

PARISH OF ST. FELIX, HAVERHILL

SOLEMNITY of ALL SAINTS

Sunday 1st November 2026

Psalter- Week 3

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 7th November – Jili Jijo, Diony Jose, Bindhu Roy
Saturday 14th November – Sherin Cijo, Saji Abraham, Sheena Jestine, Juvana Mariya Jestine, Josh Cijo

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 1st November – Buendia Family
Sunday 8th November – Pat and PJ Sheehy & Annette Field

Dear friends,

Today, the feast of All Saints, we concentrate on those who became saints in ordinary and hidden ways, and who will never be canonised. Who have you known that you regard or would have regarded as a saint? Today, let us pause to remember genuinely holy people we have known.

The first reading today is an expression of the victory of the Risen Christ over sin and death and his sharing of his glory with those who have stood firmly in the faith despite difficulties and trials of one kind or another. We hear of a huge number, impossible to count standing before the throne of God praising and worshipping him for all eternity. May we be with them after our own earthly pilgrimage as we try to be as faithful to God as possible, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

St. John tells us in the second reading of our present reality and the future glory held out to us. Because of Christ we are already God's children and can hope to become more like him joining those whose feast we celebrate today.

In the gospel Jesus gives us a new key to the interpretation of the 10 commandments and deepens our understanding of them. Indeed, they are not a bad programme for examining our consciences to see how we are doing as Christians. They show the qualities that are expected of Christians, of the disciples of Jesus. The Beatitudes, or 'Be Attitudes' – are a plan for life. They help us to serve God and each other. The first Beatitude: **Blessed or Happy are the Poor in Spirit** underpins all the others. This can also be read as 'blessed are they who know their need of God'. If we do that, we too can become saints in our own time, serving God's people around us as we try to make a better community wherever we are!

With every blessing and prayers for this Feast of All Saints, and for the coming month of remembrance as we remember all our loved ones and many others, especially all who have lost their lives in conflicts in past years and centuries, and today. May they all rest in the peace and light of the Lord and rise in His Glory renewed in hope and joy forever.

With every blessing and prayers,
Fr John

Reflections to inform our thoughts, prayers and actions on 'Living Simply'

Thanksgiving for God's Daily Goodness

… When we practice gratitude for daily goodness, we train our hearts to notice that God is caring for us all the time. This kind of thankfulness keeps us from taking things for granted. It also helps us enjoy what we already have instead of always reaching for more. A grateful heart can turn a simple meal into a moment of worship and a regular day into a gift… God's goodness is not hidden. It shines in creation, in provision, in friendship, and in His constant care. Even when life feels routine, His love is present. Gratitude helps us slow down enough to see it. When we thank God for daily blessings, we remember that His kindness is fresh every morning. This brings peace to our hearts and joy to our homes. We become more aware of how deeply loved and cared for we are.

From:
https://biblestudyforyou.com/grateful-bible-verses-about-thanksgiving-and-gratitude/

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EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT



SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

You are invited to come and spend time in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
25.10.2026 & 01.11.2026	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY IN HALF-TERM **NEXT SESSION ON SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER**		

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
DATE	1st READER	2nd READER	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 31st October	KAREN	SHEILA	ANGELA
Sunday 1st November	ASWIN	ASIN	Sign-up sheet in narthex
Saturday 7th November	ANNMARY	JENNA	ANNE
Sunday 8th November	KAREN K	BETH	Sign-up sheet in narthex

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS	
Sunday 1st November	Team 4 RACHEL and IAN
Sunday 8th November	Team 5 MALCOLM and MARIA
Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. *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'. Particularly remember those who are ill or have health concerns such as cancer, dementia, neurological and mental health issues and any serious health condition. Pray for those on the road to recovery and those on the journey to this life's end. Remember also all who care for and support people who are ill and whose health is compromised.
- Please continue to pray for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and everywhere in the world affected by conflict.
- Pray for people living in any form of poverty.
  Remember the work of REACH and everyone associated with it.
- Pray for people and lands devastated by natural disasters and effects of climate change. Pray that all will work to protect & nurture Creation.
- Pray that all producers of food and commodities receive just treatment and fair recompense for their labour and products.
- Pray that migrants and refugees receive just and compassionate 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 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 those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Ellen Sannon, Michael Togher, Lena Waterhouse, Rose Conway, Jason Pryce, Alfred Gatt, Patrick Quinn, John Tyrrell, John Goodall Jnr, Isabella McGinn

During Autumn (to the Feast of Christ the King) we are asked to pray for:
The Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation, Students and Teachers, The Spread of the Gospel, Justice and Peace in the World, Prisoners and Their Families, All Victims of War, Young People.

