

PARISH OF ST. FELIX, HAVERHILL

EASTER SUNDAY

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Sunday 31st March 2024

Psalter – ‘Proper’



*You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified:
he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where
they laid him. [Mk 16:6b]*

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:

Saturday 6th April – Angela Rymills, Jo Rowson, Nora Roberts, Caroline Reeve

Saturday 13th April – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu and Anu Anto

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 31st March, Easter Sunday – Baiju & Sonia Varghese and Ian Blythe

Sunday 7th April - Jose Family and Ron Hefford

PARKING for the EASTER VIGIL

The Church Car Park turning circle (directly outside the main doors of the church) will be closed for parking for the Easter Vigil as we will need to gather there to begin our celebrations.

Please do not block others in when parking in the church car park and if you are able to park away from the church and walk a little, please do so. Plenty of parking space is available in School Lane and there is some street parking near the church.

Thank you.

EASTER 2024 at ST FELIX

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

We have now reached the pinnacle of the Triduum and begin the fifty days of paschal rejoicing of Easter Time.

As we pray together in Easter Time we remember everyone in our parish community, we pray for our wider community and especially for peace for many in our world, particularly praying for peace in the Middle East and the Holy Land and in Ukraine, and in many places in our world where there is conflict and violence.



HOLY SATURDAY

THE EASTER VIGIL

Saturday 30th March - 7.30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

MASS at 10 a.m

Sunday 31st March

Clocks change this weekend

Please note that we move into British Summer Time and the clocks move forward by 1 hour at 1am on Easter Sunday morning.

HAPPY EASTER

Wishing you every blessing and joy for Easter and for the 50 days of the Easter Season ahead. Thank you to everyone in our parish community who has helped in any way during the Season of Lent and to help prepare us and our church for Easter. May the joy of the Risen Lord bring us peace, and peace for our world, especially to the people of the Holy Land and Ukraine.

There will be no Masses during Easter Week as I am away in Lourdes with Group 11 of HCPT on their annual Pilgrimage. I will remember you all at the Grotto and light a candle for our parish.

With every blessing and prayers, Fr John

THE EASTER MESSAGE - Life with God

from 'The Mystery of the Cross' (2004:116)

by Cardinal Basil Hume (d.1999)

On Easter morning especially, two images come to my mind. They sum up the story of Easter. The first is of Christ abandoned and dying on the cross. The other is of the empty tomb, a sign that death has been overcome. Christ died that we might live. He laid down his life to show his love.

Easter challenges us each year. Do we believe that Christ truly rose from the dead? Belief in the resurrection is the bedrock of Christianity. It is at the heart of the Easter message.

In the risen Christ death has lost its hold over mankind. Death is not for us the end of the story. It is the beginning of a new chapter. There is life after death. It is life with God. The purpose of our present life is to prepare for that.

Easter is not only concerned with life after death. It has much to say about life here on earth. Life matters. Human life is both of the body and of the spirit; in our present state each depends on the other. Life depends on love. Life gives love its real meaning and its purpose. Our Easter faith assures us that life will overcome death and love will triumph over hatred.



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 for Anna, Reginaldo and Lata who are 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.
- 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:

John Scicluna, Thomas Corr, Beryl Pooley, Robert Trunchion, Angela Richards,
Douglas James, Margaret Logan, Ena Westrope, Nell Halpin, Ann Hale,
Hilda Betts, Clayton Clarke, Lesley Stock, Emily Bradbury, Brigid Smith.

**During Easter Time we are asked to pray for
New Members of the Church, Vocations, Survivors of Sexual Abuse, Human Work,
The Right Use of Media, The Church**

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

The Role Of Women - Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

IN NEED of HELP?

If you are aware of anyone who is, in need of help during the 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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

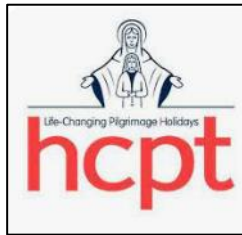


DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
<p><i>No Children's Liturgy during the Easter break.</i></p> <p><i>Next session April 21st.</i></p>			

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 7th



*Tea, coffee or a cold drink after 10.00 a.m. Mass
Please stay for a cuppa and a chat.*



LOURDES WITH HCPT GROUP 11

Fr John will be away from the parish from Easter Monday, 1 April, until Sunday 7 April joining the HCPT Easter Pilgrimage and as chaplain to Group 11.

If you have any intentions or prayer requests, please pass them to Fr John or email them to him (john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk) by Easter Sunday. Fr John will remember the parish in his prayers at the Grotto and while he is in Lourdes. Please remember Fr John, Group 11 and all who are in Lourdes with HCPT.

Thank you

We welcome Fr Dick White over the weekend of Saturday 6 April and Sunday 7 April to celebrate our weekend Masses with us.

Please note that there will be no weekday Masses from Monday 1 April to Friday 5 April while Fr John is away in Lourdes

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

As the 23/24 year is almost complete, parishioners still using Gift Aid Envelopes will be at the end of their current supply. This is a reminder that no further envelopes are being provided.

We would like to thank all parishioners who chose this option for Gift Aiding their weekly offerings over many years and hope that you will now continue to support the parish in this way and consider changing to a weekly or monthly standing order if you haven't already done so. It is very easy to set this up with your bank. Once the Standing Order has been set up, the amount can be amended at any time if required.

For every £1 given under the Gift Aid Scheme, a further 0.25p can be claimed back by the parish from HMRC at no extra cost to you. The amount recovered each year from HMRC is quite significant and helps boost the parish income.

The Parish Bank Details are:-

Account name: ST FELIX CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sort code: 60-10-21

Account number: 90018850

Payment Reference: 'Your name' and add GA after your name.

For parishioners who do not currently 'Gift Aid' their weekly offerings, please consider doing so. A Gift Aid Declaration Form must be completed. Forms can be found in the Narthex. Then set up your Standing Order as above.

If you have any questions about Gift Aid, please speak to Fr John, Deacon Huw or Annette Field (Gift Aid Officer), or you can email Annette - annette.field@sky.com

EASTER COLLECTION

The collection at our Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Mass is your Easter Gift to our clergy

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

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.

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for weekend 23rd /24th March 2024

Standing orders	£383.00
Collection	£648.52
Total:	£1031.52

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/UCEHg3Ww93rfGfMGzXS25A2w/>

[Sunday readings – Year B, weekday readings Year II]

HOLY SATURDAY:

Saturday 30th March: **7.30 p.m. Easter Vigil**

Joe & Stella Mesquita RIP

EASTER SUNDAY:

Sunday 31st March: 10.00 a.m. Mass

People of the Parish

THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:

Wednesday 3rd April: NO MASS TODAY

Thursday 4th April: NO MASS TODAY

Friday 5th April: 10.00 a.m. **Funeral Service for**

Josephine Scullian RIP

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Saturday 6th April: 6.30 p.m. Mass

People of the Parish

Sunday 7th April: 10.00 a.m. Mass

Patrick Behan RIP

Items for the newsletter should be sent to

stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

**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