

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 11th / 12th 2026 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A - PSALTER WEEK 3

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 10 – 11 'My word shall not return to me empty'

Psalms Response: Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

Second Reading: St. Paul – Romans 8: 18 – 23
'The creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower, all who find him will live forever. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13: 1 – 23 'Blessed are your ears for they hear'



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Eileen Hodge, Angela Molloy, Baby Calderbank, Celia Burton, Harold Sawyer, Stephanie King, Ethel Forder, Bishop Alan Charles Clark DD, Paul Keyes, Mary Bramley, Sonia Tusting (nee Tracz).

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 11th 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 12th July **SEA SUNDAY – 2nd Collection for AOS**

9.15 Mass Bungay (Ints. of Jan Martin M&JJ)
11.00 Mass Beccles (Marian Starak + BS)
18.00 Gillingham (Special Intention)

MONDAY 13th July

No Mass

TUESDAY 14th July

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Bishop Alan C Clark +)

WEDNESDAY 15th July

9.30 Parish Rosary @ Beccles
10.00 Mass @ Beccles (Ita Miller + PP)

THURSDAY 16th July

9.15 Mass @ Bungay
(Dom. Charles Fitzgerald Lombard OSB +)

FRIDAY 17th July

11.00 Mass @ Beccles (Mike Rose + S&N)

SATURDAY 18th July

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Bp. Michael Evans +)
9.45 Confessions @ Bungay
13.00 Wedding of Emily Lewis & Tim Bedwell
17.30 Confessions @ Harleston
18.00 Mass @ Harleston (For the People)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 19th July

9.15 Mass Bungay (Dom. Charles F-L OSB +)
11.00 Mass Beccles (Ita Miller + PP)
18.00 Gillingham (Mary Bramley +)

NEWS AND EVENTS

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

DOM. CHARLES FITZGERALD LOMBARD O.S.B. R.I.P.

Details of Fr. Charles funeral arrangements are as follows:

15th July [5pm] Reception of the Body into Belmont Abbey Church

16th July [2.30pm] Funeral Mass in Belmont Abbey Church

17th July [11.30am] Burial in the Monastic Cemetery at Downside Abbey

Belmont does have a livestream facility which you can access on their website, though the livestream quality I'm told is patchy. I include the link that takes you directly to it here [Welcome to Belmont Abbey - Home to a community of Benedictine Monks Hereford](#). I will be attending to represent the parish but will be travelling down the day before and returning on the Friday as I shall be staying with friends in the Hereford area.

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 barbecue/lunch will be provided. Help make the garden look great for the Heritage Open Days in September.

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.

BUNGAY ORGAN REFURBISHMENT I know that it probably sounds just the same, but the work has been completed and the total cost was **£6,480**. Bearing in mind that the last major service was in 1962, this is only to be expected. Please do make a donation specifically for this if you can.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR 'STELLA MARIS' which is the new branding of the Apostleship of the Sea. Please remember that in this diocese we have Felixstowe, Ipswich, Yarmouth and Kings Lynn where the needs of the mainly Philippino crews of massive container ships touch base briefly before their ships return to their home ports. This is an important opportunity for pastoral support and outreach. These men are poorly paid and have many dependants at home that they need to stay in touch with. Stella Maris port chaplains are supported in their work by this collection. Next time you eat a banana think of the sailors who crewed the ship that brought it to these shores!

WVCP PRO-LIFE GROUP The next meeting of the parish pro-life branch will be held at **6pm on Wednesday, 22 July** in the presbytery in Bungay. All supporters are welcome to attend.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & PRAYER

for the Sanctity of Life on Saturday 1st August 2026 This pilgrimage, to be led by Bishop Peter Collins of East Anglia, will go to England's Nazareth, the National Catholic Shrine at Walsingham. In the last year abortion up to birth has been legalised and there is a continued effort to make assisted suicide legal. Please join the pilgrimage to help build the 'great prayer for Life' asked for by Pope St John Paul II.

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 a text message to The CleanCar team: on 07778 966477

ITA MILLER RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dr. Ita Miller of Beccles who died in the early hours of last Thursday morning.

THE CONGO SCHOOL FOR PEACE

garden party was a huge success with **£967** being made. For more information about the charity, please email Mary on: congoschool4peace@gmail.com

DISCLOSURE & BARRING SERVICE

Ellen asks that anyone who is signed up for the 'update service' could check that they have been duly updated for the current year. If there are queries or problems then please contact Ellen Fleming on 07703 435118 to resolve any issues.

GEARING UP FOR OUR NURSERIES

Our two new nurseries are set 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, Carole Hunt, Sue Kerr, Alasdair Kirkpatrick, Jo Lewis, Billy Maloy, Tanya Maloy, 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.