



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,  
HAVERHILL**

**OUR LORD  
JESUS CHRIST  
UNIVERSAL KING  
Youth Day**

*(Parish Mass Book page 160)*

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Psalter – Week 2

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Sheila Dooley, Mary Dooley, Christine White

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Angela Rymills, Jo Rowson, Nora Roberts

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Jose Family

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Buendia Family & Ron white

Dear Friends,

"What is truth?" Jesus tells us: "I am the way, the truth and the light"

The truth of Christ blends word and action, in perfect harmony. Truth is vitally important to him: all sham and pretence are anathema to him. To get deeper in touch with the truth demands our attention and possibly some change in our lifestyle. It needs periods of quiet, even spending some time in personal prayer. Truth cannot really mark our lives without the inspiration which comes from Christ, its source. It has to flow from prayer to life, and back into prayer again. A new commitment to the truth can give us a new vision of life and Christ the King of truth will be the one to set us free.

The best way to honour Christ our King is to work to make his kingdom a reality among us. Anything we do for the relief of the deprived and underprivileged is also a service to Christ, because he identifies himself personally with people in need. To be deaf to the cries of the neighbour in need is to close our ears to Christ. To be blind to the anguish of the dying is to shut our eyes to him. If we follow Jesus Christ as our Shepherd-king we must in some way be shepherds ourselves, for his sake.

Dcn Huw 😊

### **PARISH CONSULTATION**

As part of the ongoing Diocesan Consultation regarding the Future Pastoral Provision and Mission Strategy for our Diocese all parish communities are discussing 3 questions which Bishop Peter is asking. This is a very important process for our parish and for our Diocese.

*Copies of the questions are still available for anyone who wishes to take a copy to answer at home. Thank you to those who stayed after Mass last weekend and to everyone who has already taken a copy home. Any completed questionnaires should be returned to Fr John or Deacon Huw by Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. With thanks*



## World Youth Sunday 2024

The celebration of World Youth Sunday in England and Wales in 2024 takes place on the Feast of Christ the King, this weekend, with the theme "Let Your Kingdom Come". The theme is a focus on each line of the Our Father, and how to build the Kingdom together. **There are free copies of our Diocesan Youth Service newsletter to take home this weekend**

The celebration leads us into the Season of Advent which begins next weekend and into a time of preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025.

### THE SEASON OF ADVENT 2024

In Advent God invites us to share his goodness and love. All we must do is be alert and watch, and not miss it. Unfortunately, sometimes our world is not watchful, or alert and we miss moments when God is present to us. Sometimes we miss the call of God, we miss God at work in the poverty and struggles of the people of the world. As individuals or as a society, we wander away from God and God's values. The question is: "why?"

In these times and in the season of Advent we try to reflect and try to be watchful and alert so we can encounter God's love for each one of us. There are so many pressures and values around trying to prevent us being what God wants us to be, but in Advent we are invited to hope, to rejoice in the spirit and to love the gifts which we will receive again from the new-born Jesus at Christmas.

As Christians we are always called to be people of hope. We are called to open our eyes to the needs of others especially in this season of Advent - the season of hope, expectation, love and joy.

As we begin Advent next weekend we will bless and light our Advent wreath, reminding us of our journey ahead through the coming season and leading us to the light of the world, Jesus, born for us at Christmas.

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10.00 a.m. MASS**  
**Next Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**



**Volunteers are needed to help provide refreshments**  
after the 10 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of each month.  
The dates volunteers are needed for the first half of 2025  
are: 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> May and  
1<sup>st</sup> June.

If a couple of people or a small group could volunteer on any of  
these dates, that would be a great help.

Please speak to Angela Rymills, Fr John or Deacon Huw if you  
are able to cover one, or more, of these dates.

