

# 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 July 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> 2026 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A - PSALTER WEEK 2

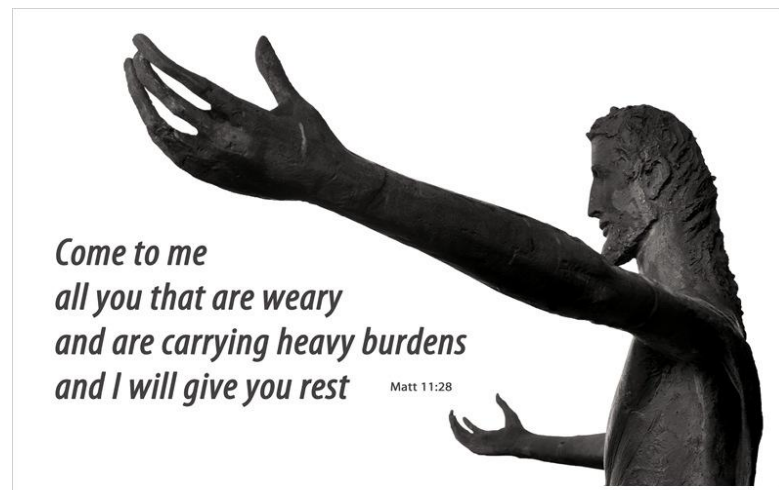
**First Reading: Zechariah 9: 9 - 10** 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble'

**Psalms Response:** I will bless your name forever, my God and King.

**Second Reading: St. Paul – Romans 8: 9, 11-13**  
'If by the spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live'

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, I thank you father, Lord of heaven and of earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Matthew 11: 25 – 30** 'I am gentle and lowly in heart'



### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

William Radley, Benjamin Money, Elizabeth Williams, May Sayer, James Carroll, Alice Cook, Bishop Michael Evans.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> July

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

#### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 5<sup>th</sup> July

9.15 Mass Bungay (For the People)  
11.00 Mass Beccles (Martina O'Brien + PQ)  
18.00 Gillingham (F & P Durack + AN)

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

11.00 Year 6 Leavers Mass @ Beccles

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

9.15 Year 6 Leavers Mass @ Bungay

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

9.30 Parish Rosary @ Beccles  
10.00 Mass @ Beccles (Alma & Harold Trust +)  
**19.00 Mass @ Bungay (For Lost Life)**

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

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Monica Woods + BW)

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

11.00 Mass @ Beccles (In Thanksgiving ATF)

#### SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> July St. Benedict Abbot

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Bp. Michael Evans +)  
9.45 Confessions @ Bungay  
17.30 Confessions @ Harleston  
18.00 Mass @ Harleston (For the People)

#### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 12<sup>th</sup> July

**SEA SUNDAY – 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for AOS**

9.15 Mass Bungay (For the People)  
11.00 Mass Beccles (Marian Starak + BS)  
18.00 Gillingham (Special Intention)

# NEWS AND EVENTS

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

**MASS FOR LOST LIFE** Please come along on this coming Wednesday evening for a Mass being offered for 'Lost Life' which includes all those who have suffered miscarriage, stillbirth or early neonatal death. Simple refreshments and an opportunity to talk will be available afterwards.

**SAD NEWS FROM OUR 'MOTHER DIOCESE'** You may have seen on the news that Bishop David Oakley of Northampton has been removed from his office after being charged for alleged 'non-recent' offences against a young woman. Please pray for all those involved in this distressing situation. An official press release from the bishops follows:

"Yesterday's news of the charges brought against Bishop David Oakley is deeply distressing for all, both within the Catholic community and beyond. "We are profoundly aware that the report of this allegation may reawaken painful memories for many people and again offer an unreserved apology to those who have been hurt by abuse in the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

"In this moment we would like to provide pastoral reassurance on the commitment of the Church to safeguarding. "The Catholic Church in England and Wales maintains a zero-tolerance policy for abuse in the Church and in wider society, and we are cooperating fully with the statutory authorities. "Our immediate focus is on providing pastoral support and ensuring that we, as the Church, can continue our mission safely and transparently. "Anybody who comes to our parishes, schools and communities must be safe and we are resolute in our commitment to safeguarding. We reiterate the open invitation from the bishops to meet with and listen to victims and survivors, so that we can learn from and be guided by their experiences as we continue to make our communities safe places. "We are committed to continual review and development, assisted by the independent auditing work of the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency, so that all our communities are places of safety and sanctuary for all."

Archbishop Richard Moth  
President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales  
Archbishop of Westminster  
Archbishop Bernard Longley  
Archbishop of Birmingham - Vice President

**GARDENING DAY - SATURDAY JULY 25TH - 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.

**CONFIRMATION** On Monday evening six of our young people will be confirmed by Bishop Peter at Lowestoft. Please keep Ethan, Kian, William, Amelia, Edward and Nate in your prayers. Thanks.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP** meets as usual on Tuesdays in Bungay presbytery at **19.00**. Please keep in your prayers Jack Holden and Ken Griffith who are preparing to be received into full communion with the Catholic 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.

**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

**MARIAN STARAK RIP** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marian Starak of Coney Hill in Beccles who died in the early hours of Thursday morning.

**GEARING UP FOR OUR NURSERIES** We are seeing a lot of activity on both school sites to prepare for our new nurseries to open in September. Please phone the schools to arrange to see all the new facilities and register your interest for places. (Beccles 01502 712012 & Bungay 01986 892502)

## **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, 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, Jordan Scott, Simon Smith, Fr. Roger Spencer, Huw Spratling, Luciana Staff, Jean Vousden, Katy Wakely.