

WAVENEY VALLEY CATHOLIC PARISH



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NEWSLETTER for the WEEKEND August 30th / 31st 2026 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A - PSALTER WEEK 2

First Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-9 'The word of the Lord has become for me a reproach.'

Psalm Response: For you my soul is thirsting,
O Lord, my God.

Second Reading: Romans 12: 1-2 'Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself.'



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Frederick Thorpe, William Byrne, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Elsie Beamish, Jean Proctor, Kathleen Carrie, Fenella Moore, Florence Fitzgerald, Dennis Moore.

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 29th August **The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist**

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY YEAR A 30 August

9.15 Mass Bungay (For the People)
11.00 Mass Beccles (For the People)
18.00 Gillingham (For the People)

MONDAY 31st August

NO MASS

TUESDAY 1st September
9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Open intention)
16.00 Requiem Mass John Durack + @ OLPS

WEDNESDAY 2nd September

9.30 Parish Rosary @ Beccles
10.00 Mass @ Beccles (Open intention)
10.30 Confessions @ Beccles

THURSDAY 3rd September **St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor**

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Open intention)

FRIDAY 4th September

N.B. 11.00 Mass @ Bungay
Requiem Mass for Imshi Burrell

SATURDAY 5th September **St. Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin**

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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY YEAR A 6th September

9.15 Mass Bungay (Open Intention)
11.00 Mass Beccles (For the People)
18.00 Gillingham (John Durack + AN)

NEWS AND EVENTS

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

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, i.e. from next Saturday** 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.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS – ST. EDMUND’S CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY, BUNGAY ON FRIDAY 11TH AND SATURDAY 12TH SEPT – 10AM – 4PM

If you are available to help, please sign up on the rota which is at the back of the church. If you want any further info about what this will entail, please email Pete Johnson at jonners43@gmail.com. We are offering refreshments on each day. If you are able to bake cakes, biscuits, etc or donate items for the produce stall, then please let Pete know. Proceeds from this will go towards the church restoration fund.

Church clean – in preparation for the Open Days, there will be a major church clean on Thursday 10th September – 10am–12pm. Please do come to help. We aim to get all the cobwebs!

‘BEAUTY GAZED UPON BEAUTY’ This was the simple yet so very powerful message of Mgr. Liam Slattery t our Grotto Mass in Lourdes. Next year’s piulgrimage will be from Friday the 20th to the 27th of August. Please put a note in your diaries!

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 well known to us as she provided the quinquennial survey on St. Edmund’s. It may well be possible for her to be introduced to our parishioners at the Wine & Cheese event on the 4th of September at the Old Rectory in Barsham.

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP meets on Tuesdays in Bungay at **19.00**. New members always welcome

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 meeting and socialising with friends and fellow supporters. Tickets are nearly all sold!!!

IMSHI BURRELL’S FUNERAL will be this coming Friday at 11.00 at Bungay followed by her burial with Alan at Loddon. This will be followed by a gathering at the Angel in Loddon from 13.00 to which all attendees are invited. Please note that there is **no morning Mass** at Beccles on Friday.

THE SECULAR FRANCISCANS OF EAST ANGLIA invite you all to a celebration of the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi on 3rd October at St John’s Cathedral at 2.30pm.

The celebration will begin in St Joseph’s chapel (the sunken chapel) where you will find several companions of St Francis, including; his mother Pica, St Clare, Brothers Leo, and Ginepro and others, reminiscing about his life. This will be followed by light refreshments in the hall, where you can get to know more about Francis by taking with these companions. The afternoon will close with a Franciscan liturgical celebration of the Transitus, the passing from life to death of St Francis. The afternoon will finish in time for those wishing to, to attend the evening Anticipatory Mass at 6pm."

FALLING OFF THE RADAR.... Over the last few months I have noticed that some individuals have not been able to attend Mass in our churches with their usual regularity. Due to the fact that both Bungay and Beccles databases are in need of a major revamp into one whole parish database, I am not sure of addresses or contact details, so if you know of anyone in need of a visit, then please fill in a ‘Pastoral Visit Request Form’ and give it to me ASAP. Thanks.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS (people have asked for theese 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:	£197.62
Bungay:	£119.48
Harleston:	£60.00

THANKYOU FROM STELLA MARIS for our recent ‘Sea Sunday’ appeal on 12th of July which raised a total across our four churches of **£403.52**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Banns, Patricia Bath, Bruno Boldrini, Steven Brooks, Ellen Clark, 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.