

**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,  
HAVERHILL**

**FIFTH SUNDAY  
in ORDINARY TIME**  
**Day of Prayer for  
Victims of Trafficking**

**8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

*Psalter - Week 1*

**ST. FELIX CHURCH, PRINCESS WAY, HAVERHILL, CB9 9BP**

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

Tel: **01440 703775**

**Head teacher: Mrs Anne-Marie Price**

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Alan Kent, Michael Bradshaw,**

**Ann O’Flanagan, Helen Burns.**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu, Anu Anto**

**SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Buendia Family**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Jose Family & Ron White**

Dear Friends,

This week I have been thinking about potholes. They are everywhere and avoiding them can be a challenge. Hitting one can be a shock and as well as damaging for cars and people, and extremely dangerous to motor and pedal cyclists.

This is true also for the potholes of life. We try to avoid them but are not always successful and when we hit them they can be truly damaging - saints have referred to such times as experiencing a dark night of the soul.

Potholes need to be filled! For the potholes of life we can do this through living out our Christian faith in two ways. Firstly we can look after our own potholes through prayer, and action, and sharing. The sharing component allows others to help and support us and leads to the second way in which life's potholes can be filled through loving our neighbours and supporting them in their difficulties. Neighbourly love; being available to help when needed, perhaps 'just' smiling when passing by, can lift the heart of others.

It is through living out our Christian vocation, being neighbourly, that we can be salt to the earth and light to the world as Jesus tells us to be. As disciples of Jesus we should be recognised by our good works giving glory to our Father in Heaven.

Dcn. Huw ☺

### **IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE**

**Please note:**

**It is a requirement of The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency [CSSA], which is our churches national safeguarding organisation, that children who need to use the toilet while in church must always be accompanied by an adult.**

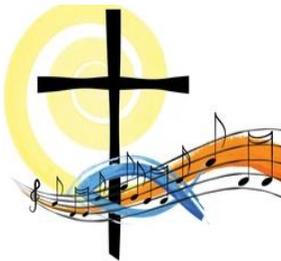
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**CAR PARKING AT ST FELIX CHURCH**  
**FOR SUNDAY MASS**

When parking for Sunday Mass please do not:  
block other cars in the car park,  
or the access from the road to the church,  
or the turning circle directly outside the church doors.  
These areas are needed to allow access to the church in case  
of an emergency.

There are 34 parking spaces and 2 disabled parking spaces,  
so a total of 36 parking spaces in the church car park.  
Once these car park spaces are full please park in the roads  
around the church (making sure not to block our neighbours'  
drives) or on School Lane and in the parking area outside  
St Felix School (5-10 minute walk away from church).

**VOLUNTEER CAR PARK MARSHALLS NEEDED:**  
on Sunday mornings from 9.30 a.m.  
If you are willing to volunteer to help with parking at church on a  
Sunday morning please speak to Fr John or Deacon Huw as  
soon as possible. Thank you.

**HYMNS FOR SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**



**883 - Christ Be Our Light**

**608 - Take My Hands**

**820 - Seek Ye First**

**854 - Brina Forth the Kinadom**

*Choir practise - Tuesday 10th February, 7.00 p.m.*

**LOCATION TO BE CONFIRMED**

## MODERN SLAVERY

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**MODERN SLAVERY**

**"THE ACT OF RESCUING SOMEONE FROM  
SLAVERY... IS SEEN AS AN EXTENSION OF  
CHRIST'S REDEMPITIVE SACRIFICE"**

POPE LEO XIV: DILEXI TE

RESCUE  
ACT  
CONTACT

LEAFLET  
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OR SEARCH RCDEA SLAVERY

This Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, we pray for the VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING AND SLAVERY and for their rescue. February 8<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of St Josephine Bahkita, a Sudanese woman who was kidnapped as a child, sold into slavery, abused and tortured but eventually freed and after converting to Catholicism she became a nun in Italy. She was canonised by Pope St John Paul II in 2000 and is the patron saint of victims of trafficking and modern slavery,

The number of enslaved souls currently estimated to be living all around East Anglia is 5,000. Pope Francis wanted us to "find" enslaved people. That means learning to spot the signs and safely report any concerns to the Modern Slavery Helpline 08000 121 700. The group of Diocesan Freedom Watchers is looking for your help in a number of ways. Contact [john\\_simong@hotmail.com](mailto:john_simong@hotmail.com) Search "RCDEA slavery" to learn more, and how you can help. All you need is a desire to end slavery.  
<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/caritas-east-anglia/modern-slavery/>

## **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'. Particularly remember those who are ill and those caring for them.
- Please continue to pray for lasting peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict.
- Pray for people living in any form of poverty. Remember the work of REACH and everyone associated in any way.
- Pray for all people and lands devastated by effects of climate change. Pray that everyone will do what they can to protect & nurture Creation.
- 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 just and compassionate help.
- 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 First Holy Communion and our young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, and their families.
- Pray for Fr. John, Dcn. Huw, the people of our parish, particularly those in care and nursing homes, and the staff and pupils of St Felix School.

