00 a.m. Mass

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 22 nd August:	6.30 p.m. Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 23 rd August:	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>Smith A George RIP</i>

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

PLEASE NOTE:

there will be **NO** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
or Confessions before the Saturday evening Mass
until Saturday 5th September. Thank you.

**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