Pope Leo asks us to join him in November

in prayer for the proper use of wealth.

that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

MODERN SLAVERY

Modern slavery is often hidden in plain sight in our countryside, towns and cities. We call the volunteers "Freedom Watchers" simply because, as they go about their everyday lives, they watch out for the thousands of souls in our Diocese who have no freedom. Unsurprisingly, given how many slaves live among us, these volunteers have found people who were clearly being exploited. Observant, caring Freedom Watchers helped by calling the Modern Slavery Helpline on 08000 121 700 and reporting what they had seen. Ten highly vulnerable people have been given the chance of liberty by Freedom Watchers, simply through their raised awareness and willingness to lift a finger to help. That may not be a large number but imagine the impact on the life of each person freed.

During the summer, a vulnerable woman was identified by a Freedom Watcher in one of our cities and reported to the Modern Slavery Helpline. It seemed that the woman was being cuckooed, that is, exploited by criminals who take over vulnerable people's homes for illegal purposes such as drug dealing. The practice typically involves the coercion, manipulation and exploitation of the victim. The Modern Slavery Helpline assesses calls and passes referrals on to the police or another appropriate agency. These calls often lead to the rescues of oppressed and downtrodden people that are reported in the media. The greater the number of Freedom Watchers, the greater the number of enslaved people being found. As Pope Leo XIV put it in Dilexi Te: "The act of rescuing someone from slavery… is seen as an extension of Christ's redemptive sacrifice."

On 6 February 2027 the Diocese will be holding its first full modern slavery conference at Our Lady Immaculate & St Etheldreda Catholic Church, 14 Exeter Road, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 8LT from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Details are available here Please see the poster in church and the flyer available in the narthex.

People may attend in person or, if they are unable to do so, watch via a livestream. A link will be available nearer the time on the Diocesan Modern Slavery webpages, which also provide more details about the conference and relevant contact information.

All are encouraged to attend so that we can learn our role in ending this "wound in the body of Christ" that increasingly impacts us all.

NEED HELP DURING the ON-GOING COST of LIVING CRISIS?

Please speak to Fr. John or you can contact

Reach Community Projects

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.



St Felix Parish Project 2026:

The **Sunflower SEND Hub** in Haverhill offers support services tailored to meet the needs of local children and young people who have SEND - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities – and their families

https://www.sunflowersendhub.org

A resource that the Hub particularly wishes to purchase for the children and young people who come to them is an interactive touch screen. This would help all the children supporting communication, education, social and life skills.



Our 2026 Parish Project is to *raise £1500 towards the cost of an interactive screen for the Sunflower SEND Hub.*

You can donate to this important local service by using the Dona Card Machine and selecting 'Sunflower SEND Hub' or by putting what you can, when you can in the white box in the narthex.

Thank you for your support, Parish J&P Group.

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, *Special Collections and Second Collections*, CAFOD, *100 Club*, Flowers, *Candles*, Mass Offerings, *Donations,* Parish Project 2026 – Sunflower SEND Hub.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2027



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.

Registration Forms are available from Fr John from this Sunday after Mass.

Please note that we have a limited group size of 20 children due to the space we have in church so all forms are numbered, dated, stamped and signed, copies will not be accepted.

If anyone has any questions about the programme, please speak to our Parish Catechist, Mrs Angela Wilson or to Fr John.

Thank you and God Bless.

PARISH JUSTICE and PEACE GROUP

The next meeting of the parish J&P group takes place on
Thursday 5th November at 7.30 p.m.
You are very welcome to join us.

TO CONTACT A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY…

If Fr. John is away from the Parish, please contact either:

Bury St Edmunds Parish on 01284 754358.
or Newmarket Parish on 01638 662492
or Clare Parish on 01787 277326
or call 07773 478835. *Thank you.*

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS



SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER

Refreshments will be available after the 10 a.m. Mass hosted by members of our Filipino community.

Please stay for a cuppa and a chat



A new Parish Census form is now available online via our Parish Website www.stfelixchurch.org.uk or via the QR code displayed in church. Printed copies are also available in the narthex. We are asking you to complete either an online form or a form in church so we can put together an up-to-date data base for our parish.

Be reassured your data will be kept secure and will be held under our Diocesan GDPR rules, and will only be used to enable Fr. John and Deacon Huw to exercise their pastoral ministry and care for our parish.

Please complete or return your Parish Census form as soon as possible, paper copies to Fr John or Deacon Huw. *Thank you.*

REFLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER
as we pray for and remember with love
all who have died and are at peace with the Lord

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them
May they rest in peace and rise in the Glory of the Lord

Belief in the resurrection of the dead is an essential part of Christian revelation. It implies a particular understanding of the ineluctable mystery of death. Death is the end of our earthly life, but 'not of our existence' (St Ambrose) since the soul is immortal. 'Our lives are measured by time, in the course of which we change, grow old and, as with all living beings on earth, death seems like the normal end of life' (CCC, 1007).

Seen from the perspective of the faith, 'death is the end of our earthly pilgrimage, of the time of grace and mercy which God offers us so as to work out our earthly life in keeping with the divine plan, and to decide our ultimate destiny' (CCC, 1013). Death is the passage to the fullness of true life. Death is the prolongation, in a new way, of life as the liturgy says: 'Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in Heaven' (Missal, Preface for the Dead 1).

