

WAVENEY VALLEY CATHOLIC PARISH

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NEWSLETTER WEEKEND 10-11 MAY 2025 EASTER 4 (C)

Response to the psalm: We are his people, the sheep of his flock

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia



"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me"

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

10 John Parmenter, Cyril Beamish
12 Nora Falkner, **13** Ivor Baxter, Iris Saunders, Agnes Cutts, Hamilton Bunbury, Julia Kearns, William Lloyd **14** Mary Ratcliffe, Cyril Pratt, Edward Dowe
15 Dom Benet Innes **16** William Crisp **17** Florence Easter, Harriet Blundell **18** Mary Wolski, Patricia McGrath, Emily Bickers, Thomas Hardy, Joseph Wood

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

MASS AND THE SACRAMENTS

(Mass intentions in brackets)

SATURDAY 10 MAY

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

SUNDAY 11 MAY

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

9.15am Mass Bungay (for the people)
11am Mass Beccles (Ivor Baxter +)
6pm Mass Gillingham (John Parmenter +)

MONDAY 12 MAY

No Mass

TUESDAY 13 MAY

9.15am Mass Bungay

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY **ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE**

9.30am Rosary Beccles
10am Mass Beccles (Deceased member of Wednesday Club +)
10.30am Confessions Beccles

THURSDAY 15 MAY

9.15am Mass Bungay

FRIDAY 16 MAY

11am Mass Beccles (Topham family +)

SATURDAY 17 MAY

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

SUNDAY 18 MAY **EASTER 5 (C)**

9.15am Mass Bungay
11am Mass Beccles (Michael Last +)
6pm Mass Gillingham (for the people)

NEWS AND EVENTS

FR SIMON WRITES: Habemus Papam! We rejoice that the Conclave has successfully chosen a new successor to St. Peter. Much will be made of his Peruvian ministry, but he has also been Superior General of his order and was for the last 18 months the Prefect of the Congregation for Bishops, i.e. Pope Francis had entrusted him to oversee the selection of new bishops. Pope Leo XIV also has a doctorate in canon law!

CAFOD STALL AT FRESSINGFIELD PRODUCE MARKET: the first stall is on Saturday 17 May on the Fox & Goose Green. We urgently need more cakes, scones, sausage rolls etc, so please get in touch with Mary (07786 438395) or Sylvia (07794 597296) if you could bake something for CAFOD. We can collect the preceding day.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS AT ST BENET'S: congratulations to Elsie, Esther, Francisco, Freddie, Hannah, Isabella, John, Libby, Marcelino, Moses and Rowan who made their First Holy Communion on 4 May. Thank you to everyone who contributed towards a lovely Mass and the celebration in the hall afterwards. Please pray for the children and their families.

MARIAN PROCESSION AT ST BENET'S SCHOOL: As May is a time to celebrate Mary, the mother of Jesus, the children of St Benet's School are excited to invite you to a special procession in her honour on Wednesday 21 May at 2pm. The children will place flowers, sing songs and share their heartfelt prayers in Mary's prayer garden. Parents and members of the parish are warmly invited.. Weather permitting, this will be held outside or in the hall and can be accessed from the main school gate.

SABBATICAL FOR FR SIMON: the bishop has agreed that Fr Simon can leave the parish in the hands of Fr Sam Randall and take some extended holiday and study leave between 8 June and the end of August. This sabbatical is the first that he has had in 35 years of priestly service in the diocese. Further details will be announced soon.

MEMORY BOOK: A memory table with is set up in the Bungay church with a book of remembrance for Pope Francis is in the church at Bungay.

RIP ANN SMITH Sunday 4 May

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: Sunday 11 May- Saturday 17 May. There will be a street collection in Beccles on the morning of 16 May. A second church collection will be done in St Benet's on the 18 May. Envelopes will be distributed for this purpose. Any queries please talk to Gabriel Doll.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: The collection for LEPRAs came to £305.15. This is the total from the Waveney Valley Catholic Parish together. CAFOD Emergency Appeal and other £336.73. Holy Shrines (Good Friday) £534.05. Thank you to those who contributed.

PRESBYTERY GARDEN: On Thursday 29 May the maintenance club plan to have a day clearing part of the garden. Volunteers are needed to make this possible, please come and join in after morning Mass. A light lunch will be provided.

WAVENEY FOODBANK URGENT NEEDS: biscuits, cooking sauce, instant soup, mash, packet noodles, squash, UHT fruit juice.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Banns, Patricia Bath, Fr Stephen Bould, Jackie Bowler, Steven Brooks, Ellen Clark, Nick Clissitt, Patsy Drake, Cilla Duckett, Deacon Tony Felton, Christine Felton, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Richard Freeland, Derek Gibson, Carole Hunt, Ann Kemp, Sue Kerr, Alasdair Kirkpatrick, Jo Lewis, Michael 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, Katy Wakeley, Jamie Whittenbury, Martin Williams.