



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**SECOND SUNDAY of
EASTER**

(or of DIVINE MERCY)

(Parish Mass book page 255)

Sunday 7th April 2024

Psalter – ‘Proper’

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www.stfelixchurch.org.uk

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:

Saturday 13th April – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu and Anu Anto

Saturday 20th April – Jili Jijo, Stella Melvin, Diony Jose, and Bindhu Roy,

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 7th April - Jose Family and Ron Hefford

Sunday 14th April – Buendia Family and Ron White

Dear Friends,

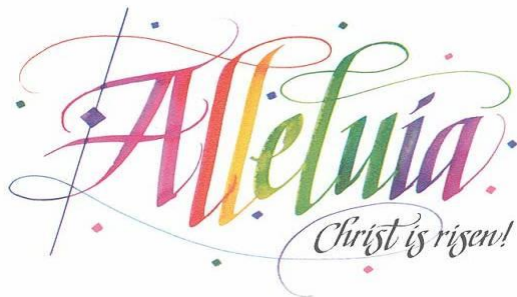
In the Gospel, John the Evangelist has put the focus on Thomas' doubt while glossing over the doubt of the other disciples. Even though Mary Magdalen had told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, all of them, except Thomas, stayed in hiding. Thomas, a practical man, might well have been out doing the shopping or even trying to verify what Mary Magdalen had claimed.

Thomas wanted assurance and evidence. He also wanted Jesus and needed personal connection to dispel his doubts. If we are honest with ourselves, we have to admit that we also hover between faith and doubt, but come down - God willing - in favour of faith. Great saints have had the same problem. While others can inspire and encourage us, they cannot give us their faith. The journey to faith in God and Jesus is ultimately personal.

In the gospel we come to understand that Mary could not experience the resurrected Jesus for the disciples, and the disciples could not experience Jesus for Thomas. Faith, shaken at times by doubt, keeps us on the path of searching for our own experience of Jesus - and we need the support of community to help us along that path.

John's Gospel spells out that the fundamentals of being a disciple of Jesus are faith and love. To grow into these is the journey of a lifetime.

Dcn Huw ☺



Fr John is away from the parish until Monday 8th April.

We welcome Fr Dick White for the weekend of Saturday 6th April and Sunday 7th April to celebrate our weekend Masses with us.

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 through our 'Intentions Book' especially for **Janet Texeira** who died recently.
- Please pray for all people impacted by the recent earthquake in Taiwan.
- Please continue to pray for peace in Gaza, Ukraine and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict.
- Pray for people and environments severely affected by climate change. Pray that nations will work together to stop and reverse this.
- 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 prisoners, their families and those who work with them. Remember especially all those associated with HMP Highpoint.
- Pray for our children preparing to celebrate their First Holy Communion in May, and their families.
- Pray for the pupils and staff 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 our local care and nursing homes.

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

Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Nellie Warden, Joseph Fennessy, John Cassidy,
Winifred Wingate-Marsh, Elizabeth Faherty.

**During Easter Time we are asked to pray for
New Members of the Church, Vocations, Survivors of Sexual Abuse, Human Work,
The Right Use of Media, The Church**

In April Pope Francis asks us to pray with him for:

The Role Of Women - Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

IN NEED of HELP?

If you are aware of anyone who is, in need of help during the 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:

0800 009 6710

info@reachhaverhill.org.uk

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

Did you know you can see our needs in real-time?
Download the FREE app via www.bankthefood.org to get regular updates of our food shortages.

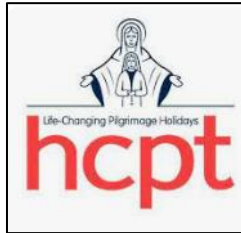
- Longlife milk
- Rice pudding
- Longlife juice
- Coffee
- Crisps

The advertisement features a photograph of a red bag of "CLASSIC VARIETY" crisps and a blue carton of "GROWER'S HARVEST" orange juice. The background is a light green gradient. At the bottom right, the Reach Community Projects logo is displayed in white.

THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 7th



*Tea, coffee or a cold drink after 10.00 a.m. Mass
Please stay for a cuppa and a chat.*



LOURDES WITH HCPT GROUP 11

Fr John joined the HCPT Easter Pilgrimage as chaplain to Group 11. He celebrated Mass and prayed for our parish in Lourdes and placed all the intentions and prayer requests at the Grotto.

Please remember Fr John, Group 11 and all who are in Lourdes with HCPT. *Thank you*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
<p><i>No Children's Liturgy during the Easter break. Next session April 21st.</i></p>			

Although they do not do justice to the work of our talented flower arranging team here are some photos of the Easter flowers in St Felix for those who have not seen them in the 'petal and leaf'.





