

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 23rd / 24th 2026 PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR A

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2: 1 - 11

'They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak'

Psalm Response: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: First Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
'In one spirit we were all baptised into one body'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love' Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20: 19-23 'As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit'



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Margaret West, John Sirl, Patsy Charmer, Maureen Youell, Nora & Welcome Plummer, Doris Boxer, Sister Mary St. Colman SMG, Joyce Cook, Shirley Allnutt, John Ward, Philip Wells, Heather Lacey, Justine Szpytma, Elizabeth Bayliss.

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 23rd May

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

17.30 Confessions @ Harleston
18.00 Mass @ Harleston (Mary Claire Mason)

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST (A) 24th May

9.15 Mass Bungay (For the People)
11.00 Mass Beccles (Open Intention)
18.00 Mass Gillingham (Evisa Smith PQ)

MONDAY 25th May

No Mass

TUESDAY 26th May

St. Philip Neri P

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Open Intention)

WEDNESDAY 27th May

St. Augustine of Canterbury - Feast

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

THURSDAY 28th May

Our Lord Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest

9.15 Mass @ Bungay
11.30 Requiem for Michael Lewis @ Bungay

FRIDAY 29th May

11.00 Mass @ Beccles (Joan Long + HH)

SATURDAY 30th May

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

MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY 31st May

9.15 Mass Bungay (For the People)
11.00 Mass Beccles (F. Pycroft + & J. Sirl + HH)
18.00 Mass Gillingham (Larry & Pansy Peck +)

NEWS AND EVENTS

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

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.

HALL REDECORATION AT BECCLES is definitely on for the Summer holidays. I am in negotiation with the MAT property team to finalise suggestions for the colours.

THE CONGO SCHOOL FOR PEACE GROUP will be hosting a tea party by the river at 51, Northgate Beccles, NR34 9AU **on Tuesday 30th June** from **2.30pm to 5.30pm**. There will be music including the Johnny Q Band, singers and instrumentalists. Please come and join us. Donations welcome towards the new second floor.

LEGACIES RECEIVED Good news for St. Benet's in that two large donations have been received, one for £50,000.00 from members of the living relatives of Francis Banham's family, and a legacy of £10,000.00 from the estate of Jo Hamer. Hopefully we shall soon have a list of first priority repairs and a timetable for implementing them. In addition, of course, we have our ongoing events fundraising and the Robert Tilney Talk and raffle last Friday raised a total of **£734.00**. Many thanks to Robert himself and to Linda Last, Pamela St. Mart, Pio Altarelli (for the PA system) and Mike Ellwood for their help on the evening.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS A call to all those young people who have recently made their first Holy Communion to consider starting serving on the altar. Please speak to Fr. Simon or to Pio at Bungay or Tom at Beccles. Thanks.

EVANGELIUM CONFERENCE This conference for young Catholics is being held from 21 to 23 August at the Oratory School in Reading. Financial assistance is available for anyone who needs it and is interested in attending. Please click on this link to find out more [Homepage | Evangelium](#)
A conference on Catholic faith, life and culture to help make faithful young Catholic adults effective for mission. Over the years, hundreds have ignited their faith through Evangelium. Many have met lifelong friends and spouses, joined apostolates or discovered a vocation.

LOURDES 2026 - 125 YEARS OF THE C.A. PILGRIMAGE Our Diocesan Pilgrimage this year will be in late August (21st to 28th) and details are available on the Tangney-Tours.com website or by phoning them direct on 01732 886666.

PASTORAL VISIT REQUESTS There are A5 forms at the back of each church if you would like me to visit you or any parishioner you now would welcome a priest's visit. Please hand these directly to me or to any of our sacristy helpers.

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK, 24-30 MAY, is a time when Parishes and Catholic charities such as CAFOD celebrate the work made possible in the life of the Church through gifts in Wills. We are also, as a parish with two grade 2* listed churches in need of gifts through legacies to carry out major repairs and restoration of the fabric. Find out more about the week using this QR code or at cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek



FUNERAL FOR MICHAEL LEWIS (Lily's husband) will be on this Thursday 28th of May at 11.30 in Bungay.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK Gabriel Doll writes: The two collections for Christian Aid last week amounted to £421.00. The church collection brought up £195.00 and the street collection £216.00. A great thank you to all collectors who contributed their time and efforts for this noble cause.

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! 🙏.

CAR PARKING ISSUES At Beccles there is often double parking in Grange Road near the driveway into the presbytery and it would be marginal for fire engines or ambulances to get through, so please be careful here. On Sundays the school grounds are open for any parishioners to park in the playground areas.

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, **Mary Clare Mason** 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.