



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**THIRD SUNDAY
of LENT**

(Parish Mass book page 154)

Sunday 3rd March 2024

Psalter – Week 3

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:

Saturday 9th March – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu and Anu Anto

Saturday 16th March – Jili Jijo, Stella Melvin, Diony Jose and Bindhu Roy

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 3rd March – Baiju & Sonia Varghese and Ian Blythe

Sunday 10th March – Jose Family and Ron Hefford

A REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL – John 2:13-25

By Fr. Adrian Graffy

One of the features of the Gospel of John is that Jesus is frequently to be found in Jerusalem. The story about the 'cleansing of the temple' is placed by this evangelist at the start of Jesus' ministry, while in the other gospels it comes as a trigger for Jesus' arrest. The dialogue with the Jews about 'the sanctuary that was his body' is only found in John's gospel.

Jesus comes to bring a new age, a new time, a new form of worship. He is the Word among us. He reveals the way to God. It is not therefore surprising that when Jesus causes disruption in the temple the conversation shifts to the significance of the temple, and to the significance of his coming.

Jesus speaks in terms which are not immediately clear. Later, after his death and resurrection, the full import of his words will be apparent. Just as the temple is soon to be destroyed, so too the body of Jesus will be brought to death. But the future lies in the new life of the resurrection. Despite this enigma the evangelist tells us that many in Jerusalem came to believe in Jesus' name. From the start his words and person attracted those with the courage to see and understand.

THANK YOU

Ann O'Flanagan & family would like to thank everyone who kindly made donations in memory of Patrick to benefit

Ward R2 Critical Stroke Unit at Addenbrookes hospital.

Over £2000 was raised & we are very grateful for your generosity

Items for the newsletter should be sent to
stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com
by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

PARISH MINISTRY

Within our parish we have many people who serve us in many ways, and we are truly grateful for their time, energy and commitment to serving our parish family. Thank you. Over the coming months there will be opportunity to celebrate with those who serve us.

Invite to our Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:

Thank you for signing up for the dates you are able to attend for a time of reflection and some renewed practical help.

The date most were able to attend is:

**SATURDAY 13 APRIL 2024 from 10.45 a.m TO 1 p.m
(further dates will be available later in the year if you are unable to attend this one)**

If you would be interested in finding out more and maybe being considered to be a Reader at Mass or a Eucharistic Minister at Mass in our Parish, please come along to the session in church on Saturday 13 April to find out more.

Later in the autumn we hope to offer a Day of Reflection for all involved in any ministry in our parish at Clare Priory – more details will follow.

CSSA AUDIT BACKS SAFEGUARDING SERVICES IN DIOCESE OF EAST ANGLIA

The Diocese of East Anglia has been awarded a judgment of Comprehensive Assurance by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) in an audit of its safeguarding provision. The audit was conducted in Spring 2023 and the [Executive Summary of its findings have been published here.](#)

It is hoped that parishioners and visitors to our diocese will be reassured by its findings. Bishop Peter, clergy and all who work and volunteer in the diocese are encouraged by it and remain committed to following up on the small number of recommendations to further improve.

Particular gratitude is due to the Diocese's Safeguarding Coordinator and Administrator, and to all Parish Safeguarding Representatives for their hard-work and commitment, which is reflected in this report.

IN NEED of HELP?

If you are aware of anyone who is, or will be, in serious need of help during the current and ongoing cost of living crisis, please speak to Fr. John or you can contact 'Reach'



Need help. Don't wait. Get in touch.
Our friendly team of advisers are here, 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

Current Foodbank requirements:

This week we are in need of...

- Tinned/dried potatoes
- Sugar
- Coffee
- Squash
- Rice pudding

#FoodbankFriday



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 through our 'Intentions Book'
- Please remember in your prayers members of our Parish who are housebound or being cared for in our local care and nursing homes.
- Please continue to pray for peace in Gaza, Ukraine and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict.
- Pray for people and environments severely affected by climate change. Pray that nations will work together to stop and reverse this.
- 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 prisoners, their families and those who work with them. Remember especially all those associated with HMP Highpoint.
- Pray for our children preparing to celebrate their First Holy Communion in May, and their families.
- Pray for the pupils and staff of St Felix School.
- Pray for Fr. John, Dcn, Huw, and all the people of our parish.

