

WAVENEY VALLEY CATHOLIC PARISH



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NEWSLETTER for the WEEKEND September 12th / 13th 2026 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A - PSALTER WEEK 4

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7 'Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.'

Psalms Response: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Second Reading: Romans 14: 7–9 'Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, A new commandment I give you says the Lord, that you love one another just as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21–35 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times...'



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Mary Tilney Martin, Eliza Dowson, Stella Barrett,
Barbara Mitchell-Cotts, Albert Howard, Colin Lue.

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 12th September **Most Holy Name of Mary**

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Open intention)
9.45 – 10.00 & 17.30 Confessions @ Bungay
18.00 Mass @ Bungay (For the People)

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY YEAR A 13th September **EDUCATION SUNDAY (Second Collection for CES)**

9.15 Mass Bungay (Anthony Cembala + DB)
11.00 Mass Beccles (Nolan & Peggy Bond + FD)
18.00 Gillingham (John Durack + AN)

MONDAY 14th September **Exaltation of the Holy Cross** **12.00 Mass @ Beccles** (Brigitte McMahon +)

TUESDAY 15th September **Our Lady of Sorrows**

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Graham Peck + LP)

WEDNESDAY 16th September **St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian MM**

9.30 Parish Rosary @ Beccles
10.00 Mass @ Beccles (Paul Blakesley + SNB)

THURSDAY 17th September

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Bert & Delia Malir + FD)

FRIDAY 18th September

11.00 Mass @ Beccles
(Deceased of Kyrke-Smith & St. Leger Families)

SATURDAY 19th September

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (For the People)
9.45 – 10.00 & 17.30 Confessions @ Bungay
18.00 Mass @ Bungay (Keith Kirk + MHK)

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY YEAR A 20th September

9.15 Mass Bungay (George Shaw + AS)
11.00 Mass Beccles (Patsy Drake & Frost Family + HH)
18.00 Gillingham (Ivy Barker + CB)

NEWS AND EVENTS

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

ANTHONY COULDERY RIP who died after a short illness. His funeral will be celebrated by Canon G. Christofoli in the Tridentine rite at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at Gillingham on Thursday the **24th of September at 3.00p.m.**

THANKYOU TO HOWARD TRUST for hosting a most successful Wine and Cheese evening at the Old Rectory in Barsham. The total raised is in the region of **£700.00** and I am very grateful to all the team who rallied around on that evening.

MANY THANKS to all who helped with the Heritage Open Daya at Beccles, Bungay and Gillingham. My apologies for a lack of advertising in the newsletter as Lisa who did the updating while I was away didn't have access to my email as she needed access to my authenticator app which is on my phone which was with me in Lourdes...

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS & CONFIRMATIONS 2027 If you have children going into year three this Autumn you may wish to consider enrolling them for our sacramental preparation programme for later this year. Please either fill in a **yellow form** at the back of the church or email me directly on the address given above. Please remember that there is just no substitute for regular attendance at Sunday Mass and taking part in the wider life of the parish, but this may also be an opportunity for you and your wider family to reconnect with the life of our parish. Over the last two years the catechists have been from the Beccles end of our parish, but we will wait to see where the majority of our candidates are from before deciding on the venue and the programme for preparation.

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

DEANERY YOUTH DAY at St. Peter's in Gorleston is on Saturday the 3rd of October from 11.00 to 15.00 (Mass will be at 10.00 am). Details on the posters at the back of church or contact **Hamish** and his dedicated band of roadies at igniteteam@rcdea.org.uk.

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: £446.02

Bungay: £278.09

Harleston: £ Inc with Bungay

FUNERAL SERVICE for Graham Peck will be at OLPS on Monday the 21st of September at 11.00 (Approx – following a family only committal at the Waveney crematorium)

EDUCATION SUNDAY We are blessed to have many members of the leadership teams in our local Multi-Academy Trust of St. John the Baptist and we are asked to contribute to the work of the Catholic Education Service that supports all of our schools with legal and professional advice.

THANKS for our History-Mystery Tour run by Pete & Patsy Johnson with Jenny and Ben Beaubeard as our driver and navigation team. It was greatly enjoyed by all! Who says you stop learning when you leave school! So, where next???

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE SERVICE If you are on this service please make sure that Ellen knows (07703 435118) so that she can return accurate records to the head office at Poringland.

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."

FAMILY FAST DAY will be on Friday October the 2nd and we will have more information on the current **CAFOD** focus next week.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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