

## PARISH OF ST. FELIX, HAVERHILL

### FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Racial Justice Day

**1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**

*Psalter - Week 4*

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**Our School: St. Felix Catholic Primary School: Tel: 01440 703775**

**Head teacher: Mrs Anne-Marie Price**

#### CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Sheila Dooley, Mary Dooley, Christine White,  
Angela Rymills, Jo Rowson, Nora Roberts.**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Alan Kent, Michael Bradshaw,  
Ann O'Flanagan, Helen Burns.**

#### SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Baiju and Sonia Varghese & Ian Blythe**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Buendia Family**

Dear Friends,

Another word for true and lasting happiness is "blessedness" or "beatitude." In today's gospel, Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount shows that he really wants his followers to have true and lasting happiness, the happiness that the world, and everything in it, cannot give. This state of blessedness is what Jesus calls being in the "kingdom of God". The eight beatitudes we have in today's gospel constitute a road map for anyone who seeks to attain this happiness of the kingdom.

Everybody seeks happiness. But often we look for it in the wrong places. Ask people around you what makes people happy and compare the answers you get with the answers Jesus gives. The world has its own idea of happiness.

We see that the values prescribed by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount are in fact counter-cultural. We cannot accept these teachings of Jesus and at the same time accept all the values of the society in which we live. Of course, Jesus does not demand that we abandon the world, but he does demand that we put God first in our lives because only God can guarantee the true happiness and peace that our hearts long for. Nothing in the world can give this peace, and nothing in the world can take it away.

The Eight Beatitudes do not describe eight different people such that we need to ask which of the eight suits us personally. No, they are eight different snapshots taken from different angles of the same godly person. The question for us today, therefore, is this: "Do we live our lives following the values of the world as a way of attaining happiness or do we live by the teachings of Jesus. If you live by the teachings of Jesus, then rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

With every blessing and prayers, Fr John

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### CAR PARKING AT ST FELIX CHURCH FOR SUNDAY MASS

When parking for Sunday Mass please do not:  
block other cars in the car park,  
or the access from the road to the church,  
or the turning circle directly outside the church doors.

These areas are needed to allow access to the church in case of an emergency.

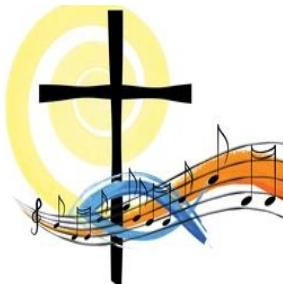
There are 34 parking spaces and 2 disabled parking spaces, so a total of 36 parking spaces in the church car park. Once these car park spaces are full please park in the roads around the church (making sure not to block our neighbours' drives) or on School Lane and in the parking area outside St Felix School (5-10 minute walk away from church).

### **VOLUNTEER CAR PARK MARSHALLS NEEDED:**

on Sunday mornings from 9.30 a.m.

If you are willing to volunteer to help with parking at church on a Sunday morning please speak to Fr John or Deacon Huw as soon as possible. Thank you.

### HYMNS FOR SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2026



**475 - Gather Us In**

**600 - All that I Am**

**898 - Make Me a Channel of Your  
Peace**

**877 - Will You Come and Follow Me?**

*Choir practise - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 7.00 p.m.*



**CAFOD** The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

**Well done everyone:  
St Felix is now a 'Live Simply Award' parish**

Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* we have been working towards the **Live Simply Award**.

The award is an opportunity for Catholic communities to answer the call for us to care for our common home and stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world by

**Living simply,  
Living sustainably with creation,  
Standing in solidarity with people living in poverty**

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 at our 10.00 a.m. Mass **Jane Crone**, Community Participation Coordinator for CAFOD in East Anglia and Brentwood will present the **Live Simply Award** plaque to the parish.

We are also delighted to welcome our **Town Mayor, Councillor Quinn Cox** to St Felix, to help us to celebrate our CAFOD Live Simply Award,

The plaque will go on permanent display in our church in recognition and celebration of our achievement, and also to remind us that this is a milestone on our **continuing journey to Live More Simply**.

Receiving this award is a good opportunity to renew our commitment to ongoing prayer and action....

CELEBRATE THIS WEEKEND  
BY PLEDGING TO  
LIVING MORE SIMPLY, SUSTAINABLY and in  
SOLIDARITY with PEOPLE in NEED  
BY CHANGING AT LEAST ONE MORE THING  
IN THE WAY WE LIVE.

*Some thoughts... you will have many more....*

One less car journey a week, walk to church if you can.

Buy one more locally produced item, one more Fairtrade/Rain  
Forest Alliance product each month.

Permanently stop using at least one more single use plastic  
item – bottled drinks, disposable tableware, plastic bags.

Donate to and purchase from charity shops.

Reuse disposable items as long as possible and then recycle.  
Help litter pick.

Extra item each week to foodbank

Set aside some time each week to look at and appreciate the  
world around you. Give thanks.

Buy what you need – reduce waste.

Use water carefully.

Recycle effectively

[over next few months Suffolk will be changing our recycling  
and waste management services to enable us to recycle more,  
more easily, through the kerb-side collections.

Please make sure you are aware of what you need to do to use  
this opportunity effectively and efficiently.]

**CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR 'OUR COMMON HOME'  
AND ALL LIFE ON IT.**

### **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 and those caring for them.
- Please continue to pray for lasting peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict.
- Pray for people living in any form of poverty. Remember the work of REACH and everyone associated in any way.
- 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 our children preparing to celebrate First Holy Communion and our young people preparing for the Sacrament of 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 their families and all who grieve.

**Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

**Jeremiah Jennings, Barbara Tabram, Constantia Eden, Frances Myers,  
Leonard Garty, Alfred Mason, Julia Garty, Rose Mulhaive,  
Suzannah Roebuck, Ian Wade, Eva Wilkinson.**

**During Winter up to Lent we are asked to pray for:**

**Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, Openness to the Word of God, Racial Justice, Victims of Trafficking, People who are Sick and Those Who Care for Them and People Who are Unemployed.**

**Pope Leo asks us to join him in February in prayer  
for children with incurable diseases.**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



Marie and I have decided to hold another fund raising Concert in aid of **REACH**. The last one [3 years ago] raised over £2000. This year we are aiming higher and are helped by *Haverhill Arts Centre* providing the venue and services completely free of charge.

Title: **A CONCERT FOR REACH**  
Date: **THURSDAY THE 30TH OF APRIL 2026**  
Venue: **HAVERHILL ARTS CENTRE,  
High Street, Haverhill, CB9 8AR**  
Time: **7.30 p.m.**  
Tickets: **£15.00**

We have a top class professional bill providing the entertainment. Everyone is giving their services free with all proceeds going to REACH. Last time we had a lively contingent from St Felix!

Tickets are available through the Haverhill Arts Centre website:  
<https://haverhillartscentre.co.uk/performance/a-concert-for-reach/>

or by phoning: **01440 714140**

*David Caulfield*

Items for the newsletter should be sent to

[stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk)

**by 12 noon on THURSDAY** for inclusion in the next newsletter



**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.

January 2026



**Items needed  
this week:**

1. Pasta sauce
2. Tinned fruit
3. Long-life milk
4. Tinned Meat
5. Tinned potatoes

Thank you to everyone that supports the foodbank  
through the donation of food, money or time!



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	?	1. Christine 2. ? 3. ?	?

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.*

### PARISH LITURGY MEETING

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 p.m.  
in St Felix Church.**

Any items for discussion regarding how we celebrate Masses and other celebrations in our parish are welcome.

Please speak to Fr John or Deacon Huw or email Fr John at [john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk)

### PARISH JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP MEETING

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 p.m.  
Interested in Justice & Peace work in our parish?  
You are very welcome to join us.**

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

**EXCERPTS FROM:**

***The Call of Creation***  
***Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales***  
***[Department for Social Justice]***  
**2022**

"All religious traditions encourage simplicity of life, often even a certain austerity. In the Christian tradition, this wisdom derives from the Lord's own profound saying ' Where your treasure is, there will your heart be too ' (Matthew 6:21). The desire for affluence, for more and more possessions, for almost anything new, can begin to dominate us. In a consumerist age, the pressure exerted on us by advertising and by the visibility of luxury goods all around us encourages the assumption that it is our right to use the gifts of creation entirely as we wish. It will require continuing reflection about how our habits of life can all too easily become excessive and wasteful, and how they affect the well-being of others, to counter these pressures. Nevertheless, to do so is a way of co-operating with Christ's mission to bring reconciliation and peace, and indeed can truly be a way of learning afresh to love God and our neighbour."

(p.22)

"The exercise of the virtue of solidarity and the promotion of the common good are **the responsibility of each and every Individual** and institution in society. We must all learn to respect nature in ways that are consistent with its God-given laws. Individual choices can seem insignificant when faced with such global challenges. But, as... Pope Francis has rightly stated... multiplied individual actions can indeed make a real difference."

(p.24)

# Pilgrimage Opportunities for Young People in East Anglia



Lourdes  
Summer  
2026

World Youth Day  
Seoul  
Summer 2027



**The Diocesan Youth Service is planning two pilgrimages:**

You need to be 16+ years old to come to Lourdes  
and 18+ years to come to Seoul in South Korea.

Both pilgrimages offer amazing, experiences.

Come and find out more at our launch  
on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

at Newmarket Parish Centre, 14 Exeter Road, Newmarket CB8 8LT.

The afternoon starts at 12.30 p.m. and will end by 3:00 p.m.  
(Please bring a packed lunch)

## PARISH FINANCES

### **Collection for the weekend 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Standing Orders: £421.00

Collection: £595.96

Total: £1016.96

### **Upcoming Special and Second Collections**

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

(Collection on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February / Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March)

***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*

### **AFTER MASS REFRESHMENTS**

**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY FOLLOWING 10.00 A.M. MASS**



***Please stay for a drink, a chat and to celebrate!***

## **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/UCCEHq3Ww93rfGfMGzXS25A2w/>

*[Sunday readings – Year A, Weekday readings Year II]*

### **FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME – RACIAL JUSTICE DAY**

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January: 6.30 p.m. Mass *John & Margaret Mooney RIP*

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

### **Second Week of the Year**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: 10.00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Ned Noone RIP*

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February: 10.00 a.m. Mass *George RIP*

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Mariyamma RIP*

### **FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - DAY of PRAYER for VICTIMS of TRAFFICKING**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February: 6.30 p.m. Mass *FR MICHAEL TEADER RIP*

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February: 10.00 a.m. 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**