



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**FIRST SUNDAY
of LENT**

22nd February 2026

Psalter - Week 1

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 28th February – Jili Jijo, Diony Jose, Bindhu Roy

**Saturday 7th March – Sherin Cijo, Saji Abraham, Sheena Jestine,
Juvana Mariya Jestine, Josh Cijo.**

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 22nd February – Pat and PJ Sheehy & Annette Field

Sunday 1st March -

A reflection by Fr. Adrian Graffy on this Sunday's Gospel from Matthew 4 v. 1-11

It is fitting that the gospel for this first Sunday of Lent speaks of the forty days of Jesus in the desert, which inspired the Christian Lent.

The evangelist Matthew elaborates the fundamental tradition found in Mark, that Jesus was tested by the devil. There is a catechesis here about sin, and its insidiousness. The devil attacks Jesus in his time of weakness, as he suffers the hunger of forty days' fasting. He then abuses the human craving for recognition and praise, urging Jesus to do something spectacular to show he is better than others. To add strength to this temptation the devil also uses Scripture, but this temptation also fails. The final temptation is about power, and the compromise needed to obtain it.

Jesus does not dialogue with Satan, but simply quotes from the Scriptures. The power of God's word prevails.

✠ MGR. PETER LEEMING RIP

Please pray for Mgr. Peter Leeming who died peacefully last week at Montana Care Home in Great Barton. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Mgr. Peter served our Diocese for 49 years and retired from St Mary's in Thetford after many years of service to many parish communities across our Diocese, and especially serving our school communities for many years.

Please remember Peter in your prayers and all his brother priests, and many friends, at this time. Details for Mgr. Peter's funeral will be published when they are known.

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.

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.

LENT CHALLENGE

HOW ABOUT GIVING UP PLASTIC FOR LENT?

...Well, some of it at least...

The results of the 2024 *'The Big Plastic Count'* show that:

- UK households throw away an estimated 1.7 billion pieces of plastic a week – that's 90 billion pieces a year.
- The UK tops the chart for plastic waste per person – second only to the USA!

During this Lenten season of challenge, reflection, reconciliation and prayer let us each take action to reduce the plastic waste we produce to show our love and gratitude for the gift of our earth, and to protect and sustain our common home and all life that shares it.

Some practical suggestions; please share yours...

- ✓ Stop buying drinks in disposable cups and plastic bottles.
Take drinks with you by using a travel mug or reusable water bottle.
- ✓ Always bring your own bags for shopping. Refuse offered plastic bags in shops
- ✓ Buy loose fruit, salad and vegetables as often as possible.
- ✓ Use non-plastic containers for food - lunches, left-overs, freezing, storage, take-out, travelling....
- ✓ Support refill shops
- ✓ Buy liquids in largest sizes and then refill your empty bottle as needed.
- ✓ Use bar soap instead of liquid hand soap.
- ✓ When you need to replace plastic household items try to get a non-plastic alternative eg glass, metal, wood, bamboo.
- ✓ Donate to and purchase from charity shops.
- ✓ Buy clothing made from natural fibres.

**The 2026 Big Plastic Count takes place on 9th-15th March.
If you want to help gather important evidence on the true scale of the plastic problem in the UK you can sign up at**

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/>

Parish J&P 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'. 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:

**Daniel McAleese, Colum Killian, Ronald Matthews, Enid Matthews,
Trevor Weed, Sheila Rowley, Elizabeth Poole,**

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**

**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.

**Tickets going fast -
Get yours now**



**A CONCERT FOR
REACH**

Date: *THURSDAY 30TH APRIL 2026*
Venue: *HAVERHILL ARTS CENTRE, CB9 8AR*
Time: *7.30 p.m.*
Tickets: *£15.00*

Tickets are available through 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**

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS	
Sunday 22nd February	Team 4 RACHEL and IAN
Sunday 1st March	Team 5 MALCOLM and MARIA
<i>Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. Thank you</i>	

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2026



199 - Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

609 - In Bread We Bring You Lord

720 - Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

785 - Though the Mountains May Fall

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
DATE	1st READING	2nd READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 21 st February	ASIN		KAREN
Sunday 22 nd February	ALICE	ADEMIDE	Sign – up sheet in narthex
Saturday 28 th February	JO	VIOLET	MURRY
Sunday 1 st March	Children’s Mass - no readers needed		Sign-up sheet In narthex

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Sunday 15 th and 22 nd February	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY DURING HALF-TERM		

PLEASE NOTE
There will be **NO 10 a.m. weekday Masses on Tuesday 24th or Wednesday 25th February** as Fr John is away at Clare Priory for his monthly Ministry to Priests Meeting.
Also **NO Mass on Friday 27th February** as Fr John is attending a funeral in Ipswich
(Please note **there will be Stations of the Cross at 9.30 a.m. on Friday 27th February.**)

St Felix's parish Haverhill gains the Live Simply Award.



