

I am the way,  
the truth,  
and the life.

- John 14:6

**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,  
HAVERHILL**

**FIFTH SUNDAY  
of EASTER**

**3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2026**

*Psalter - Week 1*

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**CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Sheila Dooley, Mary Dooley, Christine White,  
Angela Rymills, Nora Roberts, Jo Rowson.**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu, Anu Anto**

**SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Sonia & Baiju Varghese and Ian Blythe**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Buendia Family**

## **A REFLECTION BY FR. ADRIAN GRAFFY FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)**

The account of the last evening of Jesus with his disciples in the Gospel of John includes several speeches, punctuated from time to time by interventions of the disciples. It is most appropriate that these passages are read during the second half of the Easter season as we approach the feast of the Ascension and the return of Jesus to the Father. Jesus' first words in today's passage are words of reassurance which contrast strongly with his earlier prediction of Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial.

Thomas asks about the way to the place where Jesus is going. 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,' says Jesus. The words of Jesus in John's gospel constantly underline that in him truth and life are to be found. Philip, on the other hand, is impatient to see the Father. Jesus' reply echoes the constant teaching of this gospel that 'the only Son has made God known' (John 1:18). Both the answer to our searching and the satisfaction of our longing are found in Christ. To know Jesus is to know the Father. To see Jesus is to see the Father.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES 2026**



Please pray for the children of our parish, and their families, who are celebrating First Holy Communion this year.

**Our First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated at  
10 a.m. on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May.**

**EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT**



**THIS SUNDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY  
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.**

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

**We are approaching the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Pope Leo XIV's election.  
8<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

He expressed the following thoughts about his ministry in his homily during the celebration of Mass...

‘FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE PONTIFICATE OF POPE LEO XIV’

‘In this our time, we still see too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth’s resources and marginalises the poorest. For our part, we want to be a small leaven of unity, communion and fraternity within the world. We want to say to the world, with humility and joy: Look to Christ! Come closer to him! Welcome his word that enlightens and consoles! Listen to his offer of love and become his one family: *in the one Christ, we are one*. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of good will, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!’

‘Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the Gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters.’


‘Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another.’

*St Peter’s Square, Rome  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter, Sunday 128<sup>th</sup> May 2025*

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
DATE	1 <sup>st</sup> READING	2 <sup>nd</sup> READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	JENNA	ANGELA	MURRY
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	ASWIN	ASIN	Sign-up sheet in narthex
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	KAREN	LINDA	ANGELA
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS		Sign-up sheet in narthex

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS	
<b>Sunday</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Team 2 SUE and DAVE
<b>Sunday</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Team 3 HELEN and RAYMOND
<i>Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. Thank you</i>	

**HYMNS - SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2026**



**475 - Gather Us In**

**971 - Father I Place Into Your Hands**

**620 - Lord How Can I Repay**

**854 - Bring Forth the Kingdom**

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY**



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Mary Mathew</b>	1. Nnenna Ezugwu 2. Christine White 3.	18
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b><i>NB</i></b> <i>No Children’s Liturgy – First Holy Communion celebrations</i>		

**POLLING STATION ON THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**

Our Church of St Felix is used as a Polling Station and will be closed on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026. The election on 7<sup>th</sup> May is for seats on Suffolk County Council.

**The church will only be open for people to vote and access to the church is not possible on this day.**

Therefore, there will be no 10 a.m. Mass at St Felix on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Thank you.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**There is no 10 a.m. weekday Mass on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May as Fr John is away**



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EAST ANGLIA

# WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

4TH OF MAY 2026 | MONDAY  
FEAST OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS



## DIocese of East Anglia PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

This year's Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on  
**Bank Holiday Monday,**  
**4th May 2026.**

The Pilgrimage will start at The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Houghton St Giles, Walsingham, Norfolk, NR22 6AL.

