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**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**SIXTH SUNDAY
of EASTER**

10th MAY 2026

Psalter - Week 2

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Head teacher: Mrs Anne-Marie Price

CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 16th May – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu, Anu Anto

Saturday 23rd May – Jili Jijo, Diony Jose, Bindhu Roy.

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 10th May – Buendia Family

Sunday 17th May – Jose Family and Ron White

FR. ADRIAN GRAFFY REFLECTS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

(John 14:15-21)

Our reading from the Gospel of John contains one of several references, in the speeches of Jesus on the night before he dies, to the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. These references to the Spirit prepare us to celebrate the feast of Pentecost, which concludes the Easter season. Only in the Fourth Gospel is the Spirit referred to as 'the Advocate', 'the Paraclete', 'the Spirit of truth'. Jesus stresses that the world of sin, opposed as it is to truth and goodness, does not welcome the Spirit. In fact, the world of sin is incapable of receiving the Spirit.

Later in these speeches Jesus affirms that the Spirit will remind the disciples of what he has taught (14:26) and lead them into the fulness of truth (16:13). Jesus reassures the disciples that he will not abandon them. Even though he will no longer be seen by the world, the bond between Jesus and his disciples endures. This bond is maintained by the Spirit. This bond is the life which Jesus shares with us, a bond which draws us deeper into the life of God.

This passage both begins and ends with reference to the commandments of Jesus. Living the commandments is proof of the love the disciples have for him. Jesus speaks later of his one commandment, 'love one another as I have loved you' (15:12). This Spirit-inspired love, shown in living the commandments and loving the brothers and sisters, keeps us fully alive in the new life of the Risen Jesus, drawing us deeper into the life of the Father.

These precious words of Jesus are like a symphony in which the different themes are played and played again in their various forms. The words of Jesus, with the Eucharist and the priesthood, are treasured parting gifts of the Lord to his friends, gifts which maintain his presence in a troubled and unbelieving world.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES 2026



**Our First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated at
10 a.m. this Sunday, 10th May
and next weekend on Sunday 17th May.**

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

EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT



**First Sunday of the month
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.**

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

EAST ANGLIAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



In 1976, Pope Paul VI issued a bull dividing the Diocese of Northampton and establishing the Diocese of East Anglia, bringing together more than fifty parishes across Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire. At that time, Mass attendance in the new Diocese had risen to over twenty-five thousand. In that memorable year, on 13th March 1976, the first Bishop of East Anglia, Rt Rev Alan Clark (1976–1995), was appointed, and the large parish church of St John's in Norwich—built between 1882 and 1910—was consecrated as the Cathedral of East Anglia in June 1976. This milestone is one, the whole Diocese is invited to celebrate.

Bishop Peter has designated this year as a Jubilee Year to mark the 50th anniversary of our Diocese, with celebrations planned at Diocesan, Deanery and Parish levels. Several Diocesan Commissions will also be organising events. All Catholic schools have been encouraged to plan and deliver their own celebrations.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT ST FELIX SCHOOL **ON FRIDAY 15TH MAY**


In school we will be marking the occasion with a whole day of activities themed around the 70s and the Golden Anniversary.

We will have a 70s dress up day. Our Year 6 pupils will attend Mass in the Parish and view the display they have collated as part of the Jubilee commemorations. At lunchtime the children will experience a 70s street party, with 70s themed food. In the afternoon we will do a range of activities learning about the formation of the diocese and what it does now, by celebrating its golden jubilee and creating a collage of St Felix. Finally, at the end of the day, we will perform dance routines using music from 1976.

