

PARISH OF ST. FELIX, HAVERHILL

SOLEMNITY of ALL SAINTS

2nd November 2025

Psalter – Week 3

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 8th November - Jili Jijo, Diony Jose, Bindhu Roy Saturday 15th November - Sherin Cijo, Saji Abraham, Sheena Jestine, Juvana Jestine, Josh Cijo

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 2nd November – Pat & PJ Sheehy and Annette Field Sunday 9th November – Baiju & Sonia Varghese and Ian Blythe

Dear Friends,

Today, the Feast of All Saints, we concentrate on those who became saints in ordinary and hidden ways, and who will never be canonised. Who have you known that you regard or would have regarded as a saint? Today, let us pause to remember genuinely holy people we have known.

The first reading today is an expression of the victory of the Risen Christ over sin and death and his sharing of his glory with those who have stood firmly in the faith despite difficulties and trials of one kind or another. We hear of a huge number, impossible to count standing before the throne of God praising and worshipping him for all eternity. May we be with them after our own earthly pilgrimage as we try to be as faithful to God as possible, empowered by the Holy Spirit. St. John tells us in the 2nd reading of our present reality and the future glory held out to us. Because of Christ we are already, right now, God's children and can hope to become more like him joining those whose feast we celebrate today.

In the gospel Jesus gives us a new key to the interpretation of the 10 commandments and deepens our understanding of them. Indeed, they are not a bad programme for examining our consciences to see how we are doing as Christians. They show the qualities that are expected of Christians, of the disciples of Jesus. The Beatitudes – or Be Attitudes – are a plan for life. They help us to serve God and each other. The first Beatitude: Blessed or Happy are the Poor in Spirit. This underpins all the others. This can also be read as 'blessed are they who know their need of God'. If we do that we too can become saints in our own time, serving God's people around us as we try to make a better community wherever we are!

With every blessing and prayers for this Feast of All Saints, and for the coming month of remembrance as we remember all our loved ones and many others, especially all who have lost their lives in conflicts in past years and today. May they all rest in the peace and light of the Lord and rise in His Glory renewed in hope and joy forever.

Fr. John.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION COURSE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN 2026

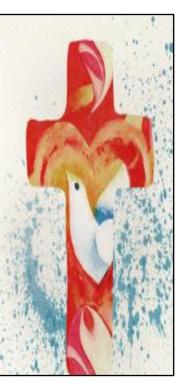
If you are in **year 9 or above at school** you may wish to think about confirmation. You do not have to commit to being confirmed at this stage.

The Sacrament of 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 Deacon Huw for an application form.

Completed applications to be received by Dcn. Huw by 30th November 2025

the First Sunday of Advent.



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

"[St] Augustine has this advice for those who feel they are being swamped by the storms of life:

For Christians who fear they are drowning in the world's business the worst thing they can do is panic.

There can be no question of escape from the situation;

We are many miles from land and there is no help near.

The one thing we can do is to withdraw,

as it were, into ourselves, to find the Christ within,

who is as powerful to still the inner tempest

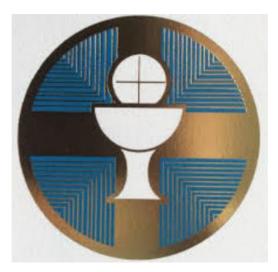
as He was to subdue the waves on the Lake of Galilee."

From: **Finding Your Hidden Treasure** by Benignus O'Rourke OSA.

[Darton, Longman & Todd, 2010:56]

(Many of you will remember Fr. Ben at Clare Priory where he was for about 20 years until a year or so before his death in 2019)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2026



We run a preparation programme for children in Year 3 or above and their parents each year on Saturday afternoons in term time from **January until June**. We look forward to teaching and supporting the children and parents to develop their understanding of the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation, and to celebrating with you.

If your child is in Year 3 or above, and you feel they are ready to participate in the programme, you should complete a registration form, which will be available in person from 1st November from Fr John at church. The completed form should be returned to Fr. John by 30th November. Unfortunately, due to limited space and for safety reasons, we have to restrict the number of children we may accept on the programme to twenty. We will only accept official completed forms returned by the deadline, not photocopies.

