

PARISH OF ST. FELIX, HAVERHILL
Second SUNDAY of EASTER
- Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday 16th April 2023

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Psalter – Week 2



St. Felix Church 'dressed' to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection with thanks to our talented flower arrangers.

...and more



... and outside



Cowslips, daisies and clover in our 'wild flower meadow' and our new trees checking out conditions beyond their protective cover.



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Head teacher: Mrs. A. Dodds**

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**From Pope Francis' Homily on the Second Sunday of Easter,
Divine Mercy Sunday**

24th April 2022

Today the Risen Lord appears to the disciples. To those who had abandoned him he offers his mercy and shows his wounds. The words he speaks are punctuated with a greeting that we hear three times in today's Gospel: '*Peace be with you!*' In these words we discover three aspects of God's mercy: joy, forgiveness and comfort.

First, God's mercy gives joy. When the disciples see Jesus and hear him say for the first time, '*Peace be with you*', they rejoice. They had followed the Master with commitment and generosity. Yet in the end fear prevailed and they left Jesus alone. In this climate when they see Jesus and hear, '*Peace be with you*', they ought to have felt shame, yet they rejoice. Christ did not reproach them but showed them his usual kindness and mercy. This fills their hearts with the peace they had lost and renews them, purified by a forgiveness freely given in love. The joy God gives is born of forgiveness. It is a joy that transforms us.

'Peace be with you!' the Lord says a second time and adds, 'As the Father sent me, so I send you'. He then gives the disciples the Holy Spirit. Not only do the disciples receive mercy; they become dispensers of that mercy. 'If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven'. These words are the origin of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but Jesus made the entire Church a community that dispenses mercy. Each of us, in baptism, received the gift of the Holy Spirit to be a person of reconciliation. Jesus wants us to be his witnesses before the world with those words: *Peace be with you!*

'Peace be with you!' the Lord says again when 8 days later he appears to the disciples and strengthens the flagging faith of Thomas. Jesus understands Thomas' difficulty and treats him with compassion. Thomas becomes a believer, and makes the simplest and finest confession of faith: 'My Lord and my God!' We can make these beautiful words our own, especially when, like Thomas, we experience doubts and difficulties, moments when we need to 'touch and see'. Jesus comforts us in the same way he did Thomas: he offers us his wounds.

In the midst of our own difficulties divine mercy often makes us aware of the sufferings of our neighbour. If we care for the wounds of our neighbour we find being reborn in us a hope that comforts us, for we encounter Jesus. From the eyes of those weighed down by the trials of life, he looks at us with mercy and says '*Peace be with you!*'

PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE
and all places of conflict around the world

Let us pray for Ukraine and its people,
that the Cross it is bearing
be not unto death, but unto life.

May they find strength and courage
To withstand the terror that has been visited upon
them.

And let us also pray for the invaders,
That the Holy Spirit may open their eyes
And that they may be horrified by their works.

But let us also be assured of Christ's victory,
For in His Resurrection
He sets free those who accept the Light
And understand what it means to be children of the
Light.

*Rt Rev Kenneth Nowakowski, Bshop for Ukrainian Catholics in Gt. Britain &
Apostolic Visitor of Ukrainian residents in Ireland and Northern Ireland.*

HOMES FOR UKRAINE MATCHING SERVICE

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services (an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland) are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months.

If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <http://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information. There are also leaflets available in the 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 all people who have requested prayers through our 'Intentions Book', especially **Metilda Alex** who is ill.
- 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 Pope Francis, for his physical and spiritual strength.
- Pray for people who are lonely, or separated from family and friends
- Pray for people and environments severely affected by climate change. Pray that nations will work together responsibly to stop and reverse this.
- Pray for peace in all areas where there are wars and conflict.
- Pray for people whose income is insufficient to meet their needs, Remember the work of 'REACH' in your prayers.
- Pray for people seeking employment and those unable to work
- 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 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:

Danny Lind, Jaime de Almelda Costa, John Mahoney, Minnie Lawless,
Francis Boyle, Patrick Grimley, May Peacock, Isabella Cameron,
Helen Boyle, Ethel Madden, John Kuwalik

During Easter Time, we are asked to pray for:

New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work, Survivors of Sexual Abuse,
The Right Use of the Media, The Church

In April, **Pope Francis** asks us to pray with him for:

A culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2023



12 noon:

Regina Caeli & Crowning of the Statue

in Friday Market
(outside the parish church
in the village)

Rosary Procession to the Shrine

Lunch (bring a picnic)

2 p.m:

Service of Reconciliation & Confessions

3 p.m:

Diocesan Mass
with Bishop Peter Collins



RED BOX HOLDERS

Please bring your Red Box to be emptied over the next few weeks. The emptied boxes will be available for collection in the narthex

Red Box 2022:

In 2022, St Felix raised £683.84 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. **Thank you!**

Our missionary community here at St Felix is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of projects such as the Fundong Mission Station in Cameroon has enabled Fr Leon, a Mill Hill Missionary, to help children learn in a safe environment and instil values that empower them to turn away from conflict and towards faith in God.

Visit [missio.org.uk](https://www.missio.org.uk) to find out more about how your support changes lives for the better.

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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

**NOT MANY SEATS LEFT
GOT YOUR TICKET YET?**

A CONCERT FOR REACH



**HAVERHILL
ARTS CENTRE**

EXPERIENCE AN EVENING OF
AMAZING LIVE MUSIC FROM A
GROUP OF TALENTED, EX-
PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS, ALL IN
SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHARITY,
REACH COMMUNITY PROJECTS!

FRIDAY, 12TH MAY 2023
DOORS OPEN 7.00PM
CONCERT STARTS 7.30PM

TICKETS

£10 EACH

BOOK YOUR TICKETS

FROM THE BOX OFFICE:
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HAVERHILLARTSCENTRE.CO.UK



Reach 
Community Projects

ST FELIX

'WILD FLOWER MEADOW'

Please ensure that children do not play on the bank we have dedicated to be a wild flower area in the church grounds, as this year's plants and flowers are now coming through.

Thank you



PARISH FINANCES

Details of Easter collections will be available in the next newsletter.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER(S)	ADULT HELPERS	YOUNG HELPERS(12+)	CHILD Nos.
16 th April 2023	<i>NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Easter Break</i>			

CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:

Saturday 22nd April – Angela Rymills, Judith Dance, Jo Rowson & Nora Roberts

Saturday 29th April – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu and Anu Anto

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 16th April – Michael Bradshaw & Annette Field

Sunday 23rd April – Buendia Family & Ron White

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]

SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER

Saturday 15th April: *Eucharistic Adoration 5.45 – 6.15 p.m.*
6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 16th April: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Patrick Behan RIP*

Second Week of Easter:

Wednesday 19th April: NO MASS TODAY

Thursday 20th April: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Patrick O’Flanagan RIP*

Friday 21st April: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Cathy Shanahan RIP*

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER

Saturday 22nd April: *Eucharistic Adoration 5.45 – 6.15 p.m.*
6.30 p.m. Mass *Jean Buck RIP*

Sunday 23rd April: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

**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
for this Easter Season**

Fr John and Deacon Huw

Items for the newsletter should be sent to
stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com
by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter