

# 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 for the WEEKEND April 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> 2026 EASTER SUNDAY – YEAR A

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 10: 34 37-43

'We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection'

**Response to the Psalm:** This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad.

**Second Reading:** St. Paul – Colossians: 3:1 – 4

'You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.'

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then in the Lord! Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 20: 1 –9** 'He must rise from the dead'



### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Paul Charmer, E. Joyce Fisk, Thomas Jones, Ursula Bentley, David Freeland, Rosemary Topham, Joseph Peters, Julie Miller, Mary May Kinsella.

**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, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

### MASS AND THE SACRAMENTS

#### HOLY SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL

10.00 Morning Prayer @ Bungay  
21.00 Solemn Vigil of Easter @ Beccles  
(Vivian Carus + PQ)

#### EASTER SUNDAY (A) 5<sup>th</sup> April

9.15 Mass Bungay (For the People)  
10.00 Mass Gillingham (Chris Greenhill + PA)  
11.00 Mass Beccles (V. & P. Knoglinger + LL)

#### MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> April

No Mass

#### TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> April

9.15 Mass Bungay (David Freeland + RF)

#### WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> April

9.30 Parish Rosary @ Beccles  
10.00 Mass Beccles (Open Intention)

#### THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> April

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Open Intention)

#### FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> April

11.00 Mass @ Beccles (Rosemary Topham +)

#### SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> April

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Open Intention)  
9.45 Confessions @ Bungay

17.30 Confessions @ Harleston  
18.00 Mass @ Harleston (For the People)

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) 12<sup>th</sup> April

9.15 Mass Bungay (For the People)  
11.00 Mass Beccles (A & J Treloar W. Ann HT)  
18.00 Mass Gillingham (Sheila Parmenter +)

# NEWS AND EVENTS

Newsletter deadline 9am Thursdays [simon.blakesley@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:simon.blakesley@rcdea.org.uk)

**FAURE'S REQUIEM** will be performed by The academy of St. Nicholas Choir and orchestra. **Tickets are now available** from Angela Marshall or Fr. Simon, or from Peter Williams at 'Sweeties' in the market place (cash only please). Tickets cost £12.00 (inc. drink) and the date is Saturday **11<sup>th</sup> of April** at 19.30.

**MANY THANKYOUS** As is the norm in so many parishes we owe a great deal of gratitude towards certain stalwart individuals who work tirelessly to keep our churches warm, clean and operating smoothly. We also have our music ministries and our altar servers and the flower teams who make everything brighter in this Easter Season. I am also grateful to the willing band of parishioners who have slowly but surely helped to make the presbytery and its grounds a more human environment. It has worked!!!

**ESSEX LEG STUDENT CROSS** Were welcomed by our hospitality team at Harleston and I would like to thank Mary Kirk and Philippa and Lucy Taylor for their hard work in arranging supper and showers at the Hockey Club and then the overnight and morning Mass arrangements at the church. Fr. Paul Wilkinson their chaplain was very much appreciative of the welcome.

**BUNGAY QUIZ NIGHT** Friday 24th April 18.00 to 20.30 Please join us for a night of trivia based fun at St Edmund's Hall, Bungay. Tickets are £6, picky snacks will be included. Feel free to bring your own drinks, though there will be drinks available for a donation. Tables will be for teams of up to **eight**. If you would like to come but haven't arrived with your own team, don't worry, we'll find a friendly bunch for you to join up with! A **raffle** will take place at the halfway point. Tickets will be on sale after Mass from next Saturday. Looking forward to seeing you and your quizical friends there! **Any queries please contact Sylvia Weal on 0779597296 or [sylvia.wealxxx@gmail.com](mailto:sylvia.wealxxx@gmail.com)**

**GARDENING AT ST. EDMUND'S PRESBYTERY** The faithful few were in evidence last Thursday, but there are still plenty more opportunities to join in with some of the more straightforward tasks involved in making our parish garden suitable and available for parish events.

**EASTER GARDENS AT ST. BENET'S** made by the children at St. Benet's will be on display sitting atop the heaters. Many thanks to the staff and parents who have helped in re-telling the Easter Story and inspiring their children in their art and craft!

**FIRST COMMUNION DRAWING CLOSER...** please keep our seven children in your prayers as they prepare for first Holy Communion in Bungay in early May.

**DATABASE REBOOT REQUIRED** Although I have both soft (electronic) and hard copies of parish databases from both Beccles and Bungay I don't have a consistent record of the requisite consent forms for us to hold such data under GDPR. It is also deemed poor practice to hold data that is inaccurate or out of date. So, I will be arranging to distribute new registration forms in due course in order to bring our records up to date. I apologise if this seems to be like Groundhog day!

**PARISH OFFICE CENTRALISED** The ongoing work of making one parish office is still a work in progress. We have a proper fireproof storage cabinet for the registers and marriage paper archives and we are gradually sifting through the contents of many filing cabinets to retain what is necessary and securely dispose of what is not, all according to GDPR regulations. Any offers of help accepted!

**THE SCHOOL FOR PEACE TEAM** thanks everyone who helped or attended our last Quiz event. We raised £720.84 in total including some donations we received earlier to contribute to the hall hire. We are very grateful to everyone for helping us raise this great amount. Thanks to all the helpers and to those who prepared refreshments, set up the room and cleared away. The Spring newsletter is now available so that you can see that the money is being put to good use.

**PRO-LIFE YOUTH CONFERENCE** At the last week-end of February, six of our young parishioners attended the SPUC Youth Conference. Details are now available to read on the parish website. **Click [here](#) for full report.**

**SHEILA PARMENTER R.I.P** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sheila who was a stalwart of Gillingham for many years. Her funeral will be on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of May at 11.00. (So there will be no Mass at Beccles on that day).

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Banns, Patricia Bath, Martin Baxter, Fr Stephen Bould, Steven Brooks, Ellen Clark, Nick Clissitt, Gabriel Doll, Cilla Duckett, Deacon Tony Felton, Richard Freeland, Caroline Garland, Derek Gibson, Barbara Hammond, Carole Hunt, Sue Kerr, Alasdair Kirkpatrick, Jo Lewis, Michael Lewis, Billy Maloy, Tanya Maloy, Ita Miller, Anne Nightingale, Barbara O'Brien, Terry O'Brien, Michael Osborne, Elizabeth Page, Christine Rhodes, Kathryn Robinson, Simon Smith, Huw Spratling, Luciana Staff, Jean Vousden, Katy Wakely.