Pray for all the people we know and love who have died,
and for those who grieve.

Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Charles Barker, Lilian Sizer, Frederick Gore,
Eva Wilkinson, Margaret Forth.

**During Lent we are asked to pray for
Candidates for the Sacraments, The Needy and Hungry of the World, World Day of
Prayer for Palestine (March 1st), Penitents and Wanderers.**

In March Pope Francis asks us to pray with him for:

New Martyrs.

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
3 rd March	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY – Children's Lent Mass		

Children's Liturgy for Lent

Our Children's Liturgy Group will continue to help our children prepare for Easter during our 10 a.m. Sunday Masses on the 4th Sunday of Lent [10th March] and the 5th Sunday of Lent [17th March]
Sunday 17th March will be the last Children's Liturgy session until after the Easter break

WORK EXPERIENCE

CAFOD and SVP are working together to offer **residential work experience for 20 young adults**. Candidates must be over 20 years old and have a **passion for social justice**.



7th July–13th July



All accommodation costs, meals and travel to the Office throughout the week are covered.



**CAFOD and SVP National Office,
Romero House, Waterloo, SE1 7JB**



For more information, please contact

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- Khutchinson@cafod.org.uk



St Vincent
de Paul Society
empowering faith
turning compassion into action

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

HYMNS - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – 03.03.2024



Children's Mass for Lent

317 – Father in My Life I See

971 – Father I Place Into Your Hands

720 – Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

865 – I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

878 – You Shall Go Out With Joy

CHOIR PRACTICES IN PREPARATION FOR LENT AND EASTER

All practices are on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in church.

New singers/musicians are very welcome to join us on:

March 5th, 12th and 26th.

***What the Gardening Team have been doing
for Lent***



Thank you, Gardening Team, from the rest of us!

LENT, HOLY WEEK and EASTER 2024



We now move into the third week of Lent and the days ahead lead us closer to the most sacred and faith filled days of the year; **The Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil** take us from Lent into the Season of Easter to celebrate the Risen Jesus.

As we 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, especially in the Middle East and the Holy Land, in Ukraine, and in many places around our world where there is conflict and violence.

Children's Mass for Lent **This SUNDAY 3RD MARCH at 10 a.m**

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

Refreshments after Sunday morning Mass **-this weekend - Sunday 3rd March**

All are invited to stay and chat with other parishioners over a cuppa/cold drink.



STATIONS *of the* CROSS

During Lent Stations of the Cross will be prayed in church on Fridays before the 10 a.m Mass beginning at 9.30 am on:

Friday 8th March; Friday 15th March and Friday 22nd March
and on **Good Friday evening, 29th March at 7.30 pm.**

Everyone is welcome to come along.

Deanery Station Mass – Tuesday 5th March

Bishop Peter will celebrate our Deanery Station Mass at 7 p.m in St Edmund's Church, Westgate Street, Bury St Edmunds
Adoration and Confessions will be available from 6 p.m
Refreshments will be available after Mass.



PARISH FEAST DAY OF ST FELIX
– FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

Masses will be celebrated at
10 a.m & 7.30 p.m in St Felix Church

Come and celebrate our Parish Saint -
Refreshments will be available after Masses

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

On Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm
we will 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 2024

Palm Sunday - 23rd / 24th March

Mass at St Felix Church – Saturday evening at 6.30 p.m

Mass at St Felix Church – Sunday morning at 10 a.m

Tuesday of Holy Week - 26th March

Chrism Mass in Norwich at the Cathedral at 11.30 a.m

Wednesday of Holy Week - 27th March

Mass at St Felix Church – 10 a.m

Washing of the Feet during the Mass of the Lord's Supper
on Holy Thursday evening – 28th March, 7.30 p.m.

*Volunteers are needed to have a foot washed on Holy Thursday.
If you are willing to have a foot washed please print your name on the list in
the narthex. Thank you*

Triduum



HOLY THURSDAY – 28th March

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7.30 p.m [St Felix Church]

Followed by watching until 10.30 p.m. ending with Night Prayer.