GIFT AID ENVELOPES

As the 23/24 year is almost complete, parishioners still using Gift Aid Envelopes will be at the end of their current supply. This is a reminder that no further envelopes are being provided.

We would like to thank all parishioners who chose this option for Gift Aiding their weekly offerings over many years and hope that you will now continue to support the parish in this way and consider changing to a weekly or monthly standing order if you haven't already done so. It is very easy to set this up with your bank. Once the Standing Order has been set up, the amount can be amended at any time if required.

For every £1 given under the Gift Aid Scheme, a further 0.25p can be claimed back by the parish from HMRC at no extra cost to you. The amount recovered each year from HMRC is quite significant and helps boost the parish income.

The Parish Bank Details are:-

Account name: ST FELIX CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sort code: 60-10-21

Account number: 90018850

Payment Reference: 'Your name' and add GA after your name.

For parishioners who do not currently 'Gift Aid' their weekly offerings, please consider doing so. A Gift Aid Declaration Form must be completed. Forms can be found in the Narthex. Then set up your Standing Order as above.

If you have any questions about Gift Aid, please speak to Fr John, Deacon Huw or Annette Field (Gift Aid Officer), or you can email Annette - annette.field@sky.com

PARISH JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP MEETING

in St Felix Church on Thursday 11th April at 7.30pm.

All are welcome to come along to our meeting or to join us via Zoom online - to do so please email Fr John for the link -

[\(john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk\)](mailto:john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk)

Thank you

Women's Day of Prayer

Saturday 13 April
9:30-4:30



We will be exploring prayer and creativity as we
create our own sacred art.

Free workshop. Donations for materials welcome.

Please bring a packed lunch. Refreshments will be provided.

Contact amyharrison37@yahoo.co.uk to book your place and
receive the programme for the day.

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
135 High St, Sawston CB22 3HJ

**CIVIC SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR
MAYOR DAVE SMITH**

Sunday 14th April at 3.00 p.m.

In thanksgiving for Dave's year of service as our
Town Mayor we are hosting
the Civic Service of Thanksgiving in St Felix Church.
Dave warmly invites you all to celebrate and give thanks
with him on the 14th.

Refreshments will be available after the service.

HYMNS for SUNDAY 7th APRIL



761 - He is Lord, He is Lord.

608 - Take My Hands

84 - Come Lord Jesus Come

282 - Sing to the Mountains

PARKING FOR SUNDAY MASSES

Please do not block others in when parking in the church car park and if you are able to park away from the church and walk a little, please do so.

Parking is available in School Lane and next to the entrance to St Felix Primary School.

If parking on the roads close to church please be respectful of our neighbours and please do not block driveways or park across dropped kerbs.

Thank you



**REFLECTION TIME FOR ALL READERS
AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**– and for anyone interested in being considered to be a Reader
or Eucharistic Minister**

**NEXT SATURDAY 13TH APRIL FROM 10.45 AM TO 1.00 PM
IN ST FELIX CHURCH**

We welcome **Deacon John Morrill** to lead us in our reflection.

Later in the autumn we hope to offer a Day of Reflection for all
involved in any ministry in our parish at Clare Priory – more details will
follow.

PARISH FINANCES

HAPPY EASTER

Thank you for your very generous Easter Offering of £949.49

**£345.40 for REACH from our collection on Maundy Thursday
£209.60 for the ‘Holy Places’ from our collection on Good Friday**

£108.68 from monies for candles

Future second collections for 2024:

20th/21st April – Vocations Sunday – for the formation of priests
11th/12th May – World Communications Day – Catholic Communications Network
15th/16th June – Day for Life – Bishops’ Conference Life Charities
29th/30th June – Peter’s Pence – The Holy Father’s Charitable Works
13th/14th July – Sea Sunday – The Work of Stella Maris

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]

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Saturday 6 th April:	6.30 p.m. Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 7 th April:	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>Patrick Behan RIP</i>

Second Week of Easter:

Wednesday 10 th April:	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>Nell Halpin RIP</i>
Thursday 11 th April:	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>Private Int</i>
Friday 12 th April:	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>Bridget Smith RIP</i>

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Saturday 13 th April:	6.30 p.m. Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 14 th April:	10.00 a.m. Mass	
	3.00 p.m. CIVIC SERICE of THANKSGIVING	
		<i>for Mayor Dave Smith</i>

Items for the newsletter should be sent to

stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

**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