

**PARISH OF ST. FELIX  
HAVERHILL**

**FOURTH SUNDAY  
in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

*[Parish Mass book page 130]*

**Psalter – Week 4**

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**[www.stfelixchurch.org.uk](http://www.stfelixchurch.org.uk)**

**\*To contact a priest in an emergency please call 07773 478835**

**Our School: St. Felix Catholic Primary School:**

**Tel: 01440 703775**

**Head teacher: Mrs. A. Dodds**

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:**

**Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> February – Angela Rymills, Judith Dance, Jo Rowson, Nora Roberts**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu & Anu Anto**

**SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Pat & PJ Sheehy and Annette Field**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Baiju & Sonia Varghese and Ian Blythe**

**REFLECTION ON THE 'SERMON ON THE MOUNT' (MATTHEW 5:1-12)**  
**by Fr. Adrian Graffy.**

Matthew's gospel is a gospel of teaching. It celebrates Jesus as the great teacher, who surpasses even Moses. The evangelist sets down five major speeches of Jesus in the course of the gospel, and the first of these is the famous Sermon on the Mount. Jesus, like Moses, goes up the mountain. He sits down and begins to speak.

The beatitudes, which open the Sermon, are a type of saying already found in the Old Testament and adopted by Jesus. The beatitudes of Jesus present a radical challenge to commonly accepted ideas. Jesus proclaims that the poor are 'blessed' or 'happy', not the rich. It is the gentle, the meek, who will inherit the earth, not those who are violent.

Eight beatitudes describe eight qualities or situations, such as those who mourn, those who show mercy, those who are persecuted. Each of these qualities or situations is described by Jesus as a special channel of God's favour. Jesus presents what we might call the 'scandal' of the gospel, a profound challenge which invites us to reconsider and to change the way we think and the way we behave.

The passage ends with a final beatitude, this time spoken directly to the disciples of Jesus: 'Happy are you'. How can we possibly consider persecution and abuse to be blessings? If we can unite our own sufferings with those of Christ, we can begin to know God's presence in an entirely new way. With his very first words of teaching, Jesus calls us to radical change.

There will be no 10 a.m. Mass this Wednesday morning,  
01 February 2023.

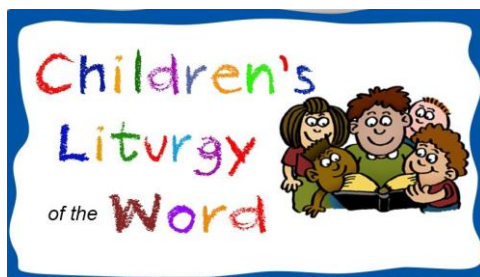


**Inviting all young people in Year 9 and above to 'Flame' at Wembley Arena**

The Diocesan Youth Service is excited to be taking a group to 'Flame' on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Flame is the largest Catholic gathering of young people in the UK, coming together to experience the best in international speakers, artists, and performers.

For details and to book a ticket and a place on the coach, please see [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth)

Bookings must be received by 12<sup>th</sup> February.



**THIS WEEK'S LEADERS & HELPERS**

DATE	LEADER(S)	ADULT HELPERS	YOUNG HELPERS(12+)	CHILD Nos.
29 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023	ANGELA WILSON	M. Mathew I. Zuffati C. White		24
5 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY	<b>Children's Mass this week - NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>			

## **PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE**

Lord God,

We pray for the on-going conflict in Ukraine.

Our hearts cry out for mercy for those in danger and in fear.

We pray for the bombs to stop, for the bullets to cease.

We pray for peace to reign.

We pray for the politicians, especially Putin to stop. Just stop.

To seek the way of peace rather than the path of violence.

We pray for peace to reign.

We pray for world leaders to know wisdom, to love justice,  
to open their hearts and their borders  
to all those fleeing from bloodshed.

We pray for peace to reign.

Above all we pray for the people of Ukraine.

Protect them, keep them safe, make them strong,

Give them courage and give them hope.

We pray, almighty God, for Your peace to reign.

Amen.

*[Dr. Justin Thacker, Christian Aid]*



### **HYMNS**

#### **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29.01.2023**

475 – Gather Us In

608 – Take My Hands

898 – Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

886 - For the Healing of the Nations

Items for the newsletter should be sent to

[\*\*stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com)

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

## **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 all people who have requested prayers through our 'Intentions Book'
- Please remember in your prayers members of our Parish who are housebound or being cared for in our local care and nursing homes.
- Pray for people who are lonely, or separated from family and friends
- Pray for peace in our world, especially in Ukraine, and for wise and just decisions from world leaders.
- Pray for all those people and environments severely affected by climate change. Pray that national leaders will work together responsibly and lead their nations in reducing 'greenhouse gases'.
- Pray for people whose income is insufficient to meet their needs, especially those who are our local neighbours. Remember the work of 'REACH' in your prayers.
- 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.

Pray for all we know and love who have died, and for those who grieve.