The St Felix programme is a partnership between the catechists and parents/guardians, and your support at home is vital to your child's learning and engagement.

If anyone has any questions about the programme, please speak to me, Fr John or Deacon Huw.

Mrs Angela Wilson (Parish Catechist)

HOPE 2025!

Inviting young people (Year 7+) - especially those preparing for Confirmation, Catechists and Youth Leaders to HOPE 2025!

This is a special event organised by the Diocesan Ignite Team to prepare to celebrate World Youth Sunday later in November in your parishes. It includes live music, inspiring talks, passionate prayer and good food!

St. Johns' Cathedral Narthex, Norwich
Saturday 8th November 2025
2.00 p.m – 8.00 p.m (to include joining the parish vigil Mass)
Entry: £5 on the door.
www.rcdea.org.uk/youth



CAFOD WORLD GIFTS Catalogue 2025
available now in the narthex.
Full range of gifts available online:

https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections/all

[NB free delivery on gifts purchased online this weekend before midnight on Sunday 2nd November]

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, including Joyce, Allwyn Marçhon, Andrea Savage, Jackie Collins, Fr Adrian Gates & Mariam. Please also pray for Anaanais' intentions.
- Please continue to pray for lasting peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict.
- Pray for all 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 for migrants and refugees that they will 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 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 their families and all who grieve.

Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Lena Waterhouse, Rose Conway, Alfred Gatt, Jason Pryce, Patrick Quinn, John Tyrrell, John Goodall Jnr, Mabel Otley, Isabella McGinn, Derek Warner

During Autumn we are asked to pray for:

The Harvest, The Care of Creation, Students and Teachers, The Spread of the Gospel, Justice and Peace in the World, Prisoners and Their Families, All Victims of War and Young People.

Pope Leo asks us to join him in November in praying for the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

PARKING FOR SUNDAY MASS

Please remember when parking for Sunday Mass
[Saturday evening and Sunday morning]
that the small car park opposite the church
is not public parking, this is for the residents of Blair Parade –
PLEASE DO NOT PARK HERE.

More parking is available, within a 5 minute walk, on School Lane and outside St Felix School, and on street near the church when available (but please do not block residents' drives).

Thank you

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS				
Sunday 2 nd November	Team 6 ABRAHAM and another			
Sunday 9 th November	Team 1 CAROL and DAVE			

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

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS					
DATE	1 st READING	2 nd READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		
Saturday 01 November	JO	JENNA	ANNE		
Sunday 02 November	ASWIN	ASIN	Sign – up sheet in narthex		
Saturday 08 November	VIOLET	LINDA	MURRY		
Sunday 09 November	ADEMIDE	SALLY	Sign – up sheet in narthex		

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.



SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER is REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



'Lest we forget'

Haverhill's Remembrance Sunday event will consist of a parade followed by a service at Haverhill cemetery.

2:20pm - Remembrance Sunday Parade:

- The parade will start from Haverhill Arts Centre car park and proceed along the High Street.
- After a short pause on the Market Square the procession will continue onto the Withersfield Road cemetery at 3:00pm.

3:00pm - Cemetery service:

- The service will be led by the Rev. Max Drinkwater of St Mary's Church, Haverhill and include The Last Post played by Tim Pannell.
- There will be an opportunity to lay poppies after the service.
- After the service the parade will head back to Haverhill Market Square for an official dismissal.

CALLING ALL MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS



If your box needs emptying please bring it to church and leave it in the narthex.

Once emptied your box can be collected from the same place.

Thank you for your continued support

To support Missio throughout the year visit https://missio.org.uk

or call **020 7821 9755 (in office hours)**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
2 nd November	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Half term Next session Sunday 9 th November		

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 but stay to hear the Liturgy of the Word in church.

We are always looking for more adult helpers. If you would like to assist us please speak to Fr. John or Angela Wilson.

Thank you. Angela Wilson.

