

THE WAVENEY VALLEY CATHOLIC PARISH

ST BENET'S AND OLPS NEWS

16TH FEBRUARY 2025 – 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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PARISH DIARY	Time	Service or Event	Notes <i>Mass intentions in Italics</i>
<u>Sunday 16th February</u> <u>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	9.15am 11am 4pm	Mass, Bungay Mass, Beccles Mass, Gillingham	<i>Priest's Intentions</i> <i>Mass for the people</i>
Monday 17 th February		No Mass	
Tuesday 18 th February	9.15am	Mass, Bungay	
Wednesday 19 th February	9.30am 10am	Rosary Mass, Beccles followed by confession	<i>Priest's Intentions</i>
Thursday 20 th February	9.15am	Mass, Bungay	
Friday 21 st February	11am	Mass, Beccles	<i>Priest's Intentions</i>
Saturday 22 nd February	9.15am 5.30pm 6pm	Mass, Bungay followed by Confessions. Confessions, Harleston Vigil Mass, Harleston	
<u>Sunday 23rd February</u> <u>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	9.15am 11am 4pm	Mass, Bungay Mass, Beccles Mass, Gillingham	<i>Mass for the people</i> <i>Matthew Hammond</i>

PRAYER REQUESTS We are asked to remember the following in our prayers: -

Those who are sick: Mary Banns, Patricia Bath, Jackie Bowler, Steven Brooks, Theresa Chalmers, Ellen Clark, Patsy Drake, Deacon Tony Felton, Christine Felton, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Richard Freeland, Derek Gibson, Pam Green, Ann Kemp, Sue Kerr, Alasdair Kirkpatrick, Jo Lewis, Billy Maloy, Tanya Maloy, Barbara O'Brien, Terry O'Brien, Michael Osborne, Elizabeth Page, Ginny Quinn, Kathryn Robinson, Simon Smith, Luciana Staff, Philip Taylor, Rosemary Topham, Jamie Whittenbury, Martin Williams.

Please pray for the family and friends of Muriel Jean Bryant RIP, whose funeral was held on Friday 14th February.

Those with anniversaries this week:

16 Fr Cyril Banham; Bertram Whiteland; William Spall; **17** Frank Burningham; Jackie Burningham;
18 Reginald Haverson; Robert Smith; George Page; Kathleen Hewitt; **20** Mary Marfleet;
Rosalie Howes-Roberts; Geoffrey Ellis; Matilda Harvey; **22** Geoff Willis; Pamela Hall; Olive Kissick;
Emma Snowden; Patrick Tucker.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2025

Cash: £196.80

Gift Aid: £29.00

Card: £1.96

Standing Orders: £415.00

Collection Total: £642.76

Refreshments donations on the 2nd Sunday go towards CAFOD. Figure is unavailable at time of print.

Please note we have a new card reader available at the back of church, if you wish to make payments by card.

WAVENEY VALLEY CATHOLIC PARISH WEBSITE

Our new website with the merging of all four churches is now live. There will be a divert from St Benet's website to our merged site from the first Sunday in March which will be when our new merged newsletter will begin also. Please see:

www.waveneyvalleycatholics.church

REPOSITORY OPEN AFTER MASS

New Missals are available to buy after Mass on Sundays. We have new gifts and cards in preparation for First Communion, Confirmation as well as St. Patrick's Day, Mother's Day and Easter. We also have catalogues if you wish to order a special item. All profits go towards St Benet's.

SPUC MEETING IN BUNGAY – THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY AT 7PM – ST EDMUND'S PRESBYTERY, BUNGAY

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is holding a meeting, open to all parishioners, at St Edmund's, Bungay, and St Benet's, Beccles, including St Thomas More and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, and anyone who is interested in the pro-life cause. The meeting will focus on current pro-life campaigns, including the serious threat posed by the assisted suicide bill. All are welcome to attend. SPUC are also hoping to start a local branch in this area. Please come along to the meeting to find out more. For further information please contact: Katherine Hampton, on 01892 542616 or

katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk

THE SEARCH FOR THE TRUTH: EDITH STEIN, 14-16

MARCH: Fr Matthew Blake, OCD offers a weekend exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein, or St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and her indomitable search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith. For more information and to book:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>

MEN'S SPIRITUAL EXERCISES, 30 MARCH – 4 APRIL

2025: A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (lay or ordained). This retreat will be preached by the Benedictine Monks of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France). Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men with a shortened version of the Ignatian Exercises. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. Priests are welcome to attend and concelebrate or celebrate their own Mass. For more information and book:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

THE FATHERHOOD OF THE PRIEST CLERGY

RETREAT, 28 APRIL – 2 MAY 2025: Fr Jose Granados, Superior General of the Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, and Vice-President emeritus of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies in Marriage and Family Life, will preach our spring clergy retreat. He will address two, intertwined questions that are at the heart of priestly identity: masculinity and spiritual paternity. As a widely respected sacramental theologian, a consultor to multiple Vatican dicasteries, author of numerous articles and volumes, as well as an experienced pastor and formator, this is a unique opportunity to engage with a theme of fundamental importance to priesthood. For more

information/book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-fatherhood-of-the-priest/>

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