



ST FRANCIS PARISH

NEWSLETTER



Mass Times

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
Friday 26th June	Exposition/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 8.30am and Mass@ 9.30am	
Saturday 27th June St Cyril Bishop St John Southworth	6pm Vigil Mass	Eternal repose of Arnold Jordan
Sunday 28th June Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul	9am Mass St Nicholas	Eternal repose of Harry Hajdryc
Sunday 28th June Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul	11am Mass Halstead	Health and wellbeing of Maureen Bramwell and family
Monday 29th June	No Mass	The sanctuary light prayer intention is for the health and wellbeing of Obert and Juliana Chipato
Tuesday 30th June First Martyrs of the Church of Rome	No Mass	
Wednesday 1st July	No Mass	
Thursday 2nd July	No Mass	
Friday 3rd July St Thomas Aquinas	Exposition/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 8.30am and Mass@ 9.30am	
Saturday 4th July St Elizabeth of Portugal	6pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 5th July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		



First reading: Acts 12: 1-11

Second reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18



Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-19

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

- We shall take a second collection for Sea Farers next weekend
- Our annual garden party will be held on Sunday, 12th July, immediately after the 11am Mass. Every continent and country is invited to showcase their traditional dishes, so come ready to share, taste, and celebrate our rich diversity. Join us for great food, fun, and warm social interaction.
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- We are calling for sponsorship for the sanctuary lights for 2026. Write your intention and “we would like to have your name registered in our records. Please pick up a form at the back, fill it and return it to me or drop it at the back of the church.
- It will be beneficial for you to identify with an aspect of our parish life by committing your time and resources to the good of our parish. We need reinforcements on our volunteer team. If you would like to join our Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist, please speak to Fr. Felix.
- It is a wholesome thought to pray for the dead (2 Maccabees 12:46). Consider offering a Mass for your departed loved ones and also for the living. Pick a form at the church's back and fill out your intentions.
- There is a chance for communion of the sick at homes for the housebound. Please let me know if any parishioners require a visit.
- It costs approximately £4,000 monthly to run our parish. Please consider sending an offering or a standing order to the parish. You can also make a donation to St. Francis of Assisi Church. Sort code: 40-13-22. Account Number: 71387014

- Everyone is welcome to participate in the Sanctuary Light sponsorship for 2026. You have the option to contribute £5.00 towards our weekly prayers for your specific intentions. Many thanks to those who signed up last year.
- Candles/ votive: £35.20
- Weekend collection: £410.29
- Sanctuary light donation: £5.00
- Second collection for Day for life: £90.78
- Mass Stipend for June: £40.00
- Many thanks for your generosity to the parish.
- The Holy Water font is now available for us to use. From the tap, take some home for your use. Before using, please let Fr. Felix know. Feel free to bless yourself with the Holy Water font; however, sanitise your hands before use to minimise the risk of possible infection

For your diaries:

- Youth Club: Every Last Saturday of the Month. Next one is coming up on Saturday 25 of July 2026
- Coffee morning on every other Friday from 10am to midday



Father Felix

Last Saturday we held our first Youth Outreach event at Hedingham Castle. It really was a well attended event that brought together young people from across the Parish to get involved in a variety of activities.

A really big thank you to Jude Uka for putting together such an amazing action packed youth event - a tour around a Norman Keep - an exploration of the grounds of Hedingham Castle - word searches - personal shield designs - a Saints Search orienteering course - refreshments with food and drinks and even a shared prayer and

accompanying music ... 🙇

Thank you also to Simon Daw and Bev Gardener for acting as Tour Guides and sharing their knowledge and expertise. 🙏

Thank you to Debbie Hendy for all that she offered in supporting our "littlies" group and for

helping to show care and kindness for the children by encouraging them to build new friendships



Thank you to Josh Turner for helping to set up and as often been our support at Hedingham

Castle for our adult retreats. 👍

Thank you to the parents and families who came along to provide support for the children and the Parish. 🤝

Thank you to Jason and Demetra Lindsey for allowing us the use of this fantastic historic location and for their ongoing support for our community - the Castle offers so many events with jousts, cinema, theatre, Open Days, Classic Car Shows, weddings, film shoots to fit in a Church

Youth Group is such an amazing opportunity for us. 🌸

We should also, as it coincided with the UK Father's Day weekend, offer our prayers and thanks to Fr Felix for all that he's done to develop our Parish, its community and its ethos of prayer, service, community, commitment and faith



St Francis of Assisi Youth Outreach

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Saints Peter and Paul were unlikely leaders by human standards, yet God chose them to build His Church. Peter was a simple fisherman, impulsive and outspoken. He even denied knowing Jesus three times during His Passion. Paul, formerly known as Saul, fiercely persecuted Christians before his dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus. Neither man seemed the obvious choice to proclaim the Gospel to the world.

Yet God's grace transformed them. Peter became the steadfast shepherd of the early Church, entrusted by Christ with the care of His flock. Paul became the tireless missionary whose letters continue to inspire Christians today. Their lives remind us that holiness does not depend on perfection, talent, or past achievements, but on responding faithfully to God's call. Through their weaknesses, courage, and unwavering faith, Peter and Paul show that God delights in working through ordinary, imperfect people to accomplish extraordinary things for His Kingdom.



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/@me for reconciliation)
(Tel 01787 472477 / halstead@brcdt.org).

Parish Garden Party 12th July

Following the I I am Mass
This annual event brings together parishioners, with food from their family country. We look forward to seeing you all there.



Learning from our older brothers and sisters...

I had the privilege of spending a short time with one of our older parishioners this week. I won't embarrass her by letting you know her name but she taught me a very positive lesson - always try to look for the best in people and celebrate their humanity wherever possible. As Marcus Aurelius said:

"When you wake up in the morning, tell yourself: The people I deal with today will be meddling, ungrateful, arrogant, dishonest, jealous, and surly... But I have seen the beauty of good, and the ugliness of evil... We were born to work together like feet, hands, and eyes."



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