



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**TWENTY-FIRST
SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time**

Sunday 24th August 2025

Psalter – Week 1

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 30th August – Sheila Dooley, Mary Dooley, Christine White

Saturday 6th September – Angela Rymills, Jo Rowson, Nora Roberts.

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 24th August – Buendia Family and Ron White

Sunday 31st August – Jose Family

Dear Friends,

The Responsorial Psalm this weekend (number 117) has only two verses. It is the shortest in the Psalter, and yet it covers important topics like praise and thanksgiving. The first verse calls on all nations to praise God, and the second explains why: God's kindness and faithfulness.

Psalm 117 is special because it speaks to everybody. It invites everyone to worship the one true God. This fits perfectly with the Gospel this weekend, highlighting the importance of faithful devotion to God.

The Gospel this weekend challenges us to be disciples internally, not just externally. We may indeed eat and drink with the Lord: he is among us, we go to Mass, we identify ourselves as Christians to others, we might wear crosses, and have other religious symbols around us, but is it sufficient? No!

Jesus tells us that we must "*Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.*" Salvation needs effort and dedication. We need a real and dedicated faith. It's not just about being in a crowd, but about choosing to follow God's path.

Dcn Huw ☺

THANKS TO FR. JAMES

Many thanks to Fr. James Fyfe
for visiting us at St. Felix again,
and celebrating Masses with us while Fr. John
has been in Lourdes.

Have a safe journey home, Fr. James
and we hope to see you again.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Fr John is away from the parish in Lourdes **until Thursday 28th August**

He is working with the Hospitality Notre Dame de Lourdes (HNDL) from Sunday 17th August to Friday 22nd August on a 'Stage', and then he will join our Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage from Friday 22nd August to Thursday 28th August. Fr John will remember the parish family in his prayers at the Grotto and will light a candle for the parish.

Any personal intentions you wish Fr John to place at the Grotto, please email to him anytime up to:

Wednesday 27th August
john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk

Thank you.



DIOCESAN GOLDEN JUBILEE 2026

Next year our Diocese of East Anglia will celebrate its Golden Jubilee.

As part of these celebrations each Parish has been asked to celebrate the past 50 years of the parish. So we at St Felix can celebrate this we need a couple of people to volunteer to gather information and look through our parish archives to set up a couple of celebrations during the year of our Diocesan Jubilee.

If you are interested in helping with this please speak to Fr John or email him at john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk We can also be part of the Diocesan working group to feed in ideas and suggestions for other parishes and for the Diocese to use.

Thank you

REUSE & DO SOME GOOD.

You may remember the used Christmas cards many of you gave me at the beginning of the year.

Now is your chance to buy them back!

The new cards made from the old cards will be for sale over the next few weeks...
or until the Cards run out:

4 CARDS – £1.00

All proceeds to our Parish Project
in support of Loreto Rumbek School, South Sudan.



(Please recycle the wrappers protecting the cards in 'Soft Plastics' at participating supermarkets. Thank you)

TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS – 7th September

On Sunday 7th September members of the Justice and Peace Group will host the drinks and snacks after 10.00 a.m. Mass.

As we are a small group we are asking parishioners who are native to England, Ireland (north or south), Scotland and Wales if they could bring a plate of something typical of the place they call home. It could be Welsh Cakes, sausage rolls, pork pie, scones, soda bread, Yorkshire puddings, cheese straws etc. Any snack finger food you can offer would be great. Thank you in advance.

Monetary donations on the day will be most welcome as part of our 'final push' to maximise our Parish's support to Loreto Rumbek School in South Sudan.

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. Remember especially the people suffering famine in Gaza.
- 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, particularly those in care and nursing homes

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:

**Elizabeth Cameron, Albert Groves, Stevie-Jay Simms,
Mary McEwan, Madeline Jones, Amalia Trenter, Ronald Holmes.**

During Summer, up to September, we are asked to pray for:

**A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Human Life; Seafarers;
Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe.**

Pope Francis asked us to pray in August for mutual coexistence.

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

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

Next week on September 1st we celebrate the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** which opens the 2025 Season of Creation. This year is also the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on the care of the environment; **Laudato Si**.

Reflection on these words from Laudato Si (LS) are a good preparation for our celebration of The Season of creation:

I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all...

Regrettably, many efforts to seek concrete solutions to the environmental crisis have proved ineffective, not only because of powerful opposition but also because of a more general lack of interest. Obstructionist attitudes, even on the part of believers, can range from denial of the problem to indifference, nonchalant resignation or blind confidence in technical solutions. We require a new and universal solidarity. As the bishops of Southern Africa have stated: 'Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation.' All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents. (Pope Francis, LS 14)

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS

Sunday 24th August

Team 3
HELEN and RAYMOND

Sunday 31st August

Team 2
SUE and DAVE

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

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.



**Items needed
this week:**

1. Custard
2. Hot Chocolate
3. Rice pudding
4. Long-life milk
5. Tinned Fruit & Veg

August 2025



CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Children's Liturgy has finished for the summer break. The next session will be on SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2025			

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.

We are always looking for more adult helpers. If you would like to assist us when Children's Liturgy recommences in September please speak to Fr. John or Angela Wilson.