HYMNS for the FEAST of ALL SAINTS



372 – By All Your Saints Still Striving 605 – Take Our Bread 865 – I, the Lord of Sea and Sky 371 – For All the Saints

Next choir practice on **Tuesday 4**th **November at 7.00 p.m.**

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



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

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

Belief in the resurrection of the dead is an essential part of Christian revelation. It implies a particular understanding of the ineluctable mystery of death. Death is the end of our earthly life, but 'not of our existence' (St Ambrose) since the soul is immortal. 'Our lives are measured by time, in the course of which we change, grow old and, as with all living beings on earth, death seems like the normal end of life' (CCC, 1007). Seen from the perspective of the faith, 'death is the end of our earthly pilgrimage, of the time of grace and mercy which God offers us so as to work out our earthly life in keeping with the divine plan, and to decide our ultimate destiny' (CCC, 1013). Death is the passage to the fullness of true life. Death is the prolongation, in a new way, of life as the liturgy says: 'Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in Heaven' (Missal, Preface for the dead 1).

The death of a Christian is an event of grace, having as it does, a positive value and significance in Christ and through Christ. According to the faith of the Church, 'to die in Christ' begins at baptism. In Baptism, the Lord's disciples sacramentally die in Christ to live a new life. From the earliest days of the Christian religion the Church has honoured with great respect the memory of the dead. The whole month of November is an interesting time of prayer in the Church as it is filled with many important feast days, and it includes the days on which we commemorate all the saints and all the faithful departed.



SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER - ALL SAINTS DAY

On this day we honour all the Saints and ask them to pray for us. Masses will be our usual weekend Sunday Masses celebrated at 6.30 p.m on Saturday 1st November and at 10 a.m on Sunday 2nd November in St Felix Church

ALL SOULS' DAY IS ON MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

We will commemorate all of those who have died and remember them at Masses on All Souls Day at 10 a.m and 7.30 p.m on Monday 3rd November

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

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

All these intentions will be offered at Masses during the month of 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 and all those families who have lost loved ones in the past year.

A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

God, thank you for the special people in our lives whom we are remembering in a special way during the month of November.

We thank you for being a compassionate God who walks with us in our dark moments of grief and loneliness.

We are thankful for all who continue to love and support us through our grief.

Lord, continue to be a light for us, giving us hope, direction and courage.

May we now live our lives treasuring the memories of those special people we have known and loved

and help us to bring light and hope to others.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen

EXPOSITION and ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Welcome to St. Felix Parish

If you have just moved into the area or have found us for the first time you are most welcome.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church, and would like to find out more please speak to the parish priest, Fr John.

Please do not hesitate to call him on 01440 702156 or email him at john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk
You can also find out more about our parish at www.stfelixchurch.org.uk

TODAY, SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2025

Please stay for a chat, with a drink and a snack, after Sunday 10.00 a.m. Mass TODAY.

Hosted by members of our Filipino community.



PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 25th/26th October 2025

Standing Orders: £421.00 Collection: £661.02 Total: £1082.02

Second Collections Coming Up

13th/14th December – Diocesan Dependent Priests' Fund

A collection will be taken for this fund which supports our retired priests, those who are ill and those no longer active in ministry. Please keep them all in your prayers and give thanks for their years of ministry in our diocese.

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

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be NO 10 a.m. Mass on Tuesday 4th November as Fr. John is away.

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 F.MAIL ADDRESS

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]

SOLEMNITY of ALL SAINTS

Saturday 1st November: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 2nd November: 10.00 a.m. Mass

THIRTY-FIRST WEEK of the YEAR:

Monday 3rd November – ALL SOULS' DAY

10.00 a.m. Mass 7.30 p.m. Mass

Tuesday 4th November: NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday 5th November: 10.00 a.m. Mass

Thursday 6th November: 10.00 a.m. Mass

Friday 7th November: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Monika Popielnicka RIP*

DEDICATION of the LATERAN BASILICA – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Saturday 8th November: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 9th November: 10.00 a.m. Mass Barsilia Fernandes INT

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