### **Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Christine Wiseman, Leann Stearn, Audrey Pannell, Gladys Spring,  
Larry Kiernan, Donald Gauld, Elizabeth Allen, Anna Batalano,  
Kathleen O'Brien, Jeremiah Jennings, Barbara Tabram, Constanta Eden,  
Frances Myers, Leonard Garty, Julia Garty, Alfred Mason, Rose Mulhaive

### **During Ordinary Time, up to Lent, we are asked to pray for:**

Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, Openess to the Word of God, Victims of Trafficking, The Sick and Those Who Care for Them, Unemployed People.

In February, **Pope Francis** asks us to pray with him for **Parishes**. We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

## **ST FELIX PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Our next meeting is being held on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7p.m** in the Narthex at church. All are welcome to come along and join the members of our Parish Council for the meeting.

There is a box in the narthex for any questions, suggestions or items for discussion for our PPC meeting. The box will be available until Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Paper is available next to the box for you to use and place in the box. All items will be discussed at the PPC meeting.

*Thank you*



## **SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits  
after 10 a.m. Mass.

Please stay for a cup and a chat

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 10 a.m. Welcome Mass for our First Holy Communion Children and families**

Our 10 a.m. Mass next Sunday will be a Children's Mass as we welcome our children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion and their families.

Everyone is welcome to come and pray with and for our young people and their families.

## **SIGN OF PEACE**

When invited to exchange the sign of peace during Mass, feel free to use a handshake again as an expression of peace and communion with each other, **if you wish to do so.**



# **WARM HUBS**

**HAVERHILL  
CHURCHES  
OPEN FOR ALL  
TO KEEP WARM  
IN WINTER**

**MONDAYS 9.30 AM – 3 PM:**

**RIVER OF LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, CHALKSTONE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE, MILLFIELDS WAY, CB9 0JB**

**WEDNESDAYS:**

**10.30 AM – 1 PM NEXT DOOR CAFE & 1 PM – 3 PM  
METHODIST CHURCH HALL, 28 CAMPS RD, CB9 8HF**

**THURSDAYS 9.30 – 3 PM**

**WEST END CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,  
9 WITHERSFIELD RD, CB9 9LA**

**FRIDAYS 9.30 AM – 3 PM:**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, HIGH STREET, CB9 8AX**



## ANYONE IN NEED OF HELP IN THE CURRENT COST OF LIVING CRISIS?

If you are aware of anyone who is, or will be, in serious need of help during the current and ongoing cost of living crisis, please speak to Fr. John or you can contact 'Reach'



Need help. Don't wait. Get in touch.  
Our friendly team of advisers are here, on hand to help you,  
so please do get in touch:

**01440 712950**

**[info@reachhaverhill.org.uk](mailto:info@reachhaverhill.org.uk)**

**Contact hours:** Monday to Friday, 9 a.m – 4.30 p.m

**[Reach Haverhill: Get Support](#)**



### **CONCERT IN AID OF Reach**

We are organising a fund raising concert for Reach.

**The concert will be at the Haverhill Arts Centre  
on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

and will feature some great musicians and singers.  
*Tickets are £10 each from the Arts Centre Box Office.*

**All proceeds will go to Reach.**

Please support this very worthy charity.

*David and Marie Caulfield*



**2023 DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK AVAILABLE  
in the Narthex - £2.50 each**

The latest edition of the Diocesan Newspaper is also available in the narthex – FREE!

**PARISH FINANCES**

**COLLECTIONS/WEEKLY OFFERING & DONATIONS:**

**Collections for the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> /22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023:**

Standing orders:	£296.00
Collection:	£395.60
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£691.60</b>

**£250.00 donation**

*Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community*

**PASTORAL VISITING**

***If you are aware of someone who might benefit from a pastoral visit or someone who cannot get to church and might like to receive Holy Communion at home, please speak to Fr. John.***

Thank you.

**SACRAMENT of  
RECONCILIATION**

***Saturday evening  
from  
5.45 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.***

... or at another time  
by request to Fr John.

**OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS BOOK**

Please feel free to enter any intentions in this book in the narthex, and these will be offered at all Masses.

*[Please write 'YES' beside your intention if you wish the intention to reach more people by being put in the Parish Newsletter, which also appears on the Parish website]*

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 1]*

### **FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	<i>Eucharistic Adoration 5.45 – 6.15 p.m.</i>	
	Mass 6.30 p.m.	<i>Private Int</i>
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Mass 10.00 a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>

### **Fourth Week of the Year**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February: NO MASS TODAY

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February: ***Feast of the Presentation of the Lord***  
Mass 10.00 a.m. *Private Int*

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: Mass 10.00 a.m. *Annette Hall Int.*

### **FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>Eucharistic Adoration 5.45 – 6.15 p.m.</i>	
	Mass 6.30 p.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February Children's Mass 10.00 a.m.  
*Ned Noone RIP*

**If you need to speak with myself or Deacon Huw,  
please call me 01440 702156 or  
Deacon Huw on 07399 163718.**

**Wishing you and your families every blessing and prayers  
Fr John and Deacon Huw**