

**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**THE FIRST
SUNDAY of LENT**

Sunday 9th March 2025

Psalter – Week 1

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 15th March – Sheila Dooley, Mary Dooley, Christine White

Saturday 22nd March – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu, Zina Pereira, Anu Anto,

Remya Joseph

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 9th March – Baiju & Sonia Varghese and Ian Blythe

Sunday 16th March – Jose Family

EXCERPTS FROM POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS REFLECTION
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – 6th March 2022
on the Gospel we hear this week-end – Luke 4:1-13

Dear brothers and sisters, *buongiorno!*

The Gospel of today's Liturgy, the first Sunday of Lent, takes us into the desert, where Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit, for 40 days, to be tempted by the devil (cf. Lk 4:1-13)... The desert symbolizes the fight against the seductions of evil, in order to learn to choose true freedom... It is precisely through this spiritual struggle that he decisively affirms what type of Messiah he intends to be... Let us then look closely at the temptations he is battling.

Twice the devil addresses him, saying: "If you are the Son of God...". He is thus proposing to him to exploit his position: first to satisfy the material needs he feels, hunger, then to increase his power; and, finally, to have a prodigious sign from God. Three temptations. It is as if he were saying, "If you are the Son of God, take advantage of it!. How often this happens to us: "But if you are in that position, take advantage of it! Don't lose the opportunity, the chance", that is, "think of *your* benefit". It is a seductive proposal, but it leads you to the enslavement of the heart: it makes us obsessed with the desire to have, it reduces everything to the possession of things, power, fame. This is the core of the temptations: the "poison of the passions" in which evil is rooted. Let us look within ourselves, and we will find that our temptations always have this mindset, always this way of acting.

But Jesus opposes the attractions of evil in a victorious way. How does he do this? By responding to temptations with the Word of God, which says not to take advantage, not to use God, others and things for oneself, not to take advantage of one's own position to obtain privileges. Because true happiness and true freedom are not found in possessing, but in sharing; not in taking advantage of others, but in loving them; not in the obsession of power, but in the joy of service.

✠ **TREVOR WEED RIP**

Please remember and pray for the repose of the soul of Trevor Weed who died on Tuesday 25th February.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for Trevor and also pray for, and with, his wife Ann, for their friends and all who worked with Trevor and Ann at Sainsburys in Haverhill.

✠ **CYRUS LAROSE RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cyrus Larose who died peacefully at home recently.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray with and for Cyrus' family at this sad time.

The Funeral Mass for Cyrus will be celebrated at St Felix Church on Thursday 20th March at 10 a.m followed by a short committal service at Haverhill Cemetery.

All are welcome to come and pray for Cyrus and for and with his family.

FR ANTHONY'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Fr Anthony Foreman celebrates the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on 12th March 2025. Fr Anthony has been a good friend to St Felix many times in the past.

*He is concelebrating Mass on **WEDNESDAY 12th MARCH – 12 midday** **OUR LADY & ST ETHELDREDA CHURCH, NEWMARKET***

Fr Anthony sends an open invitation to anyone from St Felix who may wish to attend his celebration on the 12th.

Items for the newsletter should be sent to

stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter



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Singers

and

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
& ORGAN

PRESENTS

Karl Jenkins'
extraordinary opus:

The ARMED MAN

A Mass For Peace

**St Mary's Church, High St,
Haverhill, CB9 8AX.**

22nd March 2025 @ 7pm



scan to book
on-line

Tickets on the door at £15*

Or book on-line

@www.haverhillsingers.org

Call: 07702 310044

or 07765 087424

***Accompanied children under 16 F.O.C.**

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 those who are ill - Linette Fernandes, Gisèle Marçhon, Dave Morgan, and Elias Gomes and Hilde Fernandes who are receiving end of life care, and continue to hold Pope Francis in your prayers. Please also pray for the intentions of Francis Xavier Correirra and Aidan Marçhon and the Marçhon family.
- 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 the effects of climate change.
- 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 migrants and refugees that they will receive the welcome and support they need from those to whom they turn for 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 pupils and staff of St Felix School and all the people of our parish.

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:

**Stephanie Benson, Nora O'Reilly, Maria Smith, Joe Daly,
John Doran, Isabella Everett**

During Lent we are asked to pray for:

**Candidates for the Sacraments, the Needy and Hungry of the World, the World Day
of Prayer, Penitents and Wanderers**

In March Pope Francis asks us to pray for Families in Crisis.

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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.



Items needed this week:

1. Crisps
2. Rice
3. Long-life fruit Juice
4. Long-life milk
5. Crackers

March 2025



Some Thoughts On 'Living Simply'

An important aspect of our striving to live simply is taking time out to pray and reflect.

