



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**THIRTY-THIRD
SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME**

World Day of the Poor
(Parish Mass book page 155)

Sunday 19th November 2023

Psalter – Week 1

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www.stfelixchurch.org.uk

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:

Saturday 25th November – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu and Anu Anto
Saturday 2nd December – Jili Jijo, Stella Melvin, Diony Jose & Bindhu Roy

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 19th November – Jose Family and Ron Hefford
Sunday 26th November – Buendia Family and Ron White

Dear Friends,

What should we do with the talents we have been given by God? The answer is: Invest in Jesus!

The best and most secure way for us to prepare for the future is to invest in Jesus. Nothing in our life should ever overshadow our relationship with Jesus. We need to spend time with him, develop our friendship with him, learn his ways and follow him. We do that by our personal prayer, our participation in the activities of the Church, our faithful reception of the sacraments, and our acts of charity, kindness and generosity.

Actions speak louder than words: for practical investment we can, for example, do one Act of Mercy each day. We have the spiritual and corporal works of mercy that we can use to give life to the word of the Gospel so that all might know of God's love and mercy. As we do these acts of mercy, the Lord works His mercy upon us as well and makes us into the image of His Son Jesus.

Absolutely we should use the things of earth wisely, but most of all, invest in Jesus - glorify the Lord by what we do with our lives. The dividends he pays are out of this world!

Dcn Huw ☺

CHILDREN'S MASSES

This Sunday 19th November our 10 a.m Sunday Mass
is a Children's Mass.

All are welcome as usual.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS

Sunday 24th December
5.00 p.m.

*The children are invited to come
dressed in 'Nativity' costumes*





CAFOD World Gifts catalogues available in the narthex.

Please take one for your Christmas shopping. Feel free to take a few extra for friends and family to use, or to take to your work place for the use of your colleagues.

HYMNS – Sunday 19th November 2023 – CHILDREN'S MASS



865 – Here I Am, Lord

971 – Father I Place Into Your Hands

627 – This is My Body

720 – Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

722 – Give Me Joy in My Heart

CHOIR REHEARSALS

The next rehearsal is at 7 p.m. in St Felix church on Tuesday 21st November.

Come and join us if you are thinking about becoming a choir member, want to practise the Advent/Christmas hymns or just enjoy singing!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

If you have a child in Year 3 or above at school, and they wish to celebrate their First Holy Communion next year in our parish, please collect information and a form from church.

**Return the form to Fr John by
NEXT SUNDAY, 26th November 2023.**

With thanks.



MISSIO - RED BOXES

Final call in 2023 to Red Box holders to have their boxes emptied!

Please leave your box in the narthex over the next couple of weeks so monies can be banked in early December.

Importantly, please remember to collect your box from the narthex after it has been opened.

Thank you for your continuing support for Missio and its work worldwide.

Donations can also be made via the website missio.org.uk



CONFIRMATION 2024

A course of preparation for

young people.

If you are in **year 9 or above** at school you may wish to think about being confirmed. You do not have to commit to confirmation at this stage.

Confirmation is a sign that a person has reached maturity and is now able to take responsibility for their own faith. It also strengthens and deepens the connection to the Church that is established at baptism.

If you would like to take part in the preparation course please contact Dcn Huw to collect a form.

This should be returned to Dcn Huw by **NEXT SUNDAY,
26th November 2023.**

Thank you

PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE
and all places of conflict around the world.

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering and afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength, wisdom and justice
to guide their decisions.
We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in Your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

Bishop Peter has asked that every Parish in our Diocese have a PPC, which is open and provides a place where everyone's views can be heard. As we continue, following the Synod in Rome last month, along the Synodal Path which Pope Francis invites us to explore together as a Parish Community, our PPC is a vital part of our Parish. Those who currently serve on our PPC would like to invite you to come and share your ideas and views about our parish. **The next meeting of our PPC will take place at St Felix Church on WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER at 7 P.M. All are welcome to come.**

If you wish you can place your ideas, views and any questions you have for our PPC, or anything you wish to discuss, in the box in the Narthex or bring them along to the meeting.

Our PPC looks forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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 SHORTAGES



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', especially **Marion Cunningham** (recently deceased) and **John Cunningham** (grieving) & 14 year old **Wenzel Soares** who is seriously ill.
- Please remember in your prayers members of our Parish who are housebound or being cared for in our local care and nursing homes.
- Pray for people and environments severely affected by climate change. Pray that nations will work together responsibly to stop and reverse this.
- Pray for peace in all areas affected by wars and conflict, especially in Ukraine and the Holy Land
- Pray for people whose income is insufficient to meet their needs, Remember the work of 'REACH' 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 the pupils and staff of St Felix School.
- Pray for Fr. John, Dcn, Huw, and all the people of our parish.