GOOD FRIDAY – 29th March

Ecumenical Process of Witness - 10 a.m

[Starting at the Old Independent Church, Hamlet Rd ,Haverhill
and then processing to the Market Square]

Children's Service for Good Friday – 12 noon [St Felix Church]

Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3 p.m [St Felix Church]

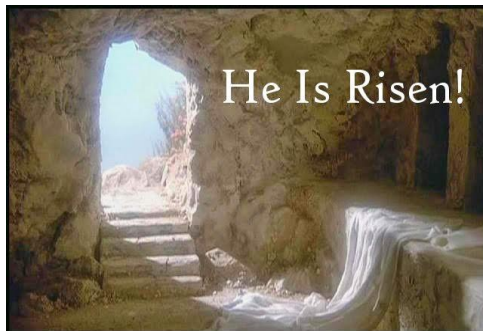
Stations of the Cross – 7.30 p.m [St Felix Church]

HOLY SATURDAY – 30th March

The Easter Vigil – 7.30 p.m. [St Felix Church]

(Please remember that clocks go forward 1 hour at 1a.m. on Easter Sunday to move us from GMT to British Summer Time.)

EASTER SUNDAY – 31st March



Mass for Easter Sunday - 10 a.m in St Felix Church



Gidea Park Faith Talks



The Readings at the Easter Vigil - the 'four nights of salvation'

As Holy Week approaches Fr Adrian Graffy explains the significance of the readings at the Easter Vigil.

Fr Adrian Graffy is parish priest of Gidea Park, a Scripture scholar, and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission.

Wednesday 20th March 7 pm (1900 GMT)

**Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest
410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park
RM2 6DH**

**The event is also on live stream free of charge at
www.whatgoodnews.org**

A recording will be available subsequently on the same website.

ACTION AGAINST MODERN SLAVERY

A new group is forming in the Diocese to help to reduce modern slavery here, and is looking for young & older volunteers to join the group. No previous knowledge or experience required, just a wish to end slavery in our Diocese.

Please contact
john_simong@hotmail.com
to discuss possibly volunteering
and read the leaflet about St Bakhita
(regarded as the patron saint of Modern
Slavery) at:

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/caritas-east-anglia/modern-slavery>



INVITING YOUNG ADULTS (AGE 18 -30) TO WALK THE CAMINO

Join Bishop Peter as he leads a walking pilgrimage
to **Santiago de Compostela**.

Date: 21st - 29th July 2024.

For more information and to book a place, please see
www.rcdea.org.uk/youth.

Places are limited and bookings will be accepted
on a first come, first served basis.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 15th March 2024, 7.30 – 9.30 p.m.
Kedington Community Centre, Arms Lane,
Kedington, Haverhill, CB9 7QQ

£2 per person (provide own food & drink)

Teams of 6 - everyone welcome -
teams can be formed on the night.

Please put name on form in the narthex
THIS WEEK. Thank you

WANT TO HELP REDUCE PLASTIC WASTE & POLLUTION?



*LET'S INVESTIGATE TO STOP
THE PLASTICS CRISIS*

*To find out more
and to get involved:*

<https://thebigplasticcount.com>

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for weekend 24th/25th February 2024

Standing orders £383.00

Collection £595.50

Total: £978.50

Details of our CAFOD FAST Day collection will be available next week

<https://cafod.org.uk/give/appeals/lent-appeal>

Future second collections for 2024:

- 20th/21st April – Vocations Sunday – for the formation of priests*
- 11th/12th May – World Communications Day – Catholic Communications Network*
- 15th/16th June – Day for Life – Bishops' Conference Life Charities*
- 29th/30th June – Peter's Pence – The Holy Father's Charitable Works*
- 13th/14th July – Sea Sunday – The Work of Stella Maris*

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

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 B, weekday readings Year II]

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 2nd March: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*
Sunday 3rd March: 10.00 a.m. **Children's Mass for Lent**
Private Int.

Third Week of Lent

Wednesday 6th March: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Private Int.*
Thursday 7th March: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Private Int*
Friday 8th March: **Feast of St Felix of Burgundy:**
Our Parish Patron Saint
9.30 a.m. Stations of the Cross
10.00 a.m. Mass *Brendan Dooley Int.*
7.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*
(Refreshments after both Masses)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday)

Saturday 9th March: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*
Sunday 10th March: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Ned Noone RIP*

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

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