

PARISH OF ST. FELIX, HAVERHILL

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time

28th September 2025

Psalter – Week 2

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 4th October - Nnenna Exugwu, Chinoso Mfon-Eddie, Stella Ugama, Kelechi Onwodi, Nellie Malango Saturday 11th October – Alan Kent, Michael Bradshaw, Ann O'Flanagan, Helen Burns.

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 28th September – Jose Family Sunday 5th October – Pat and PJ Sheehy & Annette Field.

REFLECTION by Fr. ADRIAN GRAFFY on TODAY' S GOSPEL

Once again we hear a parable which is only recorded by the evangelist Luke. It is a high point of the social teaching of Jesus.

He points to the desperate injustice of one man's treatment of another, a theme which is as relevant today as it was then. The profound disregard which the rich man shows to the poor man at his very gate should give us all a jolt. Is it possible we too perpetrate such injustice?

The parable makes very clear that the time for action is now. The day will come when the 'great gulf' will be fixed and we will no longer be able to assist our fellow human beings in their need.

From Hades, the rich man continues to look on Lazarus as his inferior. He asks Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers to repent. But the warning is already to be found in the words of the Scriptures, in the Law and in prophets such as Amos.

Does the parable have anything to say to me here and now? Am I sufficiently committed to working for a better world? Let us pray for the eyes to see the needs of others and the heart to respond. Let us pray for justice and solidarity in human affairs.

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

CAFOD'S HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL - 2025



This Family Fast Day, your donation means more people like Waré can gain access to safe drinking water without having to walk for miles and hours and carry heavy water containers back home. Waré wanted to build a water supply system in her village so with her neighbours, and supported by Cafod and local water engineers they built a rain water collection, storage and filtration system so that they have water for themselves and their livestock in the long months of drought.

During this Jubilee year, we're invited to reflect on the call to renewal, justice and care for our neighbours. This season is a time to give thanks and to share with those overcoming poverty and injustice. By choosing to gift a donation, you can stand alongside farmers like Waré as they build a better future for their children.

- £27 can buy a sack of cement for lining the water tank
- £60 can provide fencing to keep out animals
- £100 can fund tools and materials for local water engineers to build tanks

You can hear more about this year's CAFOD Fast Day from our Justice and Peace Group who will be speaking at Masses this weekend. Please collect a CAFOD Fast Day Envelope for your donation from the font and remember the work of CAFOD on Family Fast Day, this coming Friday 3rd October. You can place your donation in the envelope in the collection this weekend or next weekend in the basket on the font or via the CAFOD button on our Dona Card Machine. Thank you

EXPOSITION and ADORATIONOF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 4.30 – 6.30 p.m.

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

THE JUBILEE ICON

To celebrate and commemorate the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year, CAFOD commissioned an icon from Mulugeta Araya, an artist and an engineer who studied at St Mary's College, Wukro, Ethiopia, which is supported by CAFOD.

The Icon was blessed by Cardinal Nichols during the Adoremus congress in September 2024 and is touring the Dioceses of England and Wales during 2025.

It will be at the Diocesan Jubilee of Migrants at St Luke's church in Peterborough at 12 noon on 4 October, here at the 6.30 p.m. Mass at St Felix on the same day, and at the 10 a.m. Mass at St Felix on 5 October.



To find out more see this video https://cafod.org.uk/pray/jubilee-icon

2025 SEASON OF CREATION



This year's theme is 'Peace with Creation' and the symbol is 'Garden of Peace', both inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18.

Isaiah describes a desolate creation without peace due to injustice and the broken relationship between God and humanity. Today, more than ever, some human activities are at war with creation - the global impact of unsustainable lifestyles, excessive consumption, lasting pollution. However, there is hope for a peaceful earth. God's peace emerges when we work for justice, reconciliation, solidarity and harmony with creation. Through prayer and action we must repair our human relationships with Earth, with other creatures and with God.

The 2025 symbol titled "Garden of Peace," depicts a white dove flying over a tree. The left side of the tree is barren, with roots digging into dry soil, surrounded by an arid, desolate landscape. In contrast, the right side of the tree is lush and green, standing amidst a flourishing landscape. The dove, carrying an olive branch in its beak, flies toward the right—symbolizing peace as a transition from a war-torn, overexploited land to one that is fertile, thriving, and hospitable.

(There are many resources and food for thought and prayer on the Season of Creation website: https://seasonofcreation.org/)

2025 SEASON OF CREATION

"Through prayer and action we must repair our human relationships with Earth, with other creatures and with God."

We are taking a few moments each day in personal and/or liturgical prayer for 'Peace with Creation'.

The second element of our Care for Creation is action.

Dcn. Huw reminded us recently that we can each do something to care more for our common home.

In 'Laudate Deum' Pope Francis said that the most effective solutions will not come from individual efforts alone, but above all from major political decisions on the national and international level. **However**, he continued, cultural changes will not take place without personal changes.

"Efforts by households to reduce pollution and waste, and to consume with prudence, are creating a new culture. The mere fact that personal, family and community habits are changing is contributing to greater concern about the unfulfilled responsibilities of the political sectors and indignation at the lack of interest shown by the powerful. Let us realise, then, that even though this does not immediately produce a notable effect from the quantitative standpoint, we are helping to bring about large processes of transformation rising from deep within society" [LD 71]

DECIDE TODAY ON ONE MORE ACTION YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP BRING ABOUT THESE PROCESSES OF TRANSFORMATION.

An action like removing another single-use plastic from your daily life, like buying more locally produced products, buying more fairtrade/rainforest alliance products, improving your recycling and reusing, petitioning local and national authorities.

You have your own ideas - turn at least one into action!



In our world, fairness isn't a given. But the power to get there is in our hands. Together, our actions can have a positive impact on real people's lives. Fairer pay. Fairer treatment. Fairer futures. That's Fairtrade. It's not just a label – it's a movement. So, whatever you do, and however you do it: **Do it Fair.**

Look out for the Fairtrade symbol when you shop



https://www.fairtrade.net/uk-en/get-involved/campaign-with-us



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

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', especially Isabelle & Maria, Christiane Kobus, Grazyna Shelle, Anaanais & family and as yet unborn Helga & her family. Particularly remember those who are ill including Carl Scamp, Dave Morgan, Mary Morgan, Alwyn Marçhon, Andrea Savage, Jackie Collins, Fr Adrian Gates, Lata and Anaania..
- Please continue to pray for 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 care for 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 .
- 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: Kenneth McGillicuddy, Teresa Holmes, Julianna O. Eduputa, Paul Cook, Cameron Vasquez, Frederick Payne, Frances Matthews, Joannes Lawson.

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 October in praying for collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

TEA, COFFEE, or COLD DRINK after 10.00 a.m Mass SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER



Hosted by members of our African community

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS			
Sunday 28 th September	Team 1 CAROL and DAVE/BINOY		
Sunday 5 th October	Team 2 SUE 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 27 September	JO	VIOLET	MURRY			
Sunday 28 September	ASIN	ASWIN	Sign – up sheet in narthex			
Saturday 04 October		LINDA	ANGELA			
Sunday 05 October	DAVE	SUE	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.

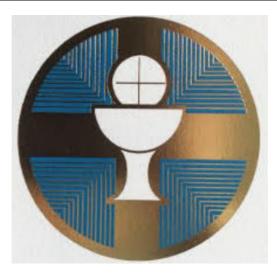


- 1. Jam
- 2. Tinned fruit
- 3. Long-life milk
- 4. Crackers
- 5. Tinned Vegetables

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



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)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Sunday 28 th September	ANGELA WILSON	 Christine White 3. 	12

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 when Children's Liturgy recommences in September please speak to Fr. John or Angela Wilson.

HYMNS for SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER



475 – Gather Us In

608 - Take My Hands

806 – The Lord's My Shepherd

730 - When I Needed A Neighbour

Next choir practice on Tuesday 30th September at 7.00 p.m.

ST FELIX PARISH PROJECT 2025

Over the last few months we have supported the work and mission of LORETO RUMBEK SCHOOL in South Sudan.

It was wonderful to welcome Sr. Noelle and Sr. Orla to our parish last weekend (20th/21st September)



and to hear Sr. Orla speak so eloquently and with such passion and love about South Sudan, the Loreto Rumbek School and associated projects, future developments and particularly the courage and achievements of the girls and young women who do and have attended the school.

Thanks to your generosity, we exceeded our minimum target of £1000 and raised in excess of £1700 for the Loreto Rumbek Schools.

The Parish topped up this amount making the final

St. Felix donation £2000.

Well done and thank you very much.

Please continue to pray for the students and staff of Loreto Rumbek.

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

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Fr John will be on pilgrimage to Lourdes, with Across, so will be away from the parish from Thursday 2nd October to Saturday 11th October.

Please keep everyone on this pilgrimage in your prayers.

I will remember you all in my prayers at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, at the Grotto and will light a candle for everyone in our parish family. With thanks and every blessing and prayers. *Fr John.*

While Fr John is in Lourdes, we welcome Fr John Morrill who will celebrate Mass for us on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th October.

There will be NO weekday Masses on Thursday 2nd or Friday 3rd October or on Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th and Friday 10th October

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 13th/14th September 2025

Standing Orders: £421.00 Collection: £465.70 Total: £886.70

£183.03 for Evanglii Gaudium Sunday Collection

Second Collections Coming Up

Friday 4th October – CAFOD Harvest Fast Day $5^{th}/6^{th}$ October – collection to support the work of CAFOD

18th/19th October – World Mission Sunday.

A collection will be taken to support the work of Missio

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 who are 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

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 E.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]

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 27th September: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 28th September: 10.00 a.m. Mass Paul Cook RIP

TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK of the YEAR:

Tuesday 30th September: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Private Int*

Wednesday 1st October: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Private Int*

Thursday 2nd October: NO MASS TODAY

Friday 3rd October: NO MASS TODAY

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 4th October: 6.30 p.m. Mass All students & staff of

Loreto Rumbek School

Sunday 5th October: 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