St Felix's church in Haverhill has become the seventh parish in East Anglia Diocese to receive the Live Simply award. Supported by the Bishops of England and Wales and run by CAFOD, the award enables Catholic parishes and schools to respond to – what *Laudato Si* describes as the 'cry of the earth and the cry of the poor'. This is achieved through living simply, sustainably and in solidarity with others.

Jane Crone from CAFOD in East Anglia presented the award to the parish during Mass on Sunday 1 February. She thanked the Justice and Peace group for their hard work and leadership and described a few of the initiatives which led to the award.

To live simply the parish celebrate the annual Season of Creation and pray for their global neighbours living in poverty or suffering from the effects of war or injustice. Using low energy light bulbs and recycling as much as possible allows the community to live more sustainably. To live in solidarity with the poor the parish supports local charities, such as Reach and charities reaching further afield, such as CAFOD and the Loreto School in Rumbek South Sudan.

Jane concluded by saying that the award was well earned and that she looks forward to hearing what comes next in St Felix's Live Simply journey.

ST FELIX DAY QUIZ NIGHT

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



ST. FELIX DAY FOR QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 6TH 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



CHOIR PRACTICES

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.

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 4th March,
Wednesday 11th March,
Wednesday 18th March,
Wednesday 25th 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 - 3rd 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.

CHILDREN'S MASS FOR LENT – SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 10 a.m.

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

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY - FRIDAY 27TH 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 of CAFOD Lent Fast Day donations will be on
Saturday 28th February & Sunday 1st March at Mass.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

Focus country – NIGERIA

Theme – *‘I Will Give You Rest: Come’*

Service; St Mary’s Church, Haverhill, 12 noon.

PARISH FEAST DAY OF ST FELIX – 8TH MARCH

Come and celebrate our Parish Saint over the weekend of
7th & 8th March at our Sunday Masses

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS
SUNDAY 8TH 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 10TH 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 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 26TH 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 – 28TH/29TH MARCH

*(Please note that the clocks will move forward 1 hour to move us to
British Summer Time at 1a.m on Sunday 29th March)*

Mass at St Felix Church – Saturday 28th March, 6.30 p.m

Mass at St Felix Church – Sunday 29th March, 10.00 a.m

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - 31ST MARCH

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

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - 1ST APRIL

Mass at St Felix Church – 10.00 a.m

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 2ND 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 – 3RD APRIL



*Ecumenical Procession of Witness – 10.00 a.m.
From the Old Independent Church, Hamlet Road, CB9 8EE
to the Market Square joining 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 – 4TH APRIL



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

EASTER SUNDAY – 5TH APRIL



MASS FOR EASTER SUNDAY
10.00 a.m.
In St. Felix Church

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

From: **The Augustinians in Britain**, 'Augustine on Lent'

It is hard to find Christ in crowded places.
We need solitude.
If your heart is attentive,
God allows himself to be seen.
In the crowd you will find noise,
In the silence you find God.
Enter into yourself,
leave all noise and confusion.
God speaks to us in the great silence of the heart.

<https://theaugustinians.org/augustine-on/augustine-on-lent>

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 14th/15th February 2026

Standing Orders:	£421.00
Collection:	£581.70
Total:	£1002.70

Upcoming Special and Second Collections

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

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

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.**

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]

FIRST SUNDAY of LENT

Saturday 21st February: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Thanksgiving-
Sandra birthday*

Sunday 22nd February: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

First Week of Lent

Tuesday 24th February: **NO MASS TODAY**

Wednesday 25th February: **NO MASS TODAY**

Thursday 26th February: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Peter Farragher RIP
Martin Joe RIP*

Friday 27th February: **CaFOD Lent Family Fast Day.**
9.30 a.m. Stations of the Cross.
NO MASS TODAY

SECOND SUNDAY of LENT

Saturday 28th February: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Trevor Weed RIP*

Sunday 1st March: **10.00 a.m. Children's Mass for Lent**
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