



WAVENEY VALLEY CATHOLIC PARISH

St Benet Beccles, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Gillingham,
St Edmund Bungay, St Thomas More Harleston
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NEWSLETTER WEEKEND 15-16 MARCH 2025

Second Sunday of Lent (C-1)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Beccles: 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, 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.

Bungay and Harleston: Nick Clissitt, Carole Hunt, Michael Lewis, Rita Needs, Ann Smith, Katy Wakely.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

15 Gracina Christ, Minette Bisgood, Kathleen Supple, Mary Peckett, **16** James West, Walter Jones, Mary Ellwood, **17** Florence Wincup, Anthony Pinkney, Elsie west, Ruby Ellwood, Clara Read, Joseph Wood, Agnes Rumsby, Elizabeth Barkham, **19** Peter Crisp, **20** John Ladner, **21** Dom Francis Little, Charlotte Rumsby, Michael Storey, **22** Phyllis Dawson, Andrew Knox, Thomas Holmes, Blanch Shepherd

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: All info **latest 9am Thursday**, please to info@waveneyvalleycatholics.church or comms@waveneyvalleycatholics.church.

Mass, Liturgy, and the Sacraments

(Mass intentions in brackets)

Saturday 15 March

9.15am Mass Bungay
9.45 am Confessions Bungay
5.30pm Harleston Confessions
6pm Mass Harleston

Sunday 16 March

Second collection Lent Family Fast for CAFOD

9.15am Mass Bungay
11am Mass Beccles (Sisters of St Joseph's DRC)
4pm Mass Gillingham (for the people)

Monday 17 March

St Patrick

No Mass

Tuesday 18 March

9.15am Mass Bungay

Wednesday 19 March

St Joseph

9.30am Rosary Beccles
10am Mass Beccles
10.30am Confessions Beccles
6pm Stations of the Cross Bungay

Thursday 20 March

9.15am Mass Bungay

Friday 21 March

11am Mass Beccles (Francis Pycroft +)
7pm Stations of the Cross Beccles

Saturday 22 March

9.15am Bungay Mass
9.45am Confessions
5.30pm Confessions Harleston
6pm Mass Harleston

NEWS AND EVENTS

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS: both Bungay and Beccles landlines will be discontinued over the next few weeks and the parish mobile number 07946 390060 will be the sole way of contacting Fr Simon by phone or text. The diocesan email for him is simon.blakesley@rcdea.org.uk.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BUNGAY: Lent Lunch Wednesday 19 March 2025, 12 noon at Emmanuel Church, Bungay. All donations for CAFOD and Christian Aid

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: St Benet's Fridays 7pm. St Edmund's Wednesday 6pm 12, 19, 26 March, and 2 April. St Thomas More 6pm Wednesday 9 April.

LENT FAMILY FAST DAY: Friday 14 March. Since the Government decided to cut overseas aid your contribution is even more important. You can pay by card after Mass at Bungay and Harleston.

VACANCY FOR DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS: Diocese of East Anglia, Director of Schools Service. Please see website for more details: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/vacancies/>.

ST BENET'S GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Would parishioners who kindly donate their weekly offertory by gift aid envelopes each week, please collect their new box of envelopes from the back of the church .

ASSISTED DYING BILL PETITION: please see <https://waveneyvalleycatholics.church/assisted-dying-bill-sign-the-petition/>

JAY'S GREEN FUTURE: if this matters to you, please come to the meeting after the 6pm Mass Saturday 22 March.

CAFOD BIG LENT WALK: walk for CAFOD round a 3.2km (2-mile) circuit (or less if you want) from St Thomas More, Harleston. Sunday 23 March 11am. Meet in the hall at Jay's Green for a coffee from 10.30am; the walk starts 11am. Return to the hall afterwards for soup and a roll. Donations to CAFOD. Forms for sponsoring children or dogs available after Mass at JG, or contact Mary on comms@waveneyvalleycatholics.church. All welcome and please wear appropriate footwear !

THE CROSS THE MOMENT FOLLOW-UP: article on the website about the second meeting

CONGO SCHOOL FOR PEACE QUIZ NIGHT: the St Benet's charity is holding a quiz on Saturday 29 March 7pm-9m at the Sea Cadet HQ, Fen Lane, Beccles. Tickets £6; refreshments available. Contact congoschool4peace@gmail.com or ring 01502 716960.

FUNERAL OF JOSEPHINE (JO) HAMER: Friday 4 April at 11am, followed by committal in the churchyard.

WORK IN PRESBYTERY AND GARDEN: volunteers will soon be needed to make the garden a space for parishioners from all four churches. See <https://waveneyvalleycatholics.church/work-in-presbytery-moves-to-garden/>, or contact Felicity Todd 07774 401157

SPUC FOLLOW-UP: If you would like to be invited to a follow-up meeting, please send your contact details to Katherine at katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk or telephone 01892 542616 or contact Howard Trust - howard.trust6@gmail.com.

LEARN ABOUT GREGORIAN CHANT: Narthex, St John's Cathedral, Tuesdas 25 March and 1 April, 7-8pm. With David Grealy, Director of Music at the Cathedral. Free entry.

WAVENEY FOODBANK URGENT NEEDS: Biscuits, cleaning products, instant noodles, squash, tinned meat.