

WAVENEY VALLEY CATHOLIC PARISH



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NEWSLETTER for the WEEKEND August 8th / 9th 2026 NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A - PSALTER WEEK 3

First Reading: First Book of Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a 'The Lord was not in the wind...'

Psalm Response: Show us O LORD, your mercy and grant us your salvation!

Second Reading: St. Paul – Romans 9: 1 – 5 'I wish that I were accursed for the sake of my brothers and sisters...'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! long for you O Lord, my soul longs for his word. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 14: 22 – 33 'Command me to come to you on the water'



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Philomena Alnutt, Michael Twomey, Bridget Simpson, John Hartnett, Chrissie Baylis, Anthoni Szpytma, Eunice Gilbert, Mary George, Charles Vella, Eustace Cary-Elwes, James Hazell, Marie Gale, Jeffrey Pipe, Gerald Chatfield, Dena Payne, Gwendoline Wills, Claire Barber.

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 8th August St. Dominic PD

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Imshi Burrell +)
9.45 Confessions @ Bungay
17.30 Confessions @ Harleston
18.00 Mass @ Harleston (For the People)

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9th August

9.15 Mass Bungay (D Marshall & C Leeks + JM)
11.00 Mass Beccles (Tommy Tudor + CD)
18.00 Gillingham (Terence Dowling + SNB)

MONDAY 10th August St Laurence DM

N.B. 12.00 Mass @ Bungay (Private Intention)

TUESDAY 11th August St. Clare of Assisi V

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Imshi Burrell +)

WEDNESDAY 12th August

9.30 Parish Rosary @ Beccles
10.00 Mass @ Beccles (John Durack + AN)

THURSDAY 13th August

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (M & M Deasy + HT)

FRIDAY 14th August St. Maximillian Kolbe M

11.00 Mass @ Beccles (Special Intention CB)

SATURDAY 15th August

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Michael J Heath + Lisa)
9.45 Confessions @ Bungay
17.30 Confessions @ Harleston
18.00 Mass @ Harleston (For the People)

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM 16th August

9.15 Mass Bungay (Imshi Burrell + NGS)
11.00 Mass Beccles (For the People)
18.00 Gillingham (Larry & Pansy Peck +)

NEWS AND EVENTS

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

IMSHI BURRELL RIP It is with great sadness that I must inform you that Imshi died at 8.30pm on Tuesday the 4th. She was at home surrounded by her loving daughters. Details of her funeral will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.

CHEESE AND WINE EVENING – On **Friday 4th September from 18.00 to 20.00**, Howard Trust has kindly offered to host a Cheese and Wine Evening at his home, The Old Barsham Rectory, a magnificent Grade II* listed property. The house and gardens are beautiful, and guests will be welcome to wander through the grounds and enjoy the elegant ground-floor reception rooms while socialising with friends and fellow supporters.

Tickets, priced at £15.00 each, will be available from the first Sunday in August after Mass at each of our parish churches, or from Sweeties Sweet Shop, Beccles. After expenses, all proceeds from the evening will go towards the restoration of St Benet's Church, helping to preserve this much-loved place of worship for future generations. We hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be a delightful evening in beautiful surroundings while supporting an important cause.

IMPROMPTU BARBECUE! As I will be celebrating my birthday on the 10th of August I have decided to have a 'bring your own barbecue' at the presbytery this **Sunday the 9th from 13.00** onwards. We have a large gas and a charcoal barbecue and can offer to cook all offerings that you bring with you...

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP meets on Tuesdays in Bungay at **19.00**. We are also considering studying sections of **Magnifica Humanitas**, so please come along if you would be interested.

GRAVEYARD RESERVATIONS Since my arrival in September 2024, I have been aware that both Beccles and Bungay are blessed with burial grounds, but both have limited room going forward. Although Hilary Wells has a current list for those who have asked for a plot in Beccles, I have no such list for Bungay, so I would be grateful to all parishioners if you have a genuine expectation of having reserved a burial plot to speak to me as soon as possible so that an accurate database can be set up for both of our graveyards. If you are aware of a non-practising family who still are expecting to inter family members with us then please let them know of this request.

BURIAL OF ASHES of the late Dr Michael John Heath will take place at St Edmund's Bungay on Saturday **15th August after the 9.15 am Mass**. Lisa, Xavier, Amelia and Oliver would like to open an invitation to any parishioner that remembers Mike to join them.

EXPERIMENTAL CHANGE OF VENUE for our Vigil Mass on Saturday at 18.00. I am proposing to move this Mass to Bungay from Harleston for the month of **September** to see what the response will be. Although I know that many are concluding that this means that St. Thomas More will be closing, this is still a significant matter for broader consultation including the deanery clergy, the council of priests and ultimately the bishop, so nothing is yet decided. Please check the bulletin for details in September.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (people have asked for these to be made known, but please note that this does **not** include the sums given by standing order or by the Dona terminals in the two main churches)

Beccles:	£144.69
Bungay:	£195.23
Harleston:	£51.00

SLOW NEWS WEEKS These Summer weeks tend to light on items to put in the newsletter, so if there is something you would like mentioned or publicised please send it to me at the email address at the top of this page. Thankyou.

WORKS IN PROGRESS As you may be aware, there are works in progress on the hall at St. Benet's for additional storage and general redecoration of the hall. This may mean that we have to have our refreshments after Mass 'al fresco', but for the moment we are OK inside. There are also works going on to reorganise and improve the storage areas at the back of St. Edmund's hall and an upgrade to the kitchen so that the parish and the Toddler group can more easily co-exist on a day to day basis.

ST. BENET'S MINSTER The Diocesan Historic Churches Committee have both recommended and agreed the appointment of **Ruth Brennan B.A. B.Arch** as the architect to consult on the conservation and restoration of the Minster. Ruth is already known to us as she provided the quinquennial survey on St. Edmund's. It may well be possible for her to be introduced to parishioners at the Wine & Cheese event on the 4th of September at the Old Rectory in Barsham.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Banns, Patricia Bath, **Elizabeth Teresa Bedson**, Bruno Boldrini, Steven Brooks, Ellen Clark, Nick Clissitt, Cilla Duckett, **Serena Rose Ellwood**, Deacon Tony Felton, Richard Freeland, Derek Gibson, Carole Hunt, Sue Kerr, Alasdair Kirkpatrick, Jo Lewis, Billy Maloy, Anne Nightingale, Michael Osborne, Elizabeth Page, Christine Rhodes, Kathryn Robinson, Jordan Scott, Simon Smith, Fr. Roger Spencer, Huw Spratling, Luciana Staff, Jean Vousden, Katy Wakely.