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

Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Patrick Healey, Elizabeth Whitehead, Ellen Fletcher, George France,
Peggy Lovejoy, Brigid Williams

During Autumn [until Advent], we are asked to pray for The Fruits of Human Work, The Reverent Use of Creation, The Harvest, Students and Teachers, The Spread of the Gospel, Justice and Peace in the World, Prisoners and Their Families, All Victims of War, Young People

In November **Pope Francis** asks us to pray with him for **THE POPE**

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission.

May he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

REFLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

as we pray for and remember with love all who have died and
are at peace with the Lord

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light
shine upon them

May they rest in peace and rise in the Glory of the Lord

Envelopes for intentions for Holy Souls during November are available in the narthex

A basket will be on the font in which you can place your envelope
with the names of your deceased parents, relatives, friends and all
for whom you wish to pray inside, with any donation you wish to
make.

All these intentions will be offered at Masses during November

November is a time for remembering and praying for our loved ones
who have gone before us and whose loss we feel. It is a time when
we are particularly conscious of those in our parish who are grieving

PARISH SUNDAY COLLECTION

At a recent Parish Finance Committee meeting it was agreed that we
should return to the collection plate being passed round the church at
the Offertory at our Sunday Masses. **This recommenced last week-end.**
Our welcomers will arrange the collection. If you are willing to help with
this task please speak to Mike Bradshaw, Fr John, Deacon Huw or one
of the welcomers at Mass. Thank you.

COUNTING OUR PARISH SUNDAY COLLECTION *Also we need some
more helpers to count the collection each Sunda., We currently have four
teams, and we need at least 2 or 3 more teams of 2 people to help with
this task. It takes about 30 – 40 minutes after the 10 a.m Sunday Mass.
If you can help, please speak to Fr John or Deacon Huw. Thank you.*



ADVENT HOUSE MASSES

During the coming season of Advent Fr John is
offering to celebrate an Advent House Mass each
Thursday evening at 7.30pm. If you are interested
in hosting one of these Masses please speak to
Fr John as soon as possible. The dates are
Thursday 7th, 14th & 21st December. Thank you.



Churches Together in Haverhill and District – Walking Nativity 2023

All are welcome to come along and take part in the Walking Nativity at 12 noon on Saturday 2nd December 2023 from Haverhill Methodist Church to St Mary's Church.

If you wish to get involved please contact Jacqueline Lowry by email at jacqueline.lowry@rolcc.org.uk

CHRISTMAS CARDS for PRISONERS in HIGHPOINT

Dcn. Huw is making his annual appeal for donations of Christmas cards for prisoners in Highpoint Prison to send to their families.

The cards should have a religious theme and, for security reasons,
MUST
be new, and in the manufacturer's unopened , sealed packaging.

There will be a box in the narthex for your donated cards.

Thank you very much.

“CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL

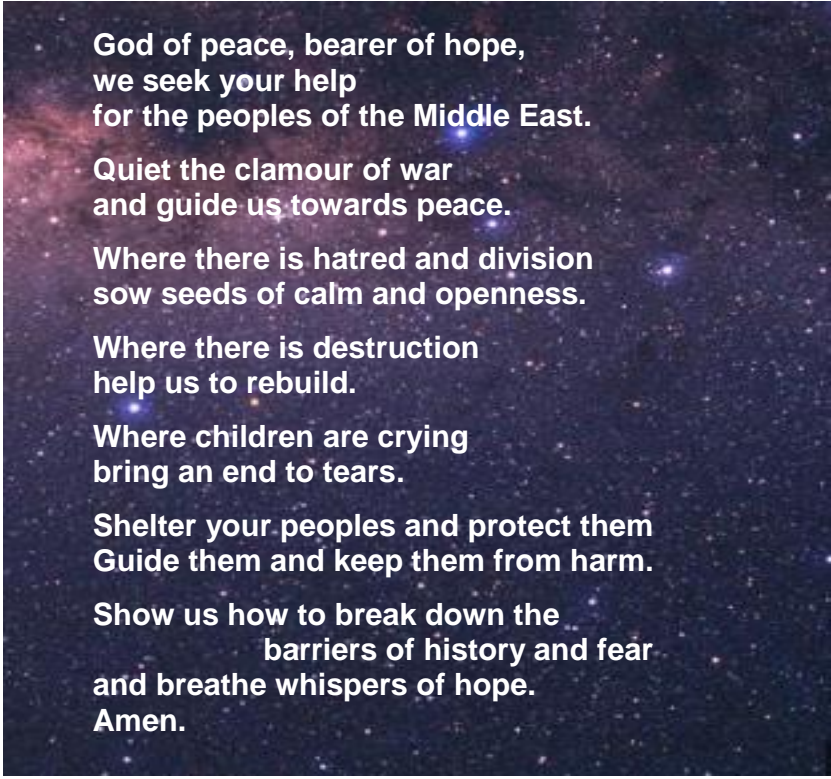
**A basket is on the font for any donations
(Gift Aid Envelopes are by the basket)**

You can also donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need.