The timetable for the day is as follows:

10.30am Arrival of Pilgrims

10.30am – 11.30am  
Confessions available

11.30am Welcome and  
Reception of Banners

**12noon Pilgrim Mass**  
**celebrated by Bishop Peter**

2.15pm Procession from the Shrine to the village (about a mile and a quarter) to the Abbey Grounds

3.45pm Prayers and  
Benediction in Abbey Grounds

4.30pm Departure of Pilgrims

*All are welcome to come along*

## **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 or have health concerns.
- Please continue to pray for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and everywhere in the world affected by war conflict.
- Pray for people living in any form of poverty. Remember the work of REACH and everyone associated with it.
- Pray for 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 that migrants and refugees 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 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 those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

**Victor Smith, Eileen McClellan, Michael Clifford, Julia O'Farrell, James Rawcliffe, Thomas Brennan, Joan Matthews, Leslie Dourado, Josephine Sims, Zygmunt Borowy, Louisa Waters, Howard Forshaw, Verinica Watts, Catherine Bates, Abigail Sheppard, Thomas Faherty.**

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

**New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work,  
The Right Use of the Media, The Church**

**Pope Leo asks us to join him in prayer in May that everyone might have food.** Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

## RED BOXES 2025: 'THANK YOU'

**missio**  
Today. Tomorrow. Together.



In 2025 St Felix parishioners raised **£999.18** through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you!

Our missionary community here at St Felix is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Communities around the world are being supported by missionaries like the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, who feature on this year's Red Boxes 'Thank You' Poster. These communities rely on your support so they can continue to flourish.

Visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) to find out more.

*Murry*

## DONA CARD MACHINE PAYMENTS

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

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

**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.

A graphic showing a spiral-bound notebook with a "Foodbank Shopping List" written on it. The list includes: Tinned hot dogs, Tinned Spam, Tinned Fray Bentos pies, Tinned corn beef, and Tinned stewing steak. In the top right corner of the notebook page is the Haverhill Foodbank logo, which includes a green circular icon and the text "Haverhill Foodbank Together with Trussell". In the bottom right corner of the graphic is a smartphone displaying the bank the food app interface.

**Foodbank Shopping List**

- Tinned hot dogs
- Tinned Spam
- Tinned Fray Bentos pies
- Tinned corn beef
- Tinned stewing steak

**Haverhill Foodbank**  
Together with Trussell

**NOW YOU CAN SEE OUR NEEDS IN REAL-TIME**  
Download the **FREE** app via [www.bankthefood.org](http://www.bankthefood.org)  
to get regular updates of our food shortages.

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

'Living simply means making choices that prioritize God and each other over the clutter of worldly desires. Perhaps we often find ourselves caught up in the complexity of life, chasing after things that don't truly bring us joy. The simplicity that Jesus calls us to is liberating. It invites us to focus on what's truly important: relationships, community, generosity, and our connection with God.'

*From: biblestudyforyou.com*

'Lord,  
everything in my life can be a teaching  
and a means of coming closer to you.  
Give me the confidence and the hope  
that whatever I encounter  
brings me closer to your will and love.'

*From: God Awaits You: Based on the Classic Spirituality of  
Meister Eckhart. Ave Maria Press, 2004 p94.*

**PENNIES FOR PEACE**



Got small change in your pocket, purse or wallet? Want to make good use of those 1p, 2p and 5p coins that are tricky to spend elsewhere?