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
DATE	1 st READING	2 nd READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 9 th May	KAREN	LINDA	ANGELA
Sunday 10 th May	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS		Sign-up sheet in narthex
Saturday 16 th May	ASWIN	ASIN	ANNE
Sunday 17 th May	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS		Sign-up sheet in narthex

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS	
Sunday 10 th May	Team 3 HELEN and RAYMOND
Sunday 17 th May	Team 4 RACHEL and IAN
<i>Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. Thank you</i>	

HYMNS - SUNDAY 10th MAY 2026



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

CHILDREN’S LITURGY



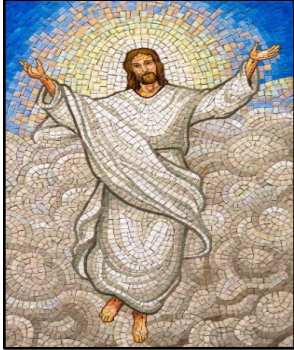
DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
<p>Sunday 10th May and Sunday 17th May</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NB. <i>No Children’s Liturgy – First Holy Communion celebrations. Next session Sunday 24th May.</i></p>		

**THE FEAST OF
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

is celebrated on **Thursday 14th May.**

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.
and we have Masses at
10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. in church.

All are welcome to come and celebrate
this feast of the Lord.



Annual Diocesan Priests Retreat

Fr John will be away from the Parish
from Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May
attending the annual Diocesan Priests Retreat.

There will, therefore, be NO weekday Masses in the parish from
Tuesday 19th to Friday 22nd May.

Parish Liturgy Meeting takes place this week on Wednesday evening in church. Please pass any items for discussion to do with how we celebrate together to Fr John or email john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk



**ST FELIX
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
JOB VACANCIES**



St Felix Catholic Primary School is a successful and inclusive school at the heart of the Haverhill community and part of the Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Multi Academy Trust. Rooted in our Catholic faith, we are committed to nurturing the whole child and living out Gospel values in all aspects of school life.

From September 2026, we are seeking to appoint an exceptional teacher and emerging leader to join us as

Assistant Headteacher.

This is a key leadership role for someone who shares our mission to serve our children and families with integrity, compassion and ambition, and who has the vision and energy to help drive whole-school improvement. The role includes dedicated non-teaching time to support leadership responsibilities and offers the opportunity to work closely with an experienced and supportive leadership team. The successful candidate will be a faithful witness to our Catholic ethos, committed to high standards, safeguarding, and professional collaboration, and inspired by the opportunity to help shape the future of our school community and the lives of the children entrusted to us.

Closing date for Assistant Headteacher post is 13th May.

We have several other job vacancies;

Teaching Assistants and Midday Supervisor Assistant.

Closing date for these posts is 15th May.

Please find out more about these vacancies from our website:

[St. Felix Catholic School - Vacancies](#)

Items for the newsletter should be sent to

stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

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:

**Nellie Warden, Iris Essam, William Carmody, Marie Smith,
Stella MacGechan, Mary Banham, Samantha Warren, John Church,
Doreen Poole, Patricia Bell, Peter Warrington.**

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.

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.

May 2026



Items needed
this week:

1. Custard
2. Rice pudding
3. Sponge puddings
4. Tinned meat
5. Tinned tomatoes

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

Embracing Contentment:

In the journey of living simply, embracing contentment is vital. It's easy to feel like we need more—more possessions, more achievements, and more recognition. However, the Bible teaches us that true contentment comes from relying on God. Living simply means appreciating what we have and recognizing that God's grace is sufficient for us. As we allow ourselves to be content in our current circumstances, we create space for gratitude, joy, and peace to thrive in our lives.