Thank you for your prayers.

<https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/israeli-palestinian-crisis-how-you-can-help>

CAFOD Prayer for Peace in the Middle East *by Linda Jones*



God of peace, bearer of hope,
we seek your help
for the peoples of the Middle East.

Quiet the clamour of war
and guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division
sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction
help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying
bring an end to tears.

Shelter your peoples and protect them
Guide them and keep them from harm.

Show us how to break down the
barriers of history and fear
and breathe whispers of hope.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



LEADERS ROTA

DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
19 th Nov.	NO LITURGY THIS WEEK – CHILDREN'S MASS		

THANKS FROM CAFOD

Thanks to your support for the CAFOD Harvest Family Fast collection when St Felix parish donated £233, more families like Meera's can get help from doctors and other local experts when they need it most.

"Thank you so much to those who are supporting us with such a generous donation. We are incredibly grateful to you for thinking of us and helping. It's so heartwarming to know we have friends who are there for us when we need it most. Thank you so much." – Dr Nasha

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for weekend 11th /12th November 2023

Standing orders £359.00

Collection £412.30

Total: £771.30

Future Second Collections:

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal for the next week

DIOCESAN DEPENDENT PRIESTS' FUND – December 16th & 17th

Supporting our retired priests, our priests who are currently unwell.

Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish Community

AWESOME!

As I drove home this evening [Friday] I was admiring the beautiful crescent moon. A little later Ron H. sent this image of the same moon viewed through the clearer atmosphere of Gran Canaria.

Thought I'd share it. This 4 day-old, 25% illuminated, waxing moon is considered by some to energise forward movement, hope and motivation.

I can just get lost in its beauty... and whatever that brings...



CHRISTMAS & GREETINGS CARDS & GIFT TAGS

For sale in the narthex in aid of REACH.

5 CARDS - £1

15 GIFT TAGS - £1

**Made by re-using cards donated by members of the parish
at the beginning of this year (we hadn't forgotten!)**

***[Please remove strings and any embellishments to recycle
after their second life! and bags in 'soft plastics']***

ST FELIX & HAVERHILL CHURCHES TOGETHER
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2023

Saturday 2nd December

WALKING NATIVITY - 12 noon.

Starting at Haverhill Methodist Church, Camps Road.

Wednesday 6th December

CIVIC CAROL SERVICE - 7.00 p.m.

St. Mary's Church, Haverhill

Saturday 16th December

'LIGHT UP A LIFE' Carols with St Nicholas Hospice Care

3.00 p.m. - St. Mary's Church, Haverhill

CAROLS TOGETHER - 6.15 p.m. St Felix

[before Saturday evening Mass]

(Look out for an opportunity soon to suggest favourite carols)

Saturday 23rd December - St Felix

6.30 p.m. EVENING MASS: 4th SUNDAY of ADVENT

Sunday 24th December - St Felix

10.00 a.m. - MASS: 4th SUNDAY of ADVENT

5.00 p.m. - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS

10.00 p.m. - MIDNIGHT MASS of the NATIVITY of the LORD

Monday 25th December - St Felix

10.00 a.m. - CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Saturday 30th/Sunday 31st December - St Felix

Feast of the Holy Family

6.30 p.m. Mass Saturday. 10.00 a.m. Mass Sunday

Monday 1st January 2024 - St Felix

Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God

11.00 a.m. - MASS for PEACE

followed by a 'BRING AND SHARE' LUNCH

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 1]

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 18th November: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 19th November: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Deceased members of
the Mesquita, Rodrigues, Marchon, Correia families.*

Thirty-third Week of the Year:

Wednesday 22nd November: NO MASS TODAY as Fr. John is at Clare Priory

Thursday 23rd November: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Joao (John) de Gouveia RIP*

Friday 24th November: 10.00 a.m. Mass *In thanksgiving INT*

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE [Youth Sunday]

Saturday 25th November: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 26th November: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Colin Lyons 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