



# 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 22-23 MARCH 2025

### Third Sunday of Lent (C-1)

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Beccles and Gillingham:** 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

**22** Phyllis Dawson, Andrew Knox, Thomas Holmes, Blanch Shepherd; **23** Shirley Webster-Jones, John Dunne, Phyllis Lewis, Mary Horsley; **24** Jim Huges, Katharine Fitzgerald, Helena Parnell, Sara Linder; **25** Eileen Evans, Bp Leo Parker; **26** Eric Butcher, John Howell; **27** Leo Snowden, Emma Thornhill, Jasper Gaze; **28** Pat Hepton, Giuseppe Bianco, Gary Grant, Charlotte Legg, Vivian Schapiro; **29** George Horsley, Mary Holland

**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 either [info@waveneyvalleycatholics.church](mailto:info@waveneyvalleycatholics.church) or [comms@waveneyvalleycatholics.church](mailto:comms@waveneyvalleycatholics.church).

#### MASS, LITURGY AND THE SACRAMENTS

(Mass intentions in brackets)

##### Saturday 22 March

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

##### Sunday 23 March

9.15am Mass Bungay  
11am Mass Beccles  
4pm Mass Gillingham (for the people)

##### Monday 24 March

No Mass

##### Tuesday 25 March

##### Feast of the Annunciation

9.15am Mass Bungay

##### Wednesday 26 March

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

##### Thursday 27 March

9.15am Mass Bungay

##### Friday 28 March

11am Mass Beccles  
7pm Stations of the Cross Beccles

##### Saturday 29 March

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

## NEWS AND EVENTS

**LEPRA:** second collection next weekend (29-30 March). Lepra seeks to provide better detection, treatment and support mechanisms, to advocate for those without a voice, to challenge prejudice, to strengthen local health systems and provide sustainable healthcare in partnership with local communities. See [www.lepra.org.uk](http://www.lepra.org.uk).

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

**EASTER CHURCH CLEANING, ST BENET'S:** 9am Monday 7 April brass polishing. 9am Tuesday 8 April hoovering and dusting the church ("If anyone is able to do high dusting on the Monday that would be great"). Contact Sue Boyes [sma.boyes@gmail.com](mailto:sma.boyes@gmail.com)

**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 .

**NEW INTERVIEW IN OUR SERIES ON PARISHIONERS:** <https://waveneyvalleycatholics.church/sylvia-and-greg-weal-at-the-service-of-the-church/>

**CONGO SCHOOL FOR PEACE QUIZ NIGHT:** Saturday 29 March 7pm-9m at the Sea Cadet HQ, Fen Lane, Beccles. Tickets £6; refreshments available. Contact [congoschool4peace@gmail.com](mailto:congoschool4peace@gmail.com) or ring 01502 716960.

**FUNERAL OF JOSEPHINE (JO) HAMER:** Friday 4 April at 11am, followed by committal in the churchyard. Fr Martin is coming to preside. Jo's body will be received into the church to rest overnight on Thursday afternoon at 4pm

**CAFOD TOTALS:** Totals over the weekend were £94.75 at Bungay (Family Fast and sale of coffee and jam), and £80 Harleston (Family Fast). This does not include cash put into the collection/envelopes for Family Fast.

**CAFOD BIG LENT WALK:** This 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. All welcome and please wear appropriate footwear !

**JAY'S GREEN FUTURE:** Meeting after the 6pm Mass Saturday 22 March.

**PRESBYTERY GARDEN:** there will be a meeting in the presbytery on Tuesday 1 April a 11am to plan work.

**SPRING GARDENING BLITZ AT JAY'S GREEN:** Saturday 12 April from 10am - many hands make light work

**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/>.

**THE CROSS THE MOMENT FOLLOW-UP:** parishioners share their reactions:  
<https://waveneyvalleycatholics.church/the-cross-of-the-moment-follow-up/>

**CARER'S ALLOWANCE:** we have been asked to publicise a link to a petition for an increase to carer's allowance <https://petition.parliament.uk/signatures/150974967/signed>. Political issues will not normally be publicised.

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

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