Thank you

**HYMNS for SUNDAY's MASS – 24.11.2024**



**683 - O Worship the King**

**608 - Take My Hands**

**714 - Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord**

**787 - Sing it in the Valleys**

*Next choir practice – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – 7.00 p.m.*

## NEW LECTIONARY FROM THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2024



A new edition of the Lectionary, the book which contains the readings which are proclaimed at Mass, will come into use in England and Wales in Advent 2024. The new edition uses the English Standard Version - Catholic Edition of the Bible for the readings, and the Abbey Psalms and Canticles for the Responsorial Psalms.

New Sunday Missals are available to be purchased from various publishers, the following might be of help

[Your New Sunday Missal | New ESV texts | 2024 | Parish Missal | Redemptorist Publications \(rpbooks.co.uk\)](#)

[Sunday Missal \(Standard Edition\) | Catholic Truth Society \(ctsbooks.org\)](#)

Also online and via an app on any smartphone is Universalis [Universalis: Mass.](#)

For the app for Apple: [iOS: registration code \(universalis.com\)](#)  
and for Android: [Android: registration \(universalis.com\)](#)

Next weekend we begin the Season of Advent and we will be using the New Lectionary at Mass.

We will no longer be using the Parish Mass books. A sheet will be available with the Sunday readings for you to use at Mass and keep if you wish to reflect further on the readings.

Mass cards are available which give the full text of the Mass and all the responses. Please use these if you wish and return them after Mass. Thank you.

We also have new Parish Hymn Books from next weekend; a revised and updated copy of the book we have been using. We should now have plenty for everyone to use at Mass!

If you have any questions, please speak to Fr John or Deacon Huw.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

We are looking for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Parishioners are invited to come forward and join our group of Eucharistic Ministers to help distribute communion in Church at both our Sunday Masses. Training will be provided.

Please speak to Fr John or Deacon Huw if you are interested.

We also need more **MINISTERS of the WORD [READERS]**

to proclaim 'the word of the Lord' to the people during Mass.

If you wish to be considered for this ministry please speak  
to Fr. John or Deacon Huw.

Training will be available



**PROCLAIM THE WORD**

***A series of talks for Readers***

Fr Adrian Graffy, Scripture scholar and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, offers a series of talks designed specifically for those who have the task of reader/lector in the Catholic liturgy. This wide-ranging series will be available on-line at [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

**Talk 1: 'He stood up to read.' (Luke 4:16)**

Beginning with texts from the New Testament, Fr Adrian surveys how the ministry of reader has developed over the centuries, culminating in the institution of lay readers after the Second Vatican Council.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November - 7 p.m.**

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD No.
24.11.24	ANGELA WILSON	1. Mary Mathew 2. David Summerville 3. ?	18

WEEKEND READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
DATE	1 <sup>st</sup> READING	2 <sup>nd</sup> READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
<b>Saturday</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	ANGELA		MURRY
<b>Sunday</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	MARITA	SUE	Sign up list In narthex
<b>Saturday</b> <b>30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	LINDA		MURRY
<b>Sunday</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	SALLY	ALICE	Sign up list In narthex

## **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS**

Towards the end of Advent the flower arranging team will prepare arrangements to decorate our church for the Christmas Season.

You may make donations for flowers using the envelopes in the blue box in the narthex and dedicate them to loved ones, both living and deceased.

*Please write on the envelope who the donation is from and to whom you wish to dedicate flowers.  
Please also remember to write RIP after the names of those who are deceased.*



[A list of dedications will be displayed on the altar steps]

*Thank you, Dave Arnold.*

## **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'.
- Please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict.
- Pray that Governments, leaders and all people will learn to reconnect with Creation and act to heal and protect the Earth, our Common Home.
- Pray for all people and lands devastated by the effects of climate change.
- Pray for people whose income is insufficient to meet their needs, Remember the work of 'REACH' and its volunteers in your prayers.
- Pray that all producers of food and commodities receive just treatment and fair recompense for their labour and products.
- Pray for migrants and refugees that they will receive the welcome and support they need from those to whom they turn for help.
- Pray for prisoners, their families and those who work with them. Remember especially all those associated with HMP Highpoint.
- Pray for children and young people. Remember especially the staff and pupils of St Felix School.
- Pray for Fr. John, Dcn, Huw, and all the people of our parish, especially those who are housebound or being cared for in care or nursing homes.

