



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**FIFTH SUNDAY
of EASTER**

Sunday 18th May 2025

Psalter – Week 1

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Sat. 24th May – Alan Kent, Mike Bradshaw, Ann O’Flanagan, Helen Burns

Saturday 31st May – Sheila Dooley, Mary Dooley, Christine white

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 18th May – Pat & PJ Sheehy and Annette Field

Sunday 25th May – Baiju & Sonia Varghese and Ian Blythe

'Love Is The Only Solution'

Love won't be real or tested unless we somehow live close to the disadvantaged, who frankly teach us that we know very little about love.... As we endeavour to put love into action, we realize that on our own, we are unable to obey Jesus' command, "Love one another as I have loved you." To love as Jesus loves, we must be connected to the Source of Love.

Over decades of serving New York City's poorest individuals, Dorothy Day (1897-1980) never lost sight of the gospel's challenging invitation to love:

'Whenever I groan within myself and think how hard it is to keep writing about love in these times of tension and strife which may at any moment become for us all a time of terror, I think to myself "What else is the world interested in?" What else do we all want, each one of us, except to love and be loved, in our families, in our work, in all our relationships. God is Love. Love casts out fear. Even the most ardent revolutionist, seeking to change the world, to overturn the tables of the money changers, is trying to make a world where it is easier for people to love, to stand in that relationship to each other. We want with all our hearts to love, to be loved. . . . It is when we love the most intensely and most humanly that we can recognise how tepid is our love for others. The keenness and intensity of love brings with it suffering, of course, but joy too because it is a foretaste of heaven.'

"When you love people, you see all the good in them, all the Christ in them. God sees Christ, His Son, in us and loves us. And so we should see Christ in others, and nothing else, and love them. There can never be enough of it. There can never be enough thinking about it. St. John of the Cross said that where there was no love, put love and you would take out love. The principle certainly works...."

Love and ever more love is the only solution to every problem that comes up. If we love each other enough, we will bear with each other's faults and burdens. If we love enough, we are going to light that fire in the hearts of others.... It is love that will make us want to do great things for each other. No sacrifice and no suffering will then seem too much.

A Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

*We pray that Pope Leo XIV
be strengthened in his ministry.
May he continue building bridges
that connect us to one another.
May he be an example of faith, hope and love.
We pray that you give him joy in his work
and a renewed fervour for your Gospel
message.
May he never lose sight of Christ
who walks before us and among us –
particularly in the most vulnerable,
the forgotten and the outcast.
Christ Jesus, bless Pope Leo XIV –
and bless us, your holy people,
as together we strive to be your Body
in our wounded world. Amen.*

Jesuits.org

DAY FOR ANYONE THINKING ABOUT A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

The Diocese is organising a short day of recollection for anyone open to the possibility of discerning a calling to the priesthood.

**Held at the parish church in Thetford
on Saturday 24th May 2025,
beginning with Mass at 10:30 a.m,**

The day is open to those at any stage of discernment, including those who may simply be curious about exploring this path.

It will include times of prayer, and input from Fr. Gregory Pearson (of the Dominicans), Fr. Christopher Smith, (Diocesan Director of Vocations) and Prof. Richard Macquire (Cathedral Heritage Officer). For more information and to express interest in attending, you are warmly encouraged to contact Fr Christopher Smith at christopher.smith@rcdea.org.uk

GLOBAL CHURCH PETITION

**CANCEL DEBT
CHOOSE HOPE**

**THE LIVES OF OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS ARE BEING
DEVASTATED BY DEBT**

54 countries - from Kenya to Sri Lanka - are facing debt distress. Many are forced to spend more on payments to big banks, wealthy nations and global institutions than they spend on health, education or life-saving climate measures. Debts are being paid at the expense of hiring doctors and teachers, building schools, hospitals and sewage systems, preparing for floods, or coping with droughts.

Often, countries have already re-paid their debts once, but due to unscrupulous lenders and extortionate interest rates, they are often left paying for the original debt many times over.

We need to cancel unfair debts, build better financial systems and implement fairer laws to prevent future debt crises. And the time to act is now! 2025 is a Jubilee year, which is when the Bible calls for debt cancellation to restore justice and human dignity. This Jubilee year, people across the world are uniting in solidarity to demand action on to the debt crisis. Pope Francis said, "More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice."

Read more at:

<https://cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt>

Members of churches around the world are being asked to sign a petition to world leaders calling for the cancellation of unfair debt and the development of fairer financial systems and just debt laws.

PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION on the table in the narthex.

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.
- 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 the people of South Sudan, particularly the students and staff of Loreto Rumbek School.
- 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.
- Please pray for Pope Leo XIV that he will always be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and speak and act with Faith, Hope and Love.

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:

William Carroll, Patrick Grimley, William Brierly

During Easter time we are asked to pray for:

New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work, The Right Use of the Media, The Church, Survivors of Sexual Abuse.

Pope Francis asked us to pray in May for working conditions.

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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.

May 2025

TOP 5 Items needed this week:

- Sponge puddings**: Image of a Tesco Syrup Sponge Pudding.
- Long-life milk**: Image of a carton of Dairy Farm's Whole Long-life UHT Milk.
- Crackers**: Image of a pack of Tesco Multigrain Crackers (170g).
- Fruit juice**: Image of a carton of Tesco Orange Juice Smoothie (1L).
- Crisps**: Image of a bag of Walkers 6 Classic Crisps.

Haverhill Foodbank **Reach** Community Projects
Together with Trussell

PARISH SACRISTANS

Fr John is looking for a few volunteers to offer to work as Sacristans each weekend at St Felix, to prepare everything for Sunday Masses; for the 6.30 p.m. Saturday evening Mass and for the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass. If you are interested in helping to be part of this important team in our parish, please speak to Fr John. Training will be given.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
THE NEXT CHILDREN'S LITURGY SESSION WILL BE ON SUNDAY 25TH MAY,			



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

Please pray for the children of
our parish, and their families,
who have just celebrated
First Holy Communion
Our final

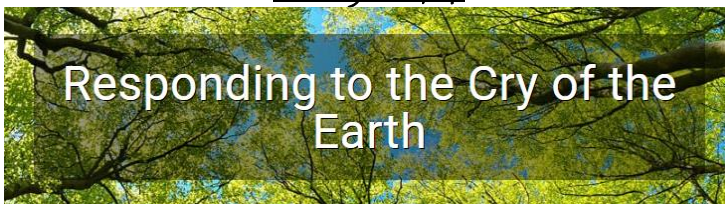
First Holy Communion Mass will
be celebrated this weekend
at 10 a.m. on Sunday 18th May

HYMNS for SUNDAY 18th MAY 2025



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

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



Responding to the Cry of the Earth

Green Christian asks 'Is this enough?'

It's often said that the basics of reducing our environmental footprint are the three Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. But is this enough? In 'Seven Rs - Respecting Creation' Green Christian challenges us with more Rs to consider....

REJOICE - in all that God has given us.

REFUSE - to believe the adverts.

REDUCE - buy less, travel less, worry less,

REUSE - avoid single-use items.

REPAIR - don't bin it, fix it.

RENT - borrow and share - ownership is over-rated

RECYCLE - as a last resort (Recycling does reduce the rate in which we use natural resources but it still uses a lot of energy for transporting and processing the items)

Complete the loop by buying products made from recycled materials

LET THE EARTH REST.

Follow the link to read more...

<https://greenchristian.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/G.C.-7-Rs-Leaflet-v10-LR-Final.pdf>

ST FELIX PARISH PROJECT 2025

*We are supporting the work and mission of
LORETO RUMBEEK SCHOOL
in South Sudan*



The Loreto Rumbek Primary School

opened in 2010 to educate children from the local community aged 6-13 years.

The school operates 2 shifts. The morning school is for 740 children and the afternoon school for a further 470 pupils.

In 2024 South Sudan was the most difficult country in the world for girls to access education. Although coeducational the Loreto Rumbek primary school prepares girls for secondary education and reserves 50% of the school places for girls. The primary school provides a daily meal for students, free health care, health education, and psychosocial support including trauma care. Loreto Rumbek also offers clubs for students to attend including sports, drama, girl child education, science & maths.

The biggest difficulty is keeping the girls in school. In South Sudan as a whole, the greatest dropout rate occurs in primary 4 (age 9) when around 50% of girls leave education. **In Loreto Rumbek School the dropout rate for girls has been less than 5% for over 10 years.**

[Find out more about the work of the primary school by following this link:

www.loretothumbek.ie/primary-school

*Our target over the next 6 months is to raise at least **£1000** to support the work of Loreto Rumbek School. This is the cost of funding a pupil in the primary school and a student in the secondary school for 1 year.*

There is a donation point in the narthex.

You can donate cash (including small change) whenever you can by placing it in the Loreto Rumbek School box.

You can also donate using the dona card machine if you prefer.

We will let you know how we are progressing towards our target.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

ST. FELIX PLANT SALE

After Masses on Saturday 31st May & Sunday 1st June

Please start preparing your plants and other garden gear.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



**Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
takes place on the first Sunday
of the month.**

4.30 p.m – 6.30 p.m.

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

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS

Sunday 18th May

Team 6
ABRAHAM and ?

Sunday 25th May

Team 1
CAROL and DAVE/BINOY

***Please swap with another counter if you are unable to
count on your week given on the rota. Thank you***

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
DATE	1 st READING	2 nd READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 17 th May	LINDA	VIOLET	ANNE
Sunday 18 th May	First Holy Communion Mass – no readers needed		Sign – up sheet in narthex
Saturday 24 th May	JO	ANGELA	MURRY
Sunday 25 th May	DAVE	ADEMIDE	Sign – up sheet in narthex

PARISH FINANCES

Collections for the weekend 10th/11th May 2025

Standing Orders: £421.00
 Collection: £585.32
 Total: £1006.32

£196 for the Diocesan Priests Training Fund
£20 for our Parish Project – Loreto Rumbek School, South Sudan
Running Total: £200.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

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
 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 EASTER

Saturday 17th May: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 18th May: 10.00 a.m. - **First Holy Communion Mass**
Joe, Stella & Jacqui Mesquita RIP

3.30 p.m. Filipino Mass

FIFTH WEEK of EASTER:

Tuesday 20th May:

Wednesday 21st May

Thursday 22nd May:

Friday 23rd May:

**There will be NO weekday
Masses this week as Fr John is
away on the Annual Clergy
Retreat.**

SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

Saturday 24th May: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 25th May: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Elias Gomes 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