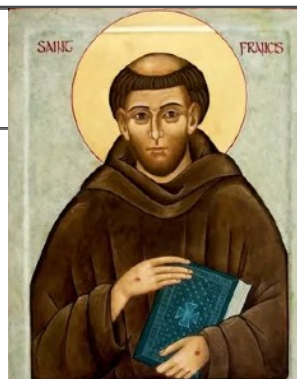


# ST FRANCIS PARISH

## NEWSLETTER

St Francis Parish Halstead online:

<http://stfrancishalstead.org/home/welcome/>



Mass @ 11.00 am St Francis of Assisi – Before Mass each Saturday @ 5.15 pm The Sacrament of Reconciliation – Parish Rosary at 5:30, (Please contact Fr Felix directly to book a date/time for reconciliation)  
(Tel 01787 472477 / [halstead@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:halstead@dioceseofbrentwood.org)).

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time &amp; Location</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
Saturday 1st October St Theresa	6pm Halstead Vigil Mass	<b>Intention: Health and Recovery of Stuart Hitchinson</b>
Sunday 2nd October 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am Sible Hedingham	
“ “	11 am Halstead	<b>Blessings on Edney family intentions and Eternal repose of Brian and Anne Harrington</b>
Monday 3rd October		
Tuesday 4th October St Francis	NO MASS	
Wednesday 5th October St Faustina	NO MASS	
Thursday 6th October St Bruno	NO MASS	
Friday 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary	NO MASS	

### **Mass readings**

**First reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3**

**Second reading: 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13,14**

**Gospel: Luke 17:5-10**





A message from Father Felix

There will be no week day Masses this week to enable me have an operation at Broomfield.

**Next Weekend 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> October is our Harvest/Fast day Collection. We shall take a Second Collection for our 2022 charity support.**

• **Parish Facebook**

The Parish has a Facebook page that gets updated daily with Mass Readings and other items of information.  
<https://www.facebook.com/Stfrancishalsteadparish/>

• **Readers Rota**

We are fast approaching the time when we need to update our Reader Rota for Masses at St Francis - we would welcome any new readers who might like to be added to the rota for any of the Masses on Saturday evening and on Sunday  
**Saturday Vigil Mass @ 6.00 pm (Halstead)**  
**Sunday @ 11.00 am (Halstead)**  
We also hold a Mass at St Peter's Church Sible Hedingham on a Sunday at 9.00 am. If you would like to volunteer as a new Reader your ministry would be much appreciated and valued. Please let us know - Fr Felix would love to hear from you.

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• **St Francis of Assisi Parish Retreat**

We are planning to hold a Parish Retreat on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of November between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm at Hedingham Castle – a Norman Keep built in 1140 by the De Vere family. If you would like to join the Retreat could you please let us know as we need to have an idea of numbers so we can plan and prepare. We will publish further details in the coming weeks but we hope to celebrate Mass, look at Pope Francis' ideas for "Living Simply" in his Laudato Si / Care for our common home and some practical support for our parish members. Contact: Fr Felix after Mass or add your name to the list at the back of the Church. Nigel Gardener after Mass or add your name to the list at the back of the Church (Email: [stewardofthegospel592@gmail.com](mailto:stewardofthegospel592@gmail.com)). Come with your packed lunch.

• **First Holy Communion Programme 2022/2023.** As you can appreciate forward planning is essential for the First Holy Communion Programme. The Diocesan guidelines for this Sacramental Programme commencing, in the autumn are:

- ✓ That you are a practising Catholic (attending Mass on a weekly basis)

- ✓ That your child has been attending the Halstead Parish for at least the past year
- ✓ That your child is eligible (Year 3 or above 8 years of age by 31 August 2022)
- It is wholesome thought to pray for the dead 2 Maccabees 12:46. Consider offering a Mass for you departed loved ones and also for the living. It seems the culture of offering Masses in our parish is fading. Pick a form at the back of the church and fill your intentions
- There is a chance for communion of the sick at homes for the house bound. Let me know of any parishioner in need of a visit. Same for any parishioner on hospital admission at Broomfield hospital.
- Please consider making an offering or a standing order to the parish. You can also make donation to St Francis of Assisi Church. Sort Code: 40-13-22. A c c o u n t Number: 71387014
- Weekly Sunday Collection: £368.95
- Candles /Votive: £17.11
- Mass Stipend for September: £25.00
- Sible Coffee: £21.10
- Many thanks for your generosity to the parish.
- The Holy Water font is now open for our use. Take some home for your use from the tap. Please let Fr Felix know before use. Feel free to bless yourself from the Holy Water font however, sanitise your hand before use to minimise risk of possible infection.
- For your Diary
- Youth Club : Last Saturday of every month beginning from September 24<sup>th</sup> 2022
- Youth Club : October 29.
- Parish Feast day Retreat at Castle Hedingham beginning with Mass at 10am Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- Fire Drill Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022

*Father Felix*





*The Parish Retreat is on 4th  
November 10am - 2pm at  
Hedingham Castle...*



**Christmas Bazaar!**  
St Andrews' Church Hall, Sunday 27th  
November 10:30 - 15:00 help needed  
to set it up on Friday 25th November,  
5-7pm  
Stall holders' meeting in the hall  
10 prep, Bazaar opens at  
10:30am  
Cover for each stall can be  
arranged. The Hall must be  
cleared by 16:30



## MONTHLY DRAW

As you know we have to raise about  
£7000 per annum to keep our church  
funds in the black. The monthly draw is  
one of our main fund raisers, so we  
need to get as many people as possible  
to give £12-00 -which will enter you in  
the draw for the next 12 months. ( ie  
that is £1-00 per month)

This means you have the chance to win  
£100-00 per month during the coming  
year!

So to ensure we can collect as many  
£12-00 as possible please enlist the  
help of family, relatives, friends and of  
course pets to put in as many entries  
as we can. We have to have 200 entries  
to pay back £100 per month -last year  
we had 230, so let's try and beat that  
this year.

Please give your money to Father Felix  
or Lynda and thank you in advance for  
your generosity.

Are you looking for work? Click on  
this box to see if working for the  
church may be possible - this site is  
constantly updated



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