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

Remember their families and all who grieve.

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

**Peggy Lovejoy, Brigid Williams, Stanley Sloper, Francis Boyle, Ellen Guinivan,  
Thomas Ryall, Annie Cooney, Jenny Cowap, Horace Gorman, Mai McHugh,  
Garnet Conway.**

**During autumn we are asked to pray for:**

**The Harvest, Students and Teachers, Justice and Peace in the World, Prisoners and their Families, Victims of War, Home Missions, People in Poverty, Young People.**

**In November Pope Francis asks us to pray for: *Those Who Have Lost A Child***

Pray that parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.



IN NEED of 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](mailto:info@reachhaverhill.org.uk)**

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

# Christmas Shopping List

We're incredibly grateful for anything you can donate to the foodbank to help local people facing hardship this Christmastime.

<input type="checkbox"/> Tubs of chocolate	<input type="checkbox"/> Mince pies*
<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas cake*	<input type="checkbox"/> Festive savoury nibbles
<input type="checkbox"/> Sweets	<input type="checkbox"/> Yule log or Stollen
<input type="checkbox"/> Selection boxes	<b>*Please: No items containing alcohol e.g brandy</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Crackers for cheese	
<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas pudding*	
<input type="checkbox"/> Biscuits	

**NOT needed:**

<del>Beans</del>	<del>Tinned vegetables</del>
<del>Pasta</del>	<del>Tinned fish</del>
<del>Tinned meat</del>	<del>Soup</del>

**Reach** Community Projects **Haverhill Foodbank**  
Together we'll Thrive!

0800 009 6710 [info@reachhaverhill.org.uk](mailto:info@reachhaverhill.org.uk)  
[www.reachhaverhill.org.uk/christmas](http://www.reachhaverhill.org.uk/christmas)

## CAFOD WORLD GIFTS for CHRISTMAS

This Christmas, give your loved ones something exceptional and life changing.

Buying CAFOD's virtual World Gifts makes a real difference for our sisters and brothers facing the injustice of poverty around the world. Choose from a range of beautifully illustrated cards, each representing a gift of hope, inspired by real people and real needs. Cards can be sent by post, as an eCard, or printed at home. Purchase World Gifts and other gifts such as Advent calendars and jute bags at [worldgifts.cafod.org.uk](http://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk) or pick up a catalogue in church.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025



If you have a child in Year 3 or above at school, and they wish to celebrate their

### ***First Holy Communion***

in our parish next year, please collect the necessary information and a form from church.

**Please return the form to  
Fr John on/by  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024  
at the Registration Meeting  
[11.30 am]  
after the 10 a.m. Parish Mass  
at St Felix Church.**

*With thanks.*

## MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS



Please bring your box for emptying over the next couple of weeks so all monies can be banked early December. Donations can also be made via the Missio website [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk)  
Thank you all for your continuing support. Murry

## NOVEMBER IS A TIME FOR REMEMBERING AND PRAYING

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

There is a basket on the font for you to place your envelope with the names of your deceased parents, relatives, friends and all for whom you wish to pray inside, and any donation you wish to make. All these intentions will be offered at Masses throughout November.

### **Pope Francis on remembrance of the dead**

"The remembrance of the dead, the care for graves and prayers of repose are a witness of the confident hope, rooted in the certainty that death is not the final word on the human fate, since man is destined to a life without limits which has its roots and its fulfilment in God."

### **A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE**

*God, thank you for the special people in our lives whom we are remembering especially during November. We thank you for being a compassionate God who walks with us in our dark moments of grief and loneliness. We are thankful for all who continue to love and support us through our grief. Lord, continue to be a light for us, giving us hope, direction and courage. May we now live our lives treasuring the memories of those special people we have known and loved and help us to bring light and hope to others. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

### Thoughts on 'Living Simply'

Another 'thought' from: Susan V. Voght, '**BLESSED BY LESS – Clearing Your Life of Clutter by Living Lightly**', Loyola Press, 2013.

"As we seek to recognise the Divine in all of life, we humans grow in the awareness that it's not all about me. We start to see more clearly what is important and what our personal false gods may be. Our human and planetary lives need many things to survive, but the more we can free ourselves from undue attachment to things that will pass away, the deeper our happiness will be".

*From St. Therese of Lisieux*

*" Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love ".*

### **MINISTRY OF WELCOME FOR SUNDAY AND SATURDAY MASSES**



*Would you like to meet and greet Parishioners, both existing and new, as they enter the church, provide help and assistance, hand out literature to assist with the service, and give occasional assistance with collection plates (not obligatory)?*

*There is immense satisfaction in helping other Parishioners through the Ministry of Welcome. If you would like to do that?*

**Contact Michael Bradshaw – 07708 450985**

**or give your name and contact details to Fr. John, Deacon Huw or one of the Welcomers at Sunday/Saturday Mass.**

*Thank you.*

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



## CHRISTMAS AT ST FELIX

### CHRISTMAS EVE – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

Children's Mass for Christmas – 5.00 p.m.

Midnight Mass – 10.00 p.m.

Preceded by Christmas Carols – 9.30 p.m.



### CHRISTMAS DAY – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December

Mass for Christmas Day – 10.00 a.m.

*There will be NO Masses on the 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> December.*

### FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December

Masses on Saturday at 6.30 p.m. and Sunday at 10.00 a.m.

Opening of the Jubilee Year - 29<sup>th</sup> January 'Pilgrims of Hope'



### FEAST of MARY, HOLY MOTHER of GOD

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025

11.00 a.m. – Mass for Peace followed by 'Bring & Share' Lunch.

### FEAST of the EPIPHANY

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Masses on Saturday at 6.30 p.m and Sunday at 10.00 a.m.

**HAVERHILL CHURCHES TOGETHER  
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2024**

**WALKING NATIVITY**

CHURCHES TOGETHER

NOVEMBER  
30TH 2024

**LIVING  
NATIVITY**

Meet at the Old Independent Church  
at 11.15  
travel with Mary & Joseph along  
the High Street to St Mary's Church  
where there will be  
a short outside service at 12 noon.  
Followed by carols with  
Haverhill Youth and Community Band.

Free gift for  
small children

**CIVIC CAROL SERVICE**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December - 7.00 p.m.  
St Mary's Church, Haverhill**

**'LIGHT UP A LIFE' Carols with St Nicholas Hospice Care**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December - 3.00 p.m.  
St Mary's Church, Haverhill**

**PARISH FINANCES**

**Collection for the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Standing Orders	£383.00
Collection	£447.18
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£830.18</b>

**Upcoming Second Collections for 2024.**

14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> December: Diocesan Dependant Priests Fund

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

## **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 B, weekday readings Year II]*

### **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – Youth Day**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: 2.30 – 5.00 p.m - *Indian Mass & Catechism*  
6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Colin Lyons RIP*

### **Thirty-fourth Week of the Year:**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November: 10.00 a.m. Mass

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November: NO MASS TODAY  
*[Fr John at a funeral in March]*

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November: 10.00 a.m. Mass

### **FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November: 11.30 a.m - *Indian First Holy Communion*  
& Baptism  
6.30 p.m. Mass *Derek Cutler RIP*

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*  
11.30 – 12 noon – *First Holy Communion*  
*welcome meeting in Church*

## **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS**

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions on Saturday evenings from 5.45 – 6.15 p.m.**

Confessions are also available by appointment with Fr. John

**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*