

WAVENEY VALLEY CATHOLIC PARISH



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NEWSLETTER for the WEEKEND September 19th / 20th 2026 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A - PSALTER WEEK 1

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 6 – 9 'My thoughts are not your thoughts'

Psalm Response: The Lord is close to all who call him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 20c – 24, 27a
'For to me to live is Christ'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Open our hearts O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16 'Do you begrudge my generosity...?'



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Charlotte Hammond, Robert Ellwood, Mary Martin, Nolan Bond, Margaret Jