

**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,  
HAVERHILL**

**THE FIFTH  
SUNDAY of LENT**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Psalter – Week 1**

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Alan Kent, Mike Bradshaw, Ann O’Flanagan, Helen Burns

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April – EASTER CLEAN – Volunteers please**

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Baiju and Sonia Varghese & Ian Blythe

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Jose Family

'The only difference between a saint and a sinner is that every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future.' (from Oscar Wilde's *A Woman of No Importance*)

In today's gospel passage, the religious leaders – the 'saints' – bring a 'sinner' before Jesus. They say this woman has been caught in the act of adultery and, therefore, according to the Law of Moses, should be stoned. With a sense of moral superiority, they ask Jesus what he thinks should happen to her. The story tells us that the Scribes and Pharisees are less concerned about upholding the Law than about setting a trap for Jesus... The leaders are simply hoping to humiliate and discredit Jesus by giving him an impossible choice. If he forgives the woman, he goes against the Law of Moses. But, if he upholds the Law, he goes against his own message of compassion and forgiveness.

As he so often does, Jesus chooses to do something wholly unexpected: he takes the focus completely off the woman and her sin. When the leaders press him for an answer he utters some of his most quoted words: 'Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her'. Then, one by one, those who hear these words begin to leave.

The story may have further meaning if we shift our thinking to the question of why Jesus wrote in the sand. Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM suggests that Jesus did it to avoid looking at the Scribes and Pharisees in condemnation, choosing not to watch as each person walked away. He wanted the men to take responsibility for themselves and allowed them to walk away out of their own conviction. "Neither do I condemn you," he says to both the woman and the men.

In his peaceful yet revolutionary way, Jesus offered a 'third way' to respond to conflict, inviting us to look inward and examine our hearts. In the end, Jesus' response to the woman was quite radical. Women were treated as inferior and a sinful woman was thought to have very little worth. The religious leaders had dehumanised the woman, making her an object for debate and discussion. However, Jesus treated the woman as their social and human equal. Jesus gave the woman her humanity back. He saw her and didn't condemn her but invited her into a new way of living and being – a sinner with a future.

Jesus offers hope to all of us; sinner or saint, as well as a challenge to treat each other, and ourselves, with as much love and forgiveness as God does.

*Adapted from 'Jesus Draws the Line' an article by Captain Shelley Ward., [9.3.2024] <https://www.salvationist.org.uk/faith/devotions/jesus-draws-line>*

✠ **JOY CASSIDY, RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joy Cassidy  
who died peacefully last Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March.  
May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

As we pray for Joy, we also remember in our prayers  
Joy's grieving children and family.

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR TREVOR WEED, RIP**

You are invited to come and join with Ann and with friends of  
Trevor for a short Service of Thanksgiving  
on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 3 p.m. in St Felix Church.**  
followed by refreshments at Haverhill Rugby Club.

All are welcome to come and remember Trevor; may he rest  
in peace and rise in glory, and to pray with and for Ann.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**



**Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament takes place  
on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April  
5.30 p.m – 6.30 p.m.**

You are all welcome to come and  
spend time in prayer before the  
Blessed Sacrament.

***PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME  
DUE TO THE MAYOR'S  
THANKSGIVING SERVICE at 3 p.m.***

**PLEASE NOTE**

**There will be no 10 a.m. Mass on Tuesday or Wednesday  
this week as Fr John is away at Clare Priory for his  
monthly Ministry to Priests Group**

## **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', especially those who are ill, including Gisèle Marçhon and Linette Fernandes, and Elias Gomes, Hilda Fernandes & Dave Morgan who are receiving end of life care. Please keep praying for Pope Francis' continued recovery.
- Please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict.
- Pray for all people and lands devastated by effects of climate change.
- Pray for people caught up in the devastating earthquake in Myanmar
- 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 Fr. John, Dcn. Huw, the pupils and staff of St Felix School and all the people of our parish.

**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:**  
**Bridget Smith, Nellie Warden, Joseph Fennessy, John Cassidy**

**During Lent we are asked to pray for:**  
**Candidates for the Sacraments, the Needy and Hungry of the World,**  
**World Day of Prayer, Penitents and Wanderers**

**In April Pope Francis asks us to pray for the use of new technologies**  
Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us  
face the crises of our times.

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

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



**Items needed  
this week:**

1. Crisps
2. Rice
3. Crackers
4. Long-life milk
5. Sponge puddings

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Some Reflections to inform our thoughts and prayers on  
'Living Simply'

***A Big, Open Heart of Blessing is a Happy Heart.***

Your heart is great. It is made to bless and encourage. It has immense power-- more than you ever dreamed of. But you must take care of it. If you are always critical and complaining you become that kind of person yourself. It gets you nowhere. People avoid you. Have you noticed that so many of your thoughts and emotions are repetitive, mostly negative and self-destructive? Avoid judging, blaming, resenting, brooding - negative emotions drain your soul. Celtic wisdom and gospel guidance remind you that what you give out you get back threefold! Do you praise more than you criticise? Do you forgive more than you resent?

*From: Daniel O'Leary, 'The Happiness Habit'  
Columba Press, 2016 page 11*

**HYMNS for SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025**



**217 - Gift of Love**

**211 - Our Father We Have  
Wandered**

**849 - God Forgave My Sin in  
Jesus' Name**

**787 - Sing it in the Valley**

*Next choir practice in preparation for Lent and Easter  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 p.m. in Church*

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
5 <sup>th</sup> April	MARY MATHEW	1. David Summerville 2. Christine White 3. ?	18?

There is NO Children's Liturgy next week for Palm Sunday and over the Easter holidays.

**THE NEXT CHILDREN'S LITURGY SESSION WILL BE ON 25TH MAY,**  
after the First Communion Masses

### PARKING FOR PALM SUNDAY

On Palm Sunday we gather around the turning circle outside the main church doors, for the beginning of Mass and for our Palm Sunday Procession. There will be **NO PARKING in this area and the turning circle must be kept clear of cars.**

*Thank you for your co-operation.*

**Please remember you can park on School Lane and near St Felix School and walk across to church in a few minutes.**



Please pray for the children of our parish who are preparing to celebrate  
First Holy Communion  
in May.

## LENT, HOLY WEEK and EASTER 2025



### Stations of the Cross

During Lent Stations of the Cross will be prayed in church on **Fridays** before the 10 a.m. Mass at **9.30 a.m.** and on **Good Friday evening, 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m.**

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

During Lent there are opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Saturday 5.45 p.m to 6.15 p.m or by arrangement with Fr John.

### Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers please sign up on the list in the narthex to carry out your ministry during Holy Week and Easter.

Thank you

### Altar Servers for Holy Week and Easter

Please would all altar servers sign up for the services and Masses at which they are able to serve during Holy Week and Easter.

There is a list in the servers' sacristy. With thanks

### Refreshments after Sunday morning Mass – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April



After the 10 a.m. Mass we will be serving refreshments **provided by members of our Portuguese Community.**

All are welcome to stay and chat over a cuppa or a cold drink.



**Mayor's Thanksgiving Service – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 3 p.m.  
in St Felix Church**

Come and join with our Town Mayor and Parishioner Dave Smith to give thanks for his service as our Mayor for the past year (two years) and to welcome Civic and Ecumenical guests at a special Thanksgiving Service. All are welcome.

Refreshments will be available after the service.

**Lent Reconciliation Service**

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m. we welcome some of our local priests to celebrate our Lent Reconciliation Service with us.

Please come along and pray together and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



**Holy Week**

**Palm Sunday - 13<sup>th</sup> April** - Mass at St Felix Church

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30 p.m.

Sunday 13 April at 10 a.m.

**Tuesday of Holy Week 15<sup>th</sup> April – 11.30 a.m.**

Chrism Mass in Norwich at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist

**Wednesday of Holy Week 16<sup>th</sup> April.**

Mass in St Felix Church – 10.00 a.m.

Altar Servers' rehearsal – 6.00 p.m.

# Triduum



## **MAUNDY THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Children's Service – 3 p.m. St Felix Church.

**Mass of The Lord's Supper – 7.30 p.m., St Felix Church**

Watching until 10.30 p.m. ending with Night Prayer

## **GOOD FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Ecumenical Procession of Witness – 10 a.m.

Commencing from the Old Independent Church, Haverhill, CB9 8EE to the Market Place to join with fellow Christians in an Act of Worship

Children's Service – 12 noon St Felix Church

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3.p.m. St Felix Church**

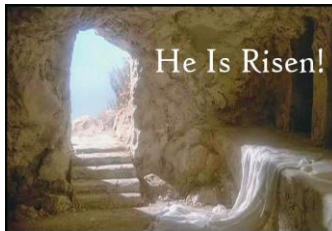
Stations of the Cross – 7.30 p.m. St Felix Church

## **Polish Easter Baskets**

*Members of our Polish Community are invited to bring Polish Easter baskets filled with symbolic foods, to St Felix Church for blessing at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening at 8 p.m. and at Mass on Easter Sunday at 10 a.m..*

## **HOLY SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

The Easter Vigil – 8 p.m. St Felix Church



## **EASTER SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Mass for Easter Sunday – 10 a.m. St Felix Church

## DONATIONS AND DEDICATIONS FOR EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation for Easter flowers and a dedication to a loved one, friend or in memory of someone, you can use the envelopes which will be in the blue box in the Narthex from Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

Dedications can be made until Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April to allow time to prepare a list of the dedications to be placed on the sanctuary for the Easter Vigil.

*Thank you, Dave Arnold*



### EASTER CHURCH CLEAN



*Many hands make light work*  
**SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL**  
*from 12 midday.*  
*Please come and help....*

# missio

Today. Tomorrow. Together.



### Missio Red Box Holders

If your Red Box needs emptying please bring it to church over the next couple of weeks so it can be returned before Easter. Donations can also be made directly via the Missio website [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk)  
Thank you for your continued support.

*Murry*



### **CAFOD MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL THIS WEEKEND**

Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets.

Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church. Every contribution, no matter how small, helps us reach more people and provide the urgent assistance they need.

You can place your donations in the basket on the font (envelopes to Gift-aid if you are able are available) or you can donate using the CAFOD button on the dona card machine.

You can also donate online at [cafod.org.uk/myanmar](https://cafod.org.uk/myanmar), or by calling 0303 303 3030, or you can text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

*Thank you in anticipation for your generosity*

**PARISH FINANCES**

**Collection for the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Standing Orders            £421.00  
 Collection                    £657.33  
**Total:                        £1078.33**

**Forthcoming Second Collections:**

17<sup>th</sup> April 2025, Maundy Thursday - REACH  
 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025, Good Friday – Holy Land Shrines  
 Collection to support the Holy Places of Palestine

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

**READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

DATE	1 <sup>st</sup> READING	2 <sup>nd</sup> READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	VIOLET	JENNA	KAREN
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	AARON	SUE	Sign up list In narthex
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April: Palm Sunday</b>	ANGELA	JO	MURRY
	Passion - LINDA		
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April: Palm Sunday</b>	MARITA	JENNA	Sign up list In narthex

**Dona Card Machine Payments**

Just a reminder that you can make the following donations to our Parish via our Dona Card Machine in the narthex: **Sunday Collection, Second Collections, CAFOD, 100 Club, Flowers, Candles, Mass Offerings, Donations.** *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

## **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 c, Weekday readings Year I]*

### **FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Patrick Behan RIP*  
**3.00 p.m. Mayor's Thanksgiving Service**  
**5.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

### **FIFTH WEEK of LENT**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April: NO MASS TODAY  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April: NO MASS TODAY  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April: 10.00 a.m. Mass  
**7.30 p.m. Reconciliation Service**  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April: 9.30 a.m. Stations of the Cross  
10.00 a.m. Mass *Cicily Anto RIP*  
**3.00 p.m. Trevor Weed Memorial Service RIP**  
5.30 p.m. Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

### **PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Stella Mesquita RIP*

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

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions  
on Saturday evenings 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*