

**PARISH OF ST. FELIX
HAVERHILL**

**THIRD SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time**
*Sunday of
the Word of God*

Sunday 22nd January 2023

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Psalter – Week 3

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:

Sat. 28th January – Sheila Dooley, Mary Dooley, Christine White, Malcolm M.

Sat. 4th February – Angela Rymills, Judith Dance, Jo Rowson, Nora Roberts

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 22nd January – Buendia Family and Ron white

Sunday 29th January – Pat & PJ Sheehy and Annette Field

Dear Friends,

In the first reading, Isaiah prophesied "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light". This prophecy refers to Zebulun and Naphtali, two of the ten lost tribes of Israel. They were the first two tribes of the northern kingdom of Israel to be deported by the Assyrians in 722 BC, and their lands were resettled by people who were not Jewish.

Isaiah was predicting a time when, as he put it, 'a great light' would shine on these northern territories, their fortunes would be restored, and God Himself will confer glory on them. Isaiah, said it would be 'like the day of Midian'. This day refers to the famous battle in which Gideon defeated the Midianites and enriched Israel with all the booty he captured.

In the Gospel, St Matthew tells us that this prophecy was being fulfilled when Jesus Christ began His preaching mission. Throughout their long history the Jews were delivered from many oppressors but St Matthew sees the prophecy of Isaiah coming true in the ministry of Jesus who was preaching in the very same lands of Zebulun and Naphtali, referred to as 'Galilee of the Nations' since so many foreigners lived there. For St Matthew the coming of Jesus meant that everything would be put right - in the Gospel we are told of Jesus calling his first disciples - there would be twelve of them, just as there were originally twelve tribes of Israel.

History may seem to be confusing but it is all part of God's plan to establish his kingdom on earth just as it has already been prepared for us in heaven. God's kingdom will grow in unexpected places and God calls us to help Him in this project. Dcn Huw ☺

There will be no 10 a.m. Mass this Wednesday morning as Fr. John is at the funeral of Deacon Clive Brooks in Ipswich.

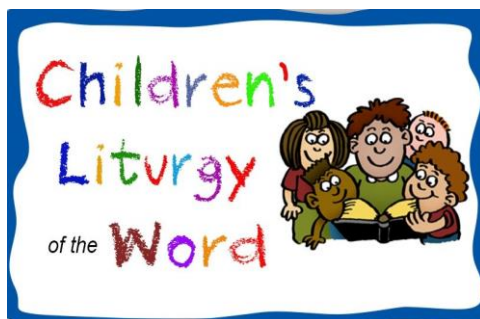


Inviting all young people in Year 9 and above to 'Flame' at Wembley Arena

The Diocesan Youth Service is excited to be taking a group to 'Flame' on March 4th. Flame is the largest Catholic gathering of young people in the UK, coming together to experience the best in international speakers, artists, and performers.

For details and to book a ticket and a place on the coach, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

Bookings must be received by 12th February.



THIS WEEK'S LEADERS & HELPERS

DATE	LEADER(S)	ADULT HELPERS	YOUNG HELPERS(12+)	CHILD Nos.
22 nd JANUARY 2023	ANGELA WILSON	M. Mathew I. Zuffati S. Arnold		24

PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Lord God,

We pray for the on-going conflict in Ukraine.

Our hearts cry out for mercy for those in danger and in fear.

We pray for the bombs to stop, for the bullets to cease.

We pray for peace to reign.

We pray for the politicians, especially Putin to stop. Just stop.

To seek the way of peace rather than the path of violence.

We pray for peace to reign.

We pray for world leaders to know wisdom, to love justice,
to open their hearts and their borders
to all those fleeing from bloodshed.

We pray for peace to reign.

Above all we pray for the people of Ukraine.

Protect them, keep them safe, make them strong,

Give them courage and give them hope.

We pray, almighty God, for Your peace to reign.

Amen.

[Dr. Justin Thacker, Christian Aid]



HYMNS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22.01.2023

865 – Here I am Lord

965 – As the Deer

744 – Christ is the World's Light

768 – Follow Me

House Cleaning

One of our parishioners, Agnieszka Brodzik, offers
house cleaning.

For more details, please call Agnieszka on 07889 770586

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 all people who have requested prayers through our 'Intentions Book'
- Please remember in your prayers members of our Parish who are housebound or being cared for in our local care and nursing homes.
- Pray for people who are lonely, or separated from family and friends
- Pray for peace in our world, especially in Ukraine, and for wise and just decisions from world leaders.
- Pray for all those people and environments severely affected by climate change. Pray that national leaders will work together responsibly and lead their nations in reducing 'greenhouse gases'.
- Pray for people whose income is insufficient to meet their needs, especially those who are our local neighbours. Remember the work of 'REACH' in your prayers.
- 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 pupils and staff of St. Felix School and all the people of our parish.

Pray for all we know and love who have died, and for those who grieve.

Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Maria Harris, Karen Parkin, Laurence Miller,
Julie Eade

During Ordinary Time, up to Lent, we are asked to pray for:

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

In January, **Pope Francis** asks us to pray with him for **Educators**. We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

ST FELIX PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our next meeting is being held on **Thursday 2nd February at 7p.m** in the Narthex at church. All are welcome to come along and join the members of our Parish Council for the meeting.

There is a box in the narthex for any questions, suggestions or items for discussion for our PPC meeting. The box will be available until Sunday 28th January. Paper is available next to the box for you to use and place in the box. All items will be discussed at the PPC meeting.

Thank you

FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY IS



Holocaust Memorial Day

Learning from genocide
for a better future

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) takes place on 27 January each year and is a time to remember the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

HMD is a time when we seek to learn the lessons of the past and recognise that genocide does not just take place on its own – it's a steady process which can begin if discrimination, racism and hatred are not checked and prevented... There is still much to do to create a safer future.

'Ordinary People' is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2023. Ordinary people were involved in all aspects of the Holocaust, Nazi persecution of other groups, and in the genocides that took place in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. Ordinary people were perpetrators, bystanders, rescuers, witnesses – and ordinary people were victims.

Visit the HMD Trust website for much more information about Holocaust Memorial Day and to explore this year's theme: www.hmd.org.uk/

The Council of Christians and Jews (CCJ) are encouraging people to use this prayer for Holocaust Memorial Day, 27 January, and throughout the year.

Loving God, you care for each and every human life. All people are cherished as your beloved children, no matter how ordinary or extraordinary their stories are. Today we come before you to remember the victims of the Holocaust.

We lament the loss of the six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust, the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution, and victims of all genocides.

May our minds be clear and attentive to their memory, and our hearts be moved to bear witness to their lives.

Help us all to turn away from hatred and division, and to build a world where genocide is no more.

Strengthen us so that we, in our own ordinary ways, may show extraordinary love in the world today.

Amen

[Bishops' Conference of England and Wales]

ANYONE IN NEED OF HELP IN THE CURRENT COST OF LIVING CRISIS?

If you are aware of anyone who is, or will be, in serious need of help during the current and 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:

01440 712950

info@reachhaverhill.org.uk

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

[Reach Haverhill: Get Support](#)



REACH has opened a new hub on Fridays at St Mary's Church in Haverhill. The hub is open from 2 p.m-4 p.m where advisors will be giving out food, advice and other support. If you need help, please get in touch and make an appointment to see them today.

CONCERT IN AID OF Reach

We are organising a fund raising concert for Reach.

**The concert will be at the Haverhill Arts Centre
on Friday 12th May 2023.**

and will feature some great musicians and singers.
Tickets are £10 each from the Arts Centre Box Office.

All proceeds will go to Reach.

Please support this very worthy charity.

David and Marie Caulfield

**2023 DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK NOW AVAILABLE
in the Narthex - £2.50 each**

The latest edition of the Diocesan Newspaper is also available in the narthex – FREE!

PARISH FINANCES

COLLECTIONS/WEEKLY OFFERING & DONATIONS:

Collections for the weekend of 14th /15th January 2023:

Standing orders:	£296.00
Collection:	£344.46
Total:	£640.46

Collection for **Pax Christi** - £135.60
plus a further £100 from the 'Pennies for Peace' jar

*Thank you for your generosity to our parish community
and the people and organisations we try to support.*

PASTORAL VISITING

***If you are aware of someone who might benefit from a
pastoral visit or someone who cannot get to church and
might like to receive Holy Communion at home,
please speak to Fr. John. Thank you.***

**SACRAMENT of
RECONCILIATION**

***Saturday evening
from
5.45 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.***

... or at another time
by request to Fr John.

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS BOOK

Please feel free to enter any intentions in this book in the narthex, and these will be offered at all Masses.

[Please write 'YES' beside your intention if you wish the intention to reach more people by being put in the Parish Newsletter, which also appears on the Parish website]

Thank you.

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 A, weekday readings Year 1]

THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME [Sunday of the Word of God]

Saturday 21 st January	<i>Eucharistic Adoration 5.45 – 6.15 p.m.</i>	
	Mass 6.30 p.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 22 nd January	Mass 10.00 a.m.	<i>Martin McDonagh RIP</i>

Third Week of the Year

Wednesday 25th January: NO MASS TODAY

Thursday 26th January: Mass 10.00 a.m. *Lisa Chandler RIP*

Friday 27th January: Mass 10.00 a.m. *Jacqui Mesquita Morris RIP*

FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 28 th January	<i>Eucharistic Adoration 5.45 – 6.15 p.m.</i>	
	Mass 6.30 p.m.	<i>Private Int</i>
Sunday 29 th January	Mass 10.00 a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>

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 01440 702156 or
Deacon Huw on 07399 163718.**

**Wishing you and your families every blessing and prayers
Fr John and Deacon Huw**