

WAVENEY VALLEY CATHOLIC PARISH

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NEWSLETTER WEEKEND 22-23 NOVEMBER 2025 CHRIST THE KING

First reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3 'They anointed David king over Israel'

Response to the Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second reading: Colossians 1:12-20 'He has transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43 'Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom'



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

22 Patricia Billington, Ivy Barker, Brenda Williams

23 Aidan Kirkpatrick, Lynne Ellis, George Davis, Alfred Bauers, Edward Davis

24 Jane Hartnett, Lesley Ayton, Robert Snowden

25 Michael Maguire, David Rumsby, Mark Thornhill

26 Jacqueline Felton, Ann Martin, Mary Wells, Elsie Hipperson

27 Jackie Gill, George Cowgill, Christopher Marshall, Aureen Bennett, Ellen Cole,

28 Charles West, Ella Steverson, Jill Nicholls, Agnes Banham

29 Joyce Ellwood, Wally Charmer, Joseph Lowe

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 22 NOVEMBER

St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

9.15am Mass Bungay

9.45am Confessions

5.30am Confessions Harleston

6pm Vigil Mass Harleston

Second Collection: Diocesan Youth Service

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER

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9.15am Mass Bungay

11am Mass Beccles (Aidan Kirkpatrick)

4pm Gillingham (Helen Hammond)

MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER

Ss Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

No Mass

TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

9.15am Mass Bungay

WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER

9.30am Rosary Beccles

10am Mass Beccles (Ann Martin +)

10.30am Confessions Beccles

THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER

9.15am Mass Bungay

FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER

11am Mass Beccles (Shelagh Harlow +)

2pm Funeral liturgy for Shelagh Harlow Beccles

SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER

9.15am Mass Bungay

9.45am Confessions

6pm Vigil Mass Harleston

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER

Advent 1 (A)

9.15am Mass Bungay

11am Mass Beccles

4pm Mass Gillingham (Tony Hemming +)

NEWS AND EVENTS

Newsletter deadline 9am Thursdays

comms@waveneyvalleycatholics.church or info@waveneyvalleycatholics.church

APPEAL FOR DRIED FRUIT! The CAFOD team are busy making Christmas cakes and puddings to fulfil orders taken at the Fressingfield Produce Market. **Please can you donate some dried fruit?** At Bungay please give them to Felicity Todd; at Harleston please leave them on the table in the right-hand area of the sacristy.

CAFOD AT CHRISTMAS: the Fressingfield Produce market is our big annual fund-raiser. Please make us a Christmas, or other sort of, cake, or sausage rolls, savoury or sweet goodies. Contact Mary Kirk on mary.kirk@btinternet.com. At Bungay on 7 December St Edmund's will be open to light a candle for your special intention.

CHRISTMAS AT THE PRESBYTERY: Fr Simon is again inviting anyone alone at Christmas to Christmas lunch at the presbytery. Please let him know ahead of time (for catering purposes).

CAFOD COFFEE run by the Keralan community at Bungay on 16 November raised £ 156.95. A big thanks you for the lovely food!

CONFIRMATION MASS: Sunday 7 December 11am at St Benet's Confirmation of Callum Butcher and Rosemary Chapman. Buffet afterwards.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BUNGAY: Advent lunch, 12 noon 3 December, in St Ed's Presbytery. Moneys to go to Waveney Foodbank.

CLASS MASSES AT ST BENET'S 10am

Friday 21 November – Oak Class
Friday 5 December – Beech Class

CLASS MASSES AT ST EDMUND'S 9.15am

Thursday 27th November – Beech Class
Thursday 11th December – Oak Class

NURSERY CONSULTATION AT OUR SCHOOLS:

please complete this as soon as possible if this concerns you

<https://forms.office.com/e/es3Q1WskGT>

MOVE IT OR LOSE IT: Gentle exercise class, seated or standing, for older people. Presbytery, Tuesdays 10–11am starting 2 December. Coffee and tea afterwards. £5/session Contact: Susanna May 07779 224332
susanna.may@moveitorloseit.co.uk

CONGO SCHOOL FOR PEACE: Christmas Words and Music + refreshments, 12 December, 6.30pm Hipperson's Boatyard, Beccles

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR: St Edmunds Hall, Bungay, on Sunday 7 December, 10am–4pm, to raise money for the parish.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: please keep these fairly brief to avoid the necessity of abbreviating them!

ST NICHOLAS STALL: St Benet's 7 December after Mass. Please bring any items from the Sunday before or on the day. Handmade items, toys and books in good order, cakes and bakes. Money being raised for St Benet's Restoration Fund.

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

3 December: Churches Together Advent Lunch 12 o'clock. St Ed's Presbytery. In aid of Waveney Foodbank.

7 December 10am–4pm Craft Fair St Edmund's Hall

7 December 11am Confirmation Mass, Beccles
12 noon St Nicholas Stall Beccles

12 December Christmas Words and Music + refreshments in aid of the Congo School for Peace, Hipperson's Boatyard, Beccles

23 January 2026 'Fungay' Quiz St Ed's Hall

17 February 2026 Pancakes St Thomas More 6pm

11 April 2026 Requiem by Gabriel Fauré, The newly-formed Academy of St Nicholas Choir and Orchestra, together with Gorleston G & S Singers, are performing at St Benet's Beccles in aid of St Benet's Refurbishment. Tickets £12 to include a drink. More details later.

WAVENEY VALLEY FOODBANK URGENT NEEDS:

instant noodles, multipack cereals (individuals), tinned carrots, tinned chickpeas, tinned peas, tinned sweetcorn.

PARISH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE: See <https://waveneyvalleycatholics.church> We have had a Facebook page for years! have a look – Waveney Valley Catholic Parish: Beccles, Bungay, Harleston and Gillingham.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Banns, Patricia Bath, Fr Stephen Bould, Jackie Bowler, Steven Brooks, Ellen Clark, Nick Clissitt, Gabriel Doll, Cilla Duckett, Deacon Tony Felton, Richard Freeland, Derek Gibson, Carole Hunt, Ann Kemp, Sue Kerr, Alasdair Kirkpatrick, Jo Lewis, Michael Lewis, Billy Maloy, Tanya Maloy, Ita Miller, Barbara O'Brien, Terry O'Brien, Michael Osborne, Elizabeth Page, Ginny Quinn, Mary Quinn, Kathryn Robinson, Simon Smith, Luciana Staff, Jean Vousden, Katy Wakeley, Jamie Whittenbury