As we move deeper into the season of Lent, an important time of reflection and prayer in the Church's year, we offer as a suggestion exploring *The God Who Speaks* website from the Bishops Conference of England and Wales. A starting point for reflection and prayer could be:

www.godwhospeaks.uk/a-time-for-everything-do-it-yourself-retreat/

After that you may want to let your curiosity get the better of you and click on other headings in other areas of the site. It won't be a waste of time!



HYMNS for SUNDAY 9th MARCH 2025



**199 - Again We Keep This Solemn
Fast**

609 - In Bread We Bring You Lord

952 - On Angels' Wings

**960 - Guide Me O Thou Great
Redeemer**

*Next choir practice in preparation for Lent and Easter
Tuesday 11th March at 7.00 p.m. in Church*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
9th March	ANGELA WILSON	1. Christine White 2. Mary Mathew 3. ?	18

Children's Liturgy is for children who attend **Reception class and Years 1, 2 and 3**, so that 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 remain in the main church and not attend Children's Liturgy. We have a side room that can be used for younger children and their adult carer, if they need some space to move about.

The ratio of DBS-checked adults to children is 1:6 for our age group, so the number of children who are permitted to attend depends upon the number of adult helpers we have and the space available in the Narthex. We have a registration system before Mass where parents should sign their children in and they are given a registration card, which should be brought to the session on that day. Those without a card may need to be sent back to the main church if we are over-crowded. Children should register each time that they come to Mass.

We are always looking for more adult helpers, so if you would like to assist us and are willing to have a Disclosure and Barring Check please speak to Fr John or Angela Wilson.
Thank you. Angela Wilson

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
takes place on
the first Sunday of the month,
4.30 p.m – 6.30 p.m.**

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

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

Lent Fast day is on **Friday 14th March**. Members of our Parish Justice and Peace Group will give a talk and make an appeal this weekend on behalf of the people CAFOD helps and supports.

We are asked on CAFOD Lent Fast Day to eat simply in solidarity with our sisters and brothers, to pray for those in need and for the work of CAFOD, and to give what we can. Please join with the CAFOD community this Lent Fast Day in coming to the aid of those in most need such as Lokho (pictured below) and her community from Kenya.



Fast Day envelopes are available on the Font, along with prayer cards. A collection basket will be available next weekend for the return of your envelopes and any donations you are able to make. You can also make a donation via our Dona Card Machine. Alternatively, you can donate directly to CAFOD online using the new online envelope which allows you to assign your donation to our Parish of St Felix. Use the following link to make such a donation:

<https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/parishes/support-lent-family-fast-day-in-your-parish?form=envelope>

Thank you very much

LENT, HOLY WEEK and EASTER 2025



LENT

'Walk with Me' Lent Booklet

There are a few copies of 'Walk with Me' still available for a donation in the Narthex. They have an introduction by Bishop Peter and offer a reflection for each day of Lent. Please pick up a copy.

Children's Liturgy for Lent

During Lent our Children's Liturgy Group will help our children to prepare for Easter during our 10 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Lent House Masses

This Lent you can offer to host one of our weekly Lent House Masses. Mass will be celebrated at 7.30 p.m. If you are able to offer your home to welcome other people to come to celebrate with you on one of the following dates, please speak to Fr John as soon as possible. Thank you.

Thursday 13th March;
Wednesday 19th March;
Wednesday 26th March;
Wednesday 2nd April.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent Stations of the Cross will be prayed in church on **Fridays** before the 10 a.m. Mass at **9.30 a.m.** and on **Good Friday evening, 29th March at 7.30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to come along.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

During Lent there will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Saturday 5.45 p.m to 6.15 p.m or by arrangement with Fr John.

CAFOD Jubilee Year 2025 Reflections - 'Pilgrims of Hope'

On Thursday mornings after our 10 a.m. Mass you are welcome to share in a short time of reflection on this Jubilee Year of 2025 using a resource prepared by CAFOD reflecting on what it means to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

These times of reflection will be on Thursday 13th & 20th March and Wednesday 26th March.

All are welcome to come along and share your thoughts and have time to reflect on this Jubilee Year.

Parish Feast Day of St Felix – 8th March



Come and celebrate our Parish Saint over the weekend of 8th & 9th March at our Sunday Masses

CAFOD Lent Fast Day - Friday 14th March

Pray with CAFOD and their partners around the world on this day. Envelopes will be available in the Narthex for CAFOD Lent Fast Day. There will be a collection for CAFOD at Masses on Saturday 15th March / Sunday 25th March

Children's Mass for Lent – Sunday 16th March – 10 a.m

All are welcome to come and pray with our children and their families at our Children's Mass for Lent

Deanery Station Mass – Thursday 27th March, 7 p.m.

Bishop Peter will celebrate our Deanery Station Mass at 7 p.m. in the Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Etheldreda,

14 Exeter Road, Newmarket CB8 8LT

Adoration and Confessions will be available from 6 p.m.

Refreshments will be available after Mass.

