



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,  
HAVERHILL**

**TWENTY-FIFTH  
SUNDAY  
in ORDINARY TIME**

*(Parish Mass Book page 135)*

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**

**Psalter – Week 1**

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**[www.stfelixchurch.org.uk](http://www.stfelixchurch.org.uk)**

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**Tel: 01440 703775**

**Head teacher: Mrs. A. Dodds**

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:**

**Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> September – Angela Rymills, Jo Rowson, Nora Roberts, Caroline Reeve**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu and Anu Anto**

**SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Jose Family**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Buendia Family and Ron White**

Dear Friends

Ambition is, in itself, not a bad thing. It is what often accompanies ambition that make it dangerous and destructive.

In the gospel passage this weekend, Jesus teaches us what it means to be truly great. He doesn't say that we shouldn't seek greatness, or try to be the best person we can be, but he turns the common understanding of greatness on its head: *'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.'*

This teaching doesn't sit easily with us. It's not the way the world thinks or works. People do not get ahead by making sure that they are the last in line. The instruction of Jesus has nothing to do with human wisdom - it doesn't make sense. It makes sense only from the perspective of God's way of judging persons and situations, that is, from the perspective of the Kingdom of God.

Foolish and blind as the disciples were, Jesus was patient with them and took time to instruct them about what greatness means in the context of kingdom he is inaugurating through his suffering, death and resurrection. It means placing ourselves and our talents at the service of others, and of God's reign of justice, peace, and love on earth.

Martin Luther King said: *'Not everybody can be famous but everybody can be great, because greatness is determined by service.'*

Dcn Huw ☺

*"since by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in us (cf. Gal 2:20)... our lives can become a song of love for God, for humanity, with and for creation, and find their fullness in holiness."*

[Pope Francis, Message for the World Day of Prayer  
for the Care of Creation 2024]



**DEACON JOHN MORRILL'S  
ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

***Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 11.30 a.m.***

***in our Cathedral of  
St John the Baptist in Norwich.***

Bishop Peter will ordain Deacon John Morrill to the Priesthood  
for our Diocese.

Deacon John has served for many years as one of the  
Permanent Deacons in the Parish of Our Lady Immaculate & St  
Etheldreda, Newmarket.

**All are welcome to attend Deacon John's Ordination at our  
Cathedral.**

Those who cannot attend can participate online:

<https://youtube.com/@cathedralofstjohnthebaptist?si=qVoPJHQqnJRvIU-k> OR

[https://youtube.com/@rcdea?si=AoEYNzv\\_gU4vaG2g](https://youtube.com/@rcdea?si=AoEYNzv_gU4vaG2g)

and follow the 'LIVE' link.

**Please keep John and all his family very much in your  
prayers as he prepares to be ordained as a priest for our  
Diocese.**

**DIOCESAN FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**

**The Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham  
is celebrated on  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September  
and is a Solemnity in our Diocese.**

Our Lady of Walsingham is Principle Patron of our Diocese, and  
the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham is in our Diocese in  
Norfolk.

**Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in St Felix Church  
on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September.**

## ST FELIX RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY



We currently have spaces for 15 and 30 hour provision  
for children aged three by August 31st 2024.  
(Born between 1/9/2020 – 31/8/2021)

Monday – Friday; 8:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.  
Morning, afternoon or all-day spaces available.

For more information or to arrange a visit please contact  
[admin@st-felixrc.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-felixrc.suffolk.sch.uk)

*We look forward to hearing from you.*

### GARDEN NEWS



The gardening team have added a  
new plant in Fr. Michael's  
memorial garden. It is called  
***Angel Wings***  
and we thought it would be ideal  
for the garden.  
If you get a chance, go and look  
at it.

## **ST FELIX CELEBRATES THE SEASON of CREATION:**

**With Prayer:** with or without words....

### **MAKING OPPORTUNITIES TO RECONNECT TO NATURE:**

*Spend extra moments of time in/with nature, just being, looking, listening, touching, smelling, tasting. **Select something which is a symbol from/of nature which has significance for you. If you can't collect your chosen symbol itself - take a photo or do a drawing. Bring your symbols from nature to Mass on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> or Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September and use them to decorate the altar at the 'offertory procession' - symbols of 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands'. Weather permitting the 10.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September will be celebrated outside. [Bring a chair!]***

### **Watching the night sky**

We thought we would like to try to connect more with our common home within the wider universe.

**MOON GAZING** - *On Wednesday evening a small group of us gathered in the church carpark to watch the moon rising. We were blessed with a clear view of the 'Harvest moon'...*

Be praised, my lord, for Sister Moon  
and the stars  
formed by you so bright,  
precious, and beautiful.'

*[from 'The Canticle of Brother Sun' by St. Francis of Assisi]*

We would like to try to connect more with our common home within the wider universe by gathering again in the church carpark for

**STAR GAZING** on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 7.30 p.m.

### **Action on behalf of Creation:**

Remember our promises to Creation made 2 years ago? (Copy displayed in the narthex)

**RECOMMIT TO FULFILLING THEM and EXTEND THEM DOING AT LEAST ONE FURTHER ACTION TO PROTECT AND HEAL OUR PLANET.**

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



'Children's Liturgy' is happy to welcome children who attend Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. Younger children and those with additional needs are welcome to attend with an adult.

Please note that your child will need to collect a registration card as you sign them in, in order for us to manage the number of children attending.'

| DATE     | LEADER        | ADULT HELPER                               | CHILD No. |
|----------|---------------|--|-----------|
| 22.09.24 | ANGELA WILSON | 1. Christine White<br>2. Mary Mathew<br>3. | 18        |

| WEEKEND READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS           |                                      |                         |                            |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| DATE  | 1 <sup>st</sup> READING              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> READING | EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS      |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><b>21<sup>st</sup> September</b> | JO                                   |                         | MURRY                      |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>   | MARITA                               | DAVE                    | Sign up list<br>In narthex |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><b>28<sup>th</sup> September</b> | MURRY                                |                         | KAREN                      |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>29<sup>th</sup> September</b>   | CHILDREN'S MASS<br>NO READERS NEEDED |                         | Sign up list<br>In narthex |

## **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', particularly those who are seriously ill - Declan, John, Lata, Anna, Franco D'Souza, Elias Gomes. Remember their loved ones and carers.
- Please continue to pray for peace in Gaza, Ukraine and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict.
- Pray that Governments, leaders and all people will learn to reconnect with Creation and act to heal and protect the Earth, our Common Home.
- 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 children, young people, educators and trainers beginning the new academic year. Remember the staff and pupils of St Felix School.
- Pray for Fr. John, Dcn, Huw, and all the people of our parish, especially those who are housebound or being cared for in care or nursing homes.

**Pray for all the people we know and love who have died**, especially 9 year old Daisy who lost her battle with leukaemia last weekend. Remember also Daisy's family and all who grieve.

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

Lee Whitehead, Dennis Lyons, Patrick O'Brien, Ellen Jennings, William Griffin,  
James Hegarty, Elsie Pryce, Baby Thomas, Kenneth McGillicuddy.

**During autumn we are asked to pray for:**

**The Harvest, Students and Teachers, Justice and Peace in the World, Prisoners and their Families, All Victims of War, Home Missions, People Living in Poverty, Young People,**

In September Pope Francis asks us to pray for The Cry Of The Earth. That each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

## 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



Need help. Don't wait. 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](mailto:info@reachhaverhill.org.uk)**

**Contact hours:** Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

**This week the Foodbank is in need of:**



### **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, CAFOD, 100 Club, Flowers, Candles, Mass Offerings, Donations, Second collections.**

*Thank you*



**HYMNS for SUNDAY MASS – 22.09.2024**



**764 – Colours of Day**

**720 – Be Still for the Presence  
of the Lord**

**731 – For the Fruits of All Creation**

**735 – We Plough the Fields and  
Scatter**



***Here to help you with:***

benefits, debt, employment, housing, consumer,  
family and relationship, and other issues.

**Phone us on: 0808 278 7868**

Freephone Monday to Friday  
9.30am to 3.30pm

**Email via the contact form on our website:**

[www.suffolkwestcab.org.uk](http://www.suffolkwestcab.org.uk)

**Our Reception is open: Fridays – 10am to 12pm**

Haverhill House, Lower Downs Slade, Haverhill, CB9 9HB

## THE KNIFE ANGEL IS IN HAVERHILL DURING SEPTEMBER



The Knife Angel is the national monument against knife crime and violence amongst young people, a sculpture created by the [British Ironworks Centre](#) from 100,000 blades surrendered in amnesty, which has been touring the country for the last two years. This will be its first visit to Suffolk, and an opportunity for the community to come together to reflect on the effects of violence, and to show that together we can help and encourage one another to be better.

Here are some of the ways you can join in over the month:

- See the **art exhibition** at St Mary's from prisoners at HMP Highpoint, including some poignant responses to violent crime from those who have been directly involved or affected.
- Use the **prayer station** at St Mary's to reflect on your experience of the Knife Angel and to offer to God any particular people or places on your heart.
- Write in the **book of remembrance** at St Mary's if you know someone who has been lost to acts of violence, or in response to events that affect the whole community.
- Speak to one of the many **local community groups** offering advice and support, including Open Mind who are on Market Square every Saturday during September.

- Fill in an **anti-violence pledge** on a wooden heart and leave it at the railings surrounding the Knife Angel.
- Take part in the national **photograph competition** by posting on social media with hashtag #KnifeAngelPhotoCompetition.
- Collect a **colouring sheet** and return your design to Haverhill Arts Centre

There are various services and events happening throughout the month including:

- Wednesday **25th September** at 7.30pm vigil service with music from St Mary's choir, in Market Square.
- Friday **27th September**: Civic Closing Ceremony, in Market Square.
- Monday **30th September**: Knife Angel leaves Market Square for Peterborough.

### **PARISH FINANCES**

#### **Collection for the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Standing Orders | £383.00        |
| Collection      | £348.23        |
| <b>Total:</b>   | <b>£731.23</b> |

#### **£89.00 for Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission Sunday)**

#### **Future Second Collections for 2024.**

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Collection  
(Harvest Fast Day is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October)

19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> October: Missio – World Mission Sunday

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> November: St Edmunds Fund  
(Diocesan Social Outreach Fund)

14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> December: Diocesan Dependant Priests Fund

**Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.**

### **NO 10 a.m. MASS ON FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**Fr John is in Norwich at the Cathedral for the Annual Schools Mass with staff and children from our primary school of St Felix.**

Please keep all our schools and everyone involved in our school communities in your prayers.

## **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 B, weekday readings Year II]*

### **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Mary George RIP*

### **Twenty-fifth Week of the Year:**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September: ***Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham:***  
10.00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September: 10.00 Mass *Fr. John Morrill, Ordination Int.*

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September: 10.00 a.m Mass *Derek Cutler RIP*

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September: NO MASS TODAY

### **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday 28<sup>st</sup> September: 2.30 – 5.00 p.m. - *Indian Mass & Catechism*  
6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Jacqui M-Morris RIP*  
CHILDREN'S MASS

## **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS**

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions on Saturday evenings from 5.45 – 6.15 p.m.**

Confessions are also available by appointment with Fr. John

**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*