SEND A POSTCARD TO JESUS

An activity for children to do over the holidays. Children could send Jesus a postcard from their holiday destinations, or a day out or fun activity during their school holidays. The postcard can be bought or drawn by the children and the message they put on the card could be to thank Jesus for something wonderful that they have seen, or experienced, or particularly enjoyed during their holiday or activity.

The cards can be sent c/o St Felix Church, or dropped into the church letter box on return from your holiday or visit.

I will make a display of the cards as they arrive.

Thank you. Angela Wilson.

ST FELIX PARISH PROJECT 2025

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



Our support for Loreto Rumbek School contributes to another important difference the school is able to make to girls and young women in Rumbek by providing them with protection from abuse, forced childhood marriages and early pregnancies.

This is Debora's story:

'My journey with Loreto Rumbek started way back in 2012 when I was admitted to Senior 1. (about 14 years old) At some points, I went through a difficult time and thought I wouldn't make it. I am a survivor of forced marriage.'

Twice Debora's extended family forced her into marriages they had arranged when she was 14 and 16 years of age. Her father tried to support her and with the help of Sr. Orla and Loreto Rumbek they succeeded and Debora returned to school and completed her education.

She now works as a Safeguarding Officer at the Disable Agency for Rehabilitation and Development (DARD) and is a teaching assistant at Rumbek University of Science and Technology. She is married. Debora is grateful to well-wishes who paid her school fees and all who stood with her during those earlier traumatic times.

<https://loretorumbek.ie/debora-a-safeguarding-officer-and-teacher/>

Thanks to your generosity, we have exceeded our minimum target of £1000. The Loreto Rumbek School and associated projects rely on sponsors and donations from people like us, so we will continue our support during the summer holiday. The more we can give, the more they can do. Please donate in the narthex with cash or by using the dona card machine.

SAVE THE DATE:

Our parish and others in the Bury St Edmund deanery will come together at the Bishop's invitation and celebrate the work of organisations involved in social outreach at a

[Caritas East Anglia Festival](#) on Saturday 6 December 2025

at St Edmund, King and Martyr Church,,
21 Westgate Street, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1QG.
from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

If there are charitable social actions or organisations, i.e., people coming together to help improve their lives and solve the problems that are important in their communities, that you would like to see, or think should be represented at the Festival, particularly if you are involved in them yourself, please e-mail your ideas to caritas@rcdea.org.uk now.

The festival will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter and be followed by refreshments and opportunities to find out about local projects. It will end at 12.15 p.m. with prayer and reflection on the day. ALL WELCOME to attend for part of, or the whole event.

For more information and if you are able to take part please speak to Fr John

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.

Items for the newsletter should be sent to

stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

PLEASE NOTE NEW E.MAIL ADDRESS



Celebrate the Season of Creation as Pilgrims of Hope with CAFOD

Presentation by Jo Kitterick, CAFOD's Director of Fundraising and Participation

At Our Lady of Lourdes Church 135 High St, Sawston, Cambridge CB22 3HJ

On Saturday 6 September 2025, coffee from 10.30am, talk and conversation from 11 am to 12.30

All welcome, contact Jane Crone jcrone@cafod.org.uk for more information



2025



Saturday 13th September

Ride + Stride is the single largest source of income for many Historic Churches Trusts enabling them to make Grants to places of Christian worship. Taking place on the 2nd Saturday of September the funds raised will be split between the nominated Trust and the participant's chosen church or chapel.



Ride and Stride is run entirely by volunteers and is inter-denominational, with participants sponsored for each place of worship visited between 9.00am and 5.00pm on Ride and Stride Day or with a donation, regardless of the number of churches visited.

In 2024 Ride & Stride raised £200,000 towards the cost of restoring historic Suffolk churches and church buildings.

PARISH FINANCES

**Collections for the weekends
16th/17th August and 23rd/24th August 2025**

and

upto date figures for our

Parish Project – Loreto Rumbek School, South Sudan

will be available in a week or so.

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

MUSICAL BREAK

Our choir and all our musicians are having a well-earned summer break. They will return to lead the music for our Sunday Masses
on Sunday 7th September

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

DATE	1 st READING	2 nd READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 23 rd August	VIOLET	LINDA	ANGELA
Sunday 24 th August	RAYMOND	ADEMIDE	Sign – up sheet in narthex
Saturday 30 th August	JO	KAREN	ANNE
Sunday 31 st August	SALLY	SUE	Sign – up sheet in narthex

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]

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 23rd August: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 24th August: 10.00 a.m. Mass *George Mathew RIP*

TWENTY-FIRST WEEK of the YEAR:

Tuesday 26th August: NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday 27th August: NO MASS TODAY

Thursday 28th August: NO MASS TODAY

Friday 29th August: ***Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist***
10.00 a.m. Mass *Fr. Tony Webb RIP*

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 30th August: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 31st August: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Patrick Behan RIP*

There will be NO
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS
this weekend
while Fr. John is away in Lourdes

**If you need to speak with myself or Deacon Huw,
please call me on 01440 702156 or
Deacon Huw on 07399 163718.
on our return from Lourdes.**

Wishing you and your families every blessing and prayers
Fr John and Deacon Huw