All are welcome to come and celebrate together with clergy and parishioners from across our Deanery

Refreshments after Sunday morning Mass – Sunday 6th April



All are welcome to stay and chat over a cuppa or a cold drink after the 10 a.m. Parish Mass

**Mayor's Thanksgiving Service – Sunday 6th April, 3 p.m.
in St Felix Church**

Come and join with our Town Mayor and Parishioner Dave Smith to give thanks for his service as our Mayor for the past year (two years) and to welcome Civic and Ecumenical guests at a special Thanksgiving Service. All are welcome.

Refreshments will be available after the service.

Lent Reconciliation Service

On Thursday 10th April at 7.30 p.m. we welcome some of our local priests to celebrate our Lent Reconciliation Service with us.

Please come along and pray together and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday - 13th April

Mass at St Felix Church

Saturday 12th April at 6.30 p.m.

Sunday 13 April at 10 a.m.

Tuesday of Holy Week 15th April – 11.30 a.m.

Chrism Mass in Norwich at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist

Wednesday of Holy Week 16th April – 10 a.m.

Mass in St Felix Church

Triduum



MAUNDY THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

Children's Service – 3 p.m. St Felix Church.

Mass of The Lord's Supper – 7.30 p.m. St Felix Church

Watching until 10.30 p.m. ending with Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY 18TH APRIL

Ecumenical Procession of Witness – 10 a.m.

Commencing from the Old Independent Church, Haverhill, CB9 8EE to the Market Place to join with fellow Christians in an Act of Worship

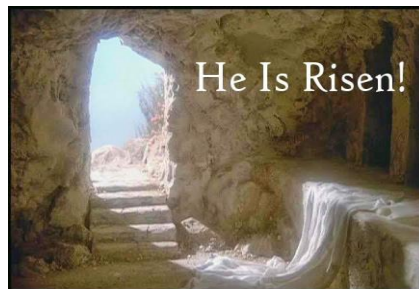
Children's Service – 12 noon St Felix Church

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3.p.m. St Felix Church

Stations of the Cross – 7.30 p.m. St Felix Church

HOLY SATURDAY 19TH APRIL

The Easter Vigil – 8 p.m. St Felix Church



EASTER SUNDAY 20TH APRIL

Mass for Easter Sunday – 10 a.m. St Felix Church



Proclaim the Word

A series of talks for Readers

Fr Adrian Graffy, Scripture scholar and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, offers a series of talks designed specifically for those who have the task of reader/lector in the Catholic liturgy. You can attend free in person, or watch via live stream free of charge [No prior booking necessary]

www.whatgoodnews.org

Talk 2: 'A richer table of God's word'

The Second Vatican Council decreed that the provision of Scripture in the Church's liturgy was to be more comprehensive and more abundant. In this second talk, Fr Adrian explains how the readings from all parts of Scripture are arranged in the 'order of readings'. The talk is both for readers, and for all who cherish the Liturgy of the Word at Mass.

Wednesday 2nd April 2025, 7 p.m (1900 BST)

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, Second Collections, CAFOD, 100 Club, Flowers, Candles, Mass Offerings, Donations.** Thank you

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

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

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend of 1st /2rd March 2025

Standing Orders	£421.00
Collection	£560.37
Total:	£981.37

Forthcoming Second Collections:

14th March 2025 – CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day

15th/16th March 2025 – Cafod Collection

18th April 2025, Good Friday – Holy Land Shrines
Collection to support the Holy Places of Palestine

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

DATE	1 st READING	2 nd READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 8th March	LINDA	VIOLET	ANNE
Sunday 9th March	MARITA	JENNA	Sign up list In narthex
Saturday 15th March	JENNA	GISHO	KAREN
Sunday 16th March	CHILDREN'S MASS (No readers needed)		Sign up list In narthex

PLEASE NOTE:

There will NOT be a 10 a.m Mass on Tuesday 11th March as Fr John is in Bury St Edmunds at a Funeral.

There will also NOT be a 10 a.m Mass on Wednesday 12th March as Fr John is in Newmarket for a Clergy Deanery Meeting and for the celebrations with Fr Anthony Foreman for his 60th Anniversary of Priesthood.

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]

FIRST SUNDAY in LENT

Saturday 8th March: 6.30 p.m. Mass

Sunday 9th March: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

FIRST WEEK of LENT

Tuesday 11th March: NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday 12th March: NO MASS TODAY at St Felix
12 midday Fr Anthony's 60th Jubilee Mass
at Our Lady & St Etheldreda, Newmarket

Thursday 13th March: 10.00 a.m. Mass
(followed by Lent Reflection – Pilgrims of Hope)

Friday 14th March: **LENT FAST DAY**
9.30 a.m. Stations of the Cross
10.00 a.m. Mass
Isabella & Frank Everett RIP
5.30 p.m. Syro Malabar Rite Mass

FIRST SUNDAY in LENT

Saturday 15th March: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 16th March: 10.00 a.m. Children's Mass for Lent
3.30 p.m. Filipino Mass

**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