

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 May 9th / 10th 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER– YEAR A

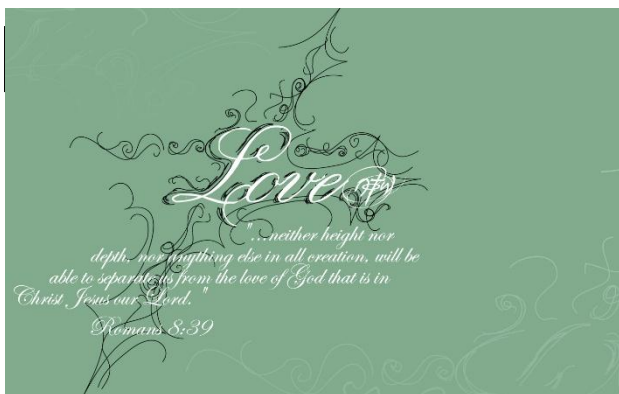
First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5–8, 14–17
'They laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.'

Psalm Response: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth..

Second Reading: First Letter of St. Peter 3:15–18
'Being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.' Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14: 15–21 'I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper'



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Cyril Beamish, John Parmenter, Nora Falkner, Agnes Cutts, Iris Saunders, Ivor Baxter, Edward Dowe, Cyril Pratt, Mary Ratcliffe, Dom Benet Innes OSB, William Crisp.

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.

MASS AND THE SACRAMENTS

SATURDAY 9th May

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Phyllis, Hilton & Tony +)
9.45 Confessions @ Bungay
17.30 Confessions @ Harleston
18.00 Mass @ Harleston (For the People)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) 10th May

9.15 Mass Bungay (Michael Lewis +)
11.00 Mass Beccles (Dec. Mem's Weds Club)
18.00 Mass Gillingham (Shelah Parmenter +)

MONDAY 11th May

No Mass

TUESDAY 12th May

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Peter Cull +)

WEDNESDAY 13th May

9.30 Parish Rosary @ Beccles
10.00 Mass @ Beccles (Ivor Baxter + RB)

THURSDAY 14th May SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Open Intention)
11.00 @ Beccles For the People

FRIDAY 15th May

11.00 Mass @ Beccles (Mary Lindsey Tilney +)

SATURDAY 16th May

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Open Intention)
9.45 Confessions @ Bungay
17.30 Confessions @ Harleston
18.00 Mass @ Harleston (For the People)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) 17th May

9.15 Mass Bungay (Michael Lewis +)
11.00 Mass Beccles (For the People)
18.00 Mass Gillingham (Shelah Parmenter +)

NEWS AND EVENTS

Newsletter deadline 9am Thursdays simon.blakesley@rcdea.org.uk

SECOND COLLECTION: FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

This weekend we have an appeal by Dr. Andrew J Nash on behalf of the Friends of the Holy Land. He will be explaining the origins of this charity that closely follows the trials and tribulations of Catholic Christian Communities in the current political situation in Israel. As is now the norm, you can make card donations via the Dona terminals in Beccles or Bungay.

PRODUCE STALL AT BUNGAY STREET MARKET On Sunday 10th May after Mass there will be a produce stall outside St. Edmunds during the street market. Donations of items to sell would be most gratefully received – garden items, crafts, preserves, small cakes. Donations can be left at the stall before Mass or from Saturday at the presbytery – earlier if non-perishable. For further information please see Sue Altarelli, Jenny Beaugeard or Felicity Todd. Please support our parish fundraising!

LETS GET SOCIAL! We are now aiming to grow our new & refurbished **Waveney Valley Catholic Parish** community Facebook page. A platform to stay connected with our family of faith, expand in knowledge of our faith, evangelize, and keep up to date with parish news and events. Please like, follow and share – Waveney Valley Catholic Parish! 🙌 Please do delete the previous parish facebook page from your devices.

FR. SIMON AWAY IN MAY Just to let you know that I will be away at the priests retreat later in May at the Diocesan Centre of the Diocese of Lille in Merville from the 18th to the 22nd and I am grateful to Fr. Sam who will cover the weekday Masses for me while I am away. The timing of these events is based on the theory that priests are always free in May!!!

SCRIPTURE STUDY CONTINUES at **19.00** on every Tuesday evening in the presbytery in Bungay. We look at the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday and consider the broader issues of the day in the light of the scriptures.

NAME BADGES There are still badges available and although Lent has come and gone, there are still some more shy and retiring individuals who have not chosen to wear badges. While I do understand and respect free choice, I would still like to know more of you by name, so please do put your full name on a badge – Thanks!

THE IMAGE OF JESUS in St. Edmund's has sparked some local interest, and I have been asked about the artist. His name is Drazen Vucovic and he lives and works in Medjugorje where he runs an art and devotional goods shop.

A DEANERY BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION will be held at **15.00** on Sunday 7th of June at St. Benet's Beccles. You are all invited to gather and any recent first communicants are welcome to wear their best regalia. All altar servers are also welcome to participate.

TILNEY TALK! Tickets are going fast! So please act now to avoid disappointment! Friday 15th of May at **19.00** in St. Benet's Hall.








CHRISTIAN AID WEEK There will be a (delayed) second collection next week in support of Christian Aid at Beccles.

PARISH SPUC GROUP The next meeting of the parish pro-life branch will be held at 6pm on Wednesday, 20 May in the Bungay presbytery. All supporters are welcome to attend.

BERNARD AND OONAGH send their heart-felt thanks for all the good wishes and cards on the occasion of 60 years of marriage.

FLORAL TRIBUTES IN OUR CHURCHYARDS We are blessed to have three graveyards in our parish, and I would just like to remind you all of the great importance of keeping respectful appearances, and therefore removing any old or tired displays, but also of not removing any fresh displays without the donors approval.

FEED THE HUNGRY: The Waveney Foodbank needs 300kg of food everyday to continue feeding local people living with food insecurity. You can help by bringing to mass ONE thing from their urgent needs list:

-  Tinned meat
-  fruit juice - long life
-  squash
-  rice
-  Coffee
-  tinned potatoes
-  and jars of cooking sauce

Items can be deposited in the collection box at the door of each church in the Waveney Valley Catholic Parish

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Banns, Patricia Bath, 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, 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.