

# WAVENEY VALLEY CATHOLIC PARISH



St Benet Beccles, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Gillingham,

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NEWSLETTER for the WEEKEND June 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> 2026

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - PSALTER WEEK 4

**First Reading: Jeremiah 20: 10-13** 'He has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers'

**Psalm Response:** In your great mercy answer me, O Lord.

**Second Reading: St. Paul - Romans 5:12-15** 'The free gift is not like the trespass'

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! The spirit of truth will bear witness about me says the Lord, and you also will bear witness. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Matthew 10: 26 - 33** 'Do not fear those who kill the body'



## ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Patrick Shanahan, Marianne Thorpe, Bridget Butcher, William Haverson, William Sargent, Anne Bauers, Brenda West, Kay Richards.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> June**  
**St. Alban Martyr**

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

**TWELFTH SUNDAY of the Year 21<sup>st</sup> June**  
**SECOND COLLECTION - DAY FOR LIFE**

9.15 Mass Bungay (For the People)  
11.00 Mass Beccles (John E. J. Ladner + FD)  
18.00 Gillingham (F. Long & A. Hemming + HH)

**MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> June** No Mass

**TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> June**  
**St. Etheldreda Abbess & Virgin**

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Doris McKeown + HE)

**WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> June**  
**NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

9.30 Parish Rosary @ Beccles  
10.00 Mass @ Beccles (Anne Sharp + PQ)

**THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> June**

9.  
15 Mass @ Bungay (Anne Bauers +)

**FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> June**  
**DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL**  
N.B. No Mass in Beccles  
**12.00 Mass @ the Cathedral**

**SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> June**

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Open Intention)  
9.45 Confessions @ Bungay  
17.30 Confessions @ Bungay  
**18.00 Mass & Baptism @ BUNGAY (Oliver Duff)**

**SOLEMNITY OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL 28<sup>th</sup> June**  
**SECOND COLLECTION - FOR PETER'S PENCE**

9.15 Mass Bungay (For the People)  
11.00 Mass Beccles (Malet Family Ints. NKS)  
18.00 Gillingham (Russell Hazell +)

# NEWS AND EVENTS

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**DAY FOR LIFE 2026** This Sunday, 21 June, we mark the Day for Life under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb." The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The bishops' message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website: [www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org). The second collection will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO DEACON TONY FELTON** who celebrates thirty years of service to St. Benet's since his ordination as a deacon in 1996 this coming week. Please do join him for a special celebration after the 11.00 Mass next Sunday.

**ANNEKE AND MARK DUFF** warmly invite you to share in the Baptism of **Oliver William** during the **6pm Mass at Bungay on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June**. Your prayers and presence would be a wonderful blessing as we celebrate this special occasion and welcome him into the church.

## **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> CHURCH TREASURES OF THE WAVENEY DISTRICT – A GUIDED MYSTERY TOUR**

- Discover one of Norfolk's most memorable WWI war memorials.
- Explore the links to our Benedictine heritage – and discover the origin of the term 'to boycott'!
- Visit a hidden Norman treasure.

The tour will be led by one of our parishioners, Pete Johnson, a retired history teacher with a long-held passion for ancient churches. The cost will be £20, payable nearer the time, which includes minibus transport and lunch at a local community run pub. Places are limited to 16 so book early. Regrettably, the sites are not wheelchair friendly and the tour is not suitable for children. If you would like to attend, please let Pete know at [jonners43@gmail.com](mailto:jonners43@gmail.com) asap and by July 4th at the latest. Detailed info will follow later.

**GARDENING DAY – SATURDAY JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> – 10am to 3pm.** Please come and help with our ongoing maintenance of the wonderful presbytery garden in Bungay. We are also looking to clear and develop two new areas. We need lots of help! If you have gardening tools then please bring them, although we do have some that we can share. Coffee/tea, snacks and lunch will be provided. Help make the garden look great for the Heritage Open Days in September.

**CAR-WASH at HIPPERSONS BOATYARD** Young Nate Sparrow and his friend have set up a car-cleaning business. Buy four and the fifth will be given to the church restoration funds if you wish. If you would like a car clean please send the dates (evenings or weekends) you would like as text message to The CleanCar team: on 07778 966477

**THE WONDER OF THE CHILD IN THE WOMB** Picking up on the theme suggested by the bishops, I will present a powerpoint using some wonderful illustrations from a book called 'Before you were born' that gives very clear imagery of life before birth and using information from the book by Dr. Thomas Verney entitled 'The secret life of the unborn child'. This will replace the scripture study session at **19.00** on this coming **Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

**EMILY LEWIS AND TIM BEDWELL** will be getting married at St Benets on **Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**. They would love to see members of the parish at this service, you would be most welcome.

**HEATING AT ST.EDMUND'S BUNGAY** As previously notified, 22 of the 26 fan convector units are not working and it now transpires that they **cannot be replaced**, and even if they could, the heating pipework would need to be removed and then reinstalled, making the work, in labour terms at least, as costly as a new installation. We will be looking at other options that may be feasible given the nature of a grade 2\* listed building....

**THE CONGO SCHOOL FOR PEACE GROUP** will be hosting a tea party by the river at 51, Northgate Beccles, NR34 9AU **on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION MASS** at St. John's Cathedral is going to be presided over by Bishop Peter Collins on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of June at 11.30am** and if you would like to attend please let me know ASAP as there are limited numbers for each parish. I will be attending as a Chapter member and can give a lift to three people (or four at a pinch...).

**MASS INTENTIONS** are very few at the moment. Request forms can be found in all of our churches.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP** meets as usual on Tuesdays in Bungay presbytery at **19.00**. Next week we will have a powerpoint which will focus on the wonder of life in the womb.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Mary Banns, Patricia Bath, Bruno Boldrini, 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, Fr. Roger Spencer, Huw Spratling, Luciana Staff, Jean Vousden, Katy Wakely.