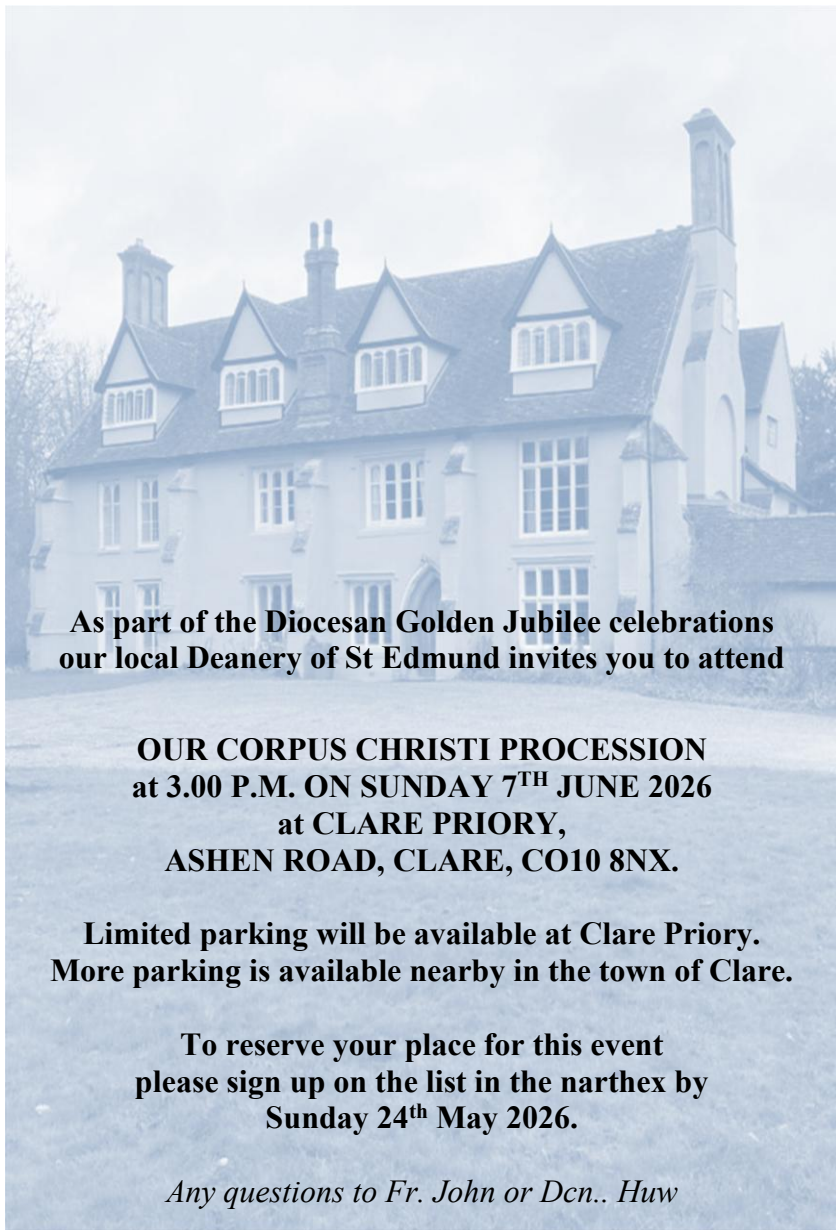
Please think of our

***PENNIES FOR PEACE JAR***

in the narthex and put your change there.

By collecting our loose change together we can accumulate a significant amount [usually in excess of £100] to donate to the work of **PAX CHRISTI,**  
**The International Catholic Movement for Peace**

**DIOCESAN GOLDEN JUBILEE**  
**DEANERY CELEBRATION AT CLARE PRIORY.**



**As part of the Diocesan Golden Jubilee celebrations  
our local Deanery of St Edmund invites you to attend**

**OUR CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION  
at 3.00 P.M. ON SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026  
at CLARE PRIORY,  
ASHEN ROAD, CLARE, CO10 8NX.**

**Limited parking will be available at Clare Priory.  
More parking is available nearby in the town of Clare.**

**To reserve your place for this event  
please sign up on the list in the narthex by  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

*Any questions to Fr. John or Dcn.. Huw*

## ST FELIX 2026 PLANT SALE



This is an early warning message for those who are getting plants ready for sale... and those wanting to buy so they can start planning and preparing...

*More information later.*

### RECEIVING ST FELIX NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL

You can help our parish live more sustainably and use less ink and paper, by receiving the parish newsletter electronically. If you are able to do this please send a message to Linda on [linda.pector@gmail.com](mailto:linda.pector@gmail.com)

If you have changed your email and wish to continue receiving the newsletter please let me have your current e-address.

**Alternatively if you receive the newsletter by e-mail but wish to stop, also please let Linda know.**

Some paper newsletters will continue to be produced for those people who cannot, or do not wish to, receive them electronically.

## PARISH FINANCES

### **Collection for the weekend 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Standing Orders:	£421.00
Collection:	£574.86
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£995.86</b>

Total for Vocations Sunday collection for Diocesan Priests Training Fund will be published next weekend

### **Forthcoming Second and Special Collections:**

16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> May – World Communications Sunday –  
for the Catholic Communications Network,  
20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> June – Day for Life – Bishops’ Conference Life Charities,  
27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> June – Peter’s Pence – The Holy Father’s Charitable works,  
11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> July – Sea Sunday – the Work of Stella Maris

## 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.**

## REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10 a.m. MASS, SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY

Refreshments this Sunday will be provided by members of our African community.

Please stay after Mass to share some Refreshments and to chat with your fellow parishioners.

All welcome.



## **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 OF EASTER:**

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May:	6.30 p.m. Mass	<i>Michael Clifford RIP</i>
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May:	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

### **Fifth week of Easter**

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May:	NO MASS TODAY	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May:	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>Souwmya RIP</i>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May:	NO MASS TODAY	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May:	[1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary of Pope Leo's election] 10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>Jerome RIP</i>

### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:**

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May:	6.30 p.m. Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May:	10.00 a.m. <b>First Holy Communion Mass</b>	

## **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*