From: biblestudyforyou.com

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.**

PENNIES FOR PEACE



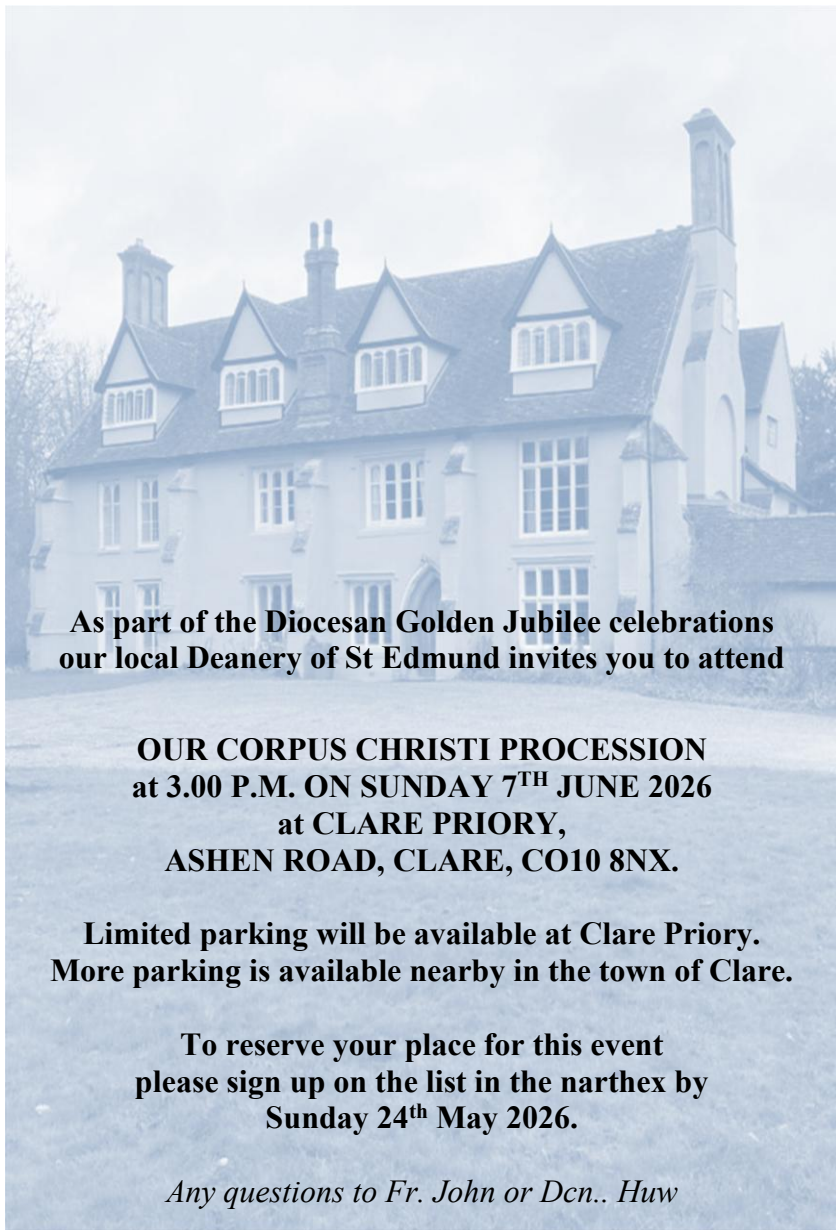
Got small change in your pocket, purse or wallet? Want to make good use of those 1p, 2p and 5p coins that are tricky to spend elsewhere?

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 7TH 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 24th 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

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 2nd/3rd May 2026

Standing Orders:	£421.00
Collection:	£499.10
Total:	£920.10

£245 for Diocesan Priests Training Fund

Forthcoming Second and Special Collections:

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

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

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.

APRIL 100 CLUB WINNERS



1st prize £150 – RITA NOONE [14]

2nd prize £100 – M. O’FLANAGAN [100]

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]

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Saturday 9th May: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*
Sunday 10th May: 10.00 a.m. **First Holy Communion Mass**

Sixth week of Easter

Tuesday 12th May: NO MASS TODAY
Wednesday 13th May: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Souwmya RIP*
Thursday 14th May – ***Feast of the Ascension of the Lord***
10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*
7.30 p.m. Mass *Anthony Garlick INT*
Friday 15th May: 10.00 a.m. Mass

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Saturday 16th May: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Colin & Dorothy Staight RIP*
Sunday 17th May: 10.00 a.m. **First Holy Communion Mass**
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