The death of a Christian is an event of grace, having as it does, a positive value and significance in Christ and through Christ. According to the faith of the Church, 'to die in Christ' begins at baptism. In Baptism, the Lord's disciples sacramentally die in Christ to live a new life. From the earliest days of the Christian religion the Church has honoured with great respect the memory of the dead.

The whole month of November is an interesting time of prayer in the Church as it is filled with many important feast days, and it includes the days on which we commemorate all the saints and all the faithful departed.

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER – ALL SAINTS' DAY

On All Saints Day we honour all the Saints and ask them to pray for us. Masses will be our usual weekend Sunday Masses celebrated at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday 31st October
and at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 1st November in St Felix Church

ALL SOULS' DAY IS ON MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

We will commemorate all of those who have died and remember them at Masses on All Souls Day at 10 .00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Envelopes for intentions for Holy Souls during November will be available in the narthex

A basket will be placed on the font for you to place your envelope with the names of your deceased parents, relatives, friends and all for whom you wish to pray inside and any donation you wish to make.
All these intentions will be offered at Masses during the month of November.

November is a time for remembering and praying for our loved ones who have gone before us and whose loss we feel. It is a time when we are particularly conscious of those in our parish who are grieving and all those families who have lost loved ones in the past year.

A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

God, thank you for the special people in our lives whom we are remembering in a special way during the month of November.
We thank you for being a compassionate God who walks with us in our dark moments of grief and loneliness.
We are thankful for all who continue to love and support us through our grief.
Lord, continue to be a light for us, giving us hope, direction and courage.
May we now live our lives treasuring the memories of those special people we have known and loved
and help us to bring light and hope to others.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Items for the newsletter should be sent to
stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk
by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

Next Sunday, November 8th. is
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Haverhill's Remembrance Sunday event
will consist of a parade
followed by a service at Haverhill cemetery.

2:20pm – Remembrance Sunday Parade:

- The parade will start from Haverhill Arts Centre car park and proceed along the High Street.

- After a short pause on the Market Square the procession will continue to the Withersfield Road cemetery for 3:00pm.

3:00pm – Act of Remembrance in the Cemetery:

- The service will be led by the Rev. Max Drinkwater of St Mary's Church, Haverhill and includes the Last Post.

- After the service the parade will head back to Haverhill Market Square for an official dismissal.

The poppy is a symbol of Remembrance and hope, including hope for a positive future and peaceful world.
They are a show of support for the Armed Forces community, those currently serving, ex-serving personnel and their families; and a symbol of Remembrance for all those who have fallen in conflict.

John McCrae wrote the poem ***In Flanders Fields*** which inspired the use of the poppy as a symbol of Remembrance. In the spring of 1915, shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae wrote his now famous poem after seeing poppies growing in battle-scarred fields.

In Flanders Fields
by John McCrae

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' Fields.



We will have an Act of Remembrance at the beginning of our Sunday Masses at St Felix next weekend, a moment when we can pause in silent prayer and pray for all who have lost their lives in conflicts in past years and today, and for peace and justice in our world today.

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 24th/25th October 2026

Standing Orders:	£421.00
Collection:	£695.05
Total:	**£1116.05**

£132 for our Parish Project supporting the Sunflower SEND Hub – RUNNING TOTAL NOW £697

Second collections coming up

12th/13th December – Diocesan Dependent Priests Fund.
This fund supports our retired priests, those who are ill, and those who are no longer active in ministry.
Please keep them in your prayers, and we give thanks for their years of ministry in our Diocese.

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be
NO 10.00 a.m. Masses

on
TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
as Fr. John will be away for his day off,

or on
WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
as Fr. John will be at Poringland for the Council of Priests Meeting.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

Please note:

It is a requirement of

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency [CSSA],

which is our church's national safeguarding organisation, that children who need to use the toilet while in church must always be accompanied by an adult.

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 II]

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Saturday 31st October:	6.30 p.m. Mass	*People of the Parish*
Sunday 1st November:	10.00 a.m. Mass	*Ned Noone RIP*

Thirty-first week of the Year

Monday 2nd November:	**All Soul's Day**	
	10.00 a.m. Mass	*Lillian Saffill RIP*
	7.30 p.m. Mass	*People of the Parish*
Tuesday 3rd November:	NO MASS TODAY	
Wednesday 4th November:	NO MASS TODAY	
Thursday 5th November:	10.00 a.m. Mass	*Bernadette Farragher RIP*
Friday 6th November:	10.00 a.m. Mass	*Olive Grace RIP*

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME – Remembrance Sunday

Saturday 7th November:	6.30 p.m. Mass	*People of the Parish*
Sunday 8th November:	10.00 a.m. Mass	*Colin Lyons RIP*

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions take place on Saturday evening 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