**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 Barry, Anne-Marie Sheard, Rosa Jack, Frank Everett,  
Fr. Michael Teader, Joseph Arastey, Mary Parker, Henry Hancox,  
Michael Waters, June Bidwell, Patrick O'Flanagan.**

**During Winter up to Lent we are asked to pray for:**

**Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, Openness to the Word of God, Racial Justice, Victims of Trafficking, People who are Sick and Those Who Care for Them and People Who are Unemployed.**

**Pope Leo asks us to join him in February in prayer**

**for children with incurable diseases.**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



Title: *A CONCERT FOR REACH*  
Date: *THURSDAY THE 30TH OF APRIL 2026*  
Venue: *HAVERHILL ARTS CENTRE,  
High Street, Haverhill, CB9 8AR*  
Time: *7.30 p.m.*  
Tickets: *£15.00*

Tickets are available through the Haverhill Arts Centre website:  
<https://haverhillartscentre.co.uk/performance/a-concert-for-reach/>

or by phoning: **01440 714140** or going to the Arts Centre.  
**ALL PROCEEDS TO REACH**

**EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT**



**FIRST SUNDAY of the MONTH**

**4.30 – 6.30 p.m.**

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

## **NEW LED LIGHTING IN CHURCH**

Following the successful installation of new LED lighting outside the church and in the narthex, round the font and to light the baptismal artwork, and in the meeting room, reconciliation room, toilets, kitchen, sacristies and flower/cleaning room; the final stage takes place for the main church.

This will begin on:

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February until Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February.**

The church will be closed for this time and no access will be allowed due to scaffolding being erected in church to allow for high level work to be carried out.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**There will be NO 10 a.m. weekday Masses on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February due to the electrical work taking place in church this week.**

## READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

DATE	1 <sup>st</sup> READING	2 <sup>nd</sup> READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	JENNA	KAREN	MURRY
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	SALLY	RAYMOND	Sign – up sheet in narthex
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	ANGELA	LINDA	KAREN
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	MARITA	JENNA	Sign-up sheet In narthex

## **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

On Saturday afternoon our children preparing for their First Holy Communion celebrated their First Reconciliation.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers as they continue their preparation.

**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.

February 2026

**TOP 5** Items needed this week:

- Coffee: Nescafe instant coffee jar
- Tea: Tetley Original tea packet
- Crackers: Tesco Multigrain Crackers 170g pack
- Tinned Vegetables: Tesco Mixed Steamers in Wholesome Sauce
- Noodles: Tesco Instant Noodles Curry

Haverhill Foodbank Reach Community Projects  
Together with Trussell

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	ANGELA WILSON	1. Christine White 2. ? 3. ?	?

Children's Liturgy is for children in Reception Class and Years 1, 2 and 3 so they can hear the Word of God adapted to their age group. Younger children and/or those with additional needs are welcome to attend with an adult. Children who have made their First Holy Communion should not attend Children's Liturgy but stay to hear the Liturgy of the Word in church.

We are always looking for more adult helpers. If you would like to assist us please speak to Fr. John or Angela Wilson.

*Thank you. Angela Wilson.*

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

**BREAKING THROUGH**

Too often I decide what my life should be  
and whether there is room in it for You,  
while You sit in a deeper place within me,  
wondering what it will take for me to make more  
of all the things in my life - the good and the bad –  
and so learn to break through to find You in all that is  
and let You take form in me in all that I was and am and will be.

*Meister Eckhart's Book of the Heart: Meditations for the Restless Soul  
by Jon Sweeney & Mark Burrows, 2017 p.17*

## ST FELIX DAY QUIZ NIGHT

To celebrate our parish and school patron saint,  
Saint Felix of Dunwich,  
whose feast day is on March 8<sup>th</sup>  
you are invited to come to:



ST. FELIX DAY FOR QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

KEDINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

CB9 7QQ

7.00 for 7.30 start.

**ONLY £3.00 PER PERSON**

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS

Please sign up your team (with numbers) -  
teams of six, on the form in the Narthex;  
or come along and make up a team on the night.

## LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2026



In just over a week, on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February, we will begin Lent with our celebration of Ash Wednesday. There will be 40 days of Lent ahead of us leading us to the most sacred and faith filled days of the year; **the Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil**, to take us from Lent into the Season of Easter to celebrate the Risen Jesus.

As we prepare to pray together through Lent we remember everyone in our parish community. We pray for our wider community and particularly for peace for many in our world. We pray especially for peace in the Middle East and the Holy Land, in Ukraine, and in many places around our world where there is conflict and violence. May our journey together through Lent strengthen our faith and deepen our hope as we prepare to rejoice together in the risen Jesus at Easter.

### ASH WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Mass in St Felix Church  
will be celebrated at 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

### CHOIR PRACTICES

Our choir sings at the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass and you are welcome to join them.

On Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in church, our choir will be rehearsing the music for the Seasons of Lent and Easter. You are welcome to come along to learn some new, and practice some well-known, music and hymns for these special celebrations.

### **'WALK WITH ME' LENT BOOKLET**

Copies of '*Walk with me*' for Lent are available for a donation in the Narthex, they have an introduction from Bishop Peter and provide a simple reflection for each day of Lent. Please pick up a copy ready for Lent

### **LENT HOUSE MASSES**

This Lent you can offer to host one of our weekly Lent House Masses. Mass will be celebrated at 7.30 p.m. If you are able to offer your home to welcome people to come to celebrate with you on one of the following dates, please speak to Fr John as soon as possible.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February,  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March,  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March,  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March,  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.**

*Thank you*

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

During Lent Stations of the Cross will be prayed in church on Fridays at 9.30 a.m. before the 10 a.m. Mass and on Good Friday evening - 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30 p.m.  
Everyone is welcome to come along.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR LENT**

During Lent our Children's Liturgy Group will help our children to prepare for Easter during our 10 a.m. Sunday Masses.

### **CAFOD LENT FAST DAY - FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

We pray with CAFOD and their partners around the world today. Envelopes will be available from the Narthex for your CAFOD Lent Fast Day donations.

The collection CAFOD Lent Fast Day donations will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February & Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March at Mass.

### **CHILDREN'S MASS FOR LENT – SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 10 a.m.**

All are welcome to come and pray with our children and their families at our Children's Mass for Lent

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Focus country – NIGERIA

Theme – *'I Will Give You Rest: Come'*

Details of service; location & time, to follow

**PARISH FEAST DAY OF ST FELIX – 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Come and celebrate our Parish Saint over the weekend of  
**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March at our Sunday Masses**

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS**  
**SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**to celebrate our Parish and School Feast Day of St Felix.**  
Our Filipino Community will be providing refreshments after Mass.  
All are welcome to stay for a chat, drink and a snack.

**DEANERY STATION MASS – TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH. 7.00 P.M.**

Bishop Peter will celebrate our Deanery Station Mass  
in the Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Etheldreda,  
14 Exeter Road, Newmarket CB8 8LT

Adoration and Confessions will be available from 6 p.m.  
Refreshments will be available after Mass.

All are welcome to come and celebrate together with clergy and  
parishioners from across our Deanery.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

During Lent there will be an opportunity to celebrate the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
each Saturday from 5.45 p.m to 6.15 p.m  
or by arrangement with Fr John.

**LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

**THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 7.30 P.M.**

We welcome some of our local priests  
to celebrate our Lent Reconciliation Service with us.

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

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2026

### **PALM SUNDAY – 28<sup>TH</sup>/29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

*(Please note that the clocks will move forward 1 hour to move us to British Summer Time at 1am on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March)*

Mass at St Felix Church – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30 p.m.

Mass at St Felix Church – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00 a.m.

### **TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**

Chrism Mass – 11.30 a.m.  
in St John's Cathedral, Norwich

### **WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL**

Mass at St Felix Church – 10.00 a.m.

## Triduum



### **MAUNDY THURSDAY – 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL**

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

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – 7.30 p.m.** in St. Felix Church.

Watching until 10.30pm ending with Night Prayer.

### **GOOD FRIDAY – 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL**

*Ecumenical Procession of Witness – 10.00 a.m.*

*From the Old Independent Church, Hamlet Road, CB9 8EE*

*to the Market Square to join with fellow Christians for an*

*Act of Worship in Haverhill.*

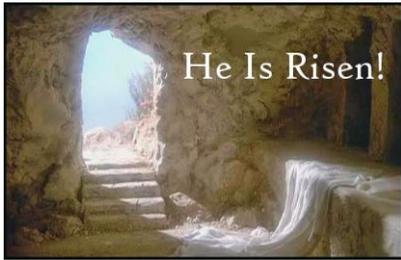
*Children's Service for Good Friday – 12 noon in St Felix Church*

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION – 3.00 p.m.** in St Felix Church

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

### **HOLY SATURDAY – 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**THE EASTER VIGIL – 8.00 p.m** in St Felix Church



**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**MASS FOR EASTER SUNDAY**  
**10.00 a.m**  
**in St Felix Church**

**PARISH FINANCES**

**Collection for the weekend 31<sup>st</sup> January/1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**

Standing Orders: £421.00  
Collection: £576.50  
Total: £997.50

**Upcoming Special and Second Collections**

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February  
(Collection on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February / Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March)

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

**JANUARY 100 CLUB WINNERS**



1<sup>st</sup> prize £150 - **CORNELIUS SHANAHAN** [19]  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize £100 - **BRENDAN GRACE** [100]

Items for the newsletter should be sent to  
[stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk)  
**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 A, Weekday readings Year II]*

### **FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME** - DAY of PRAYER for VICTIMS of TRAFFICKING

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February: 6.30 p.m. Mass *FR MICHAEL TEADER RIP*  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

### **Fifth Week of the Year**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February: **NO MASS TODAY**  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February: **NO MASS TODAY**  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February: **NO MASS TODAY**  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Patrick Hastings RIP*

### **SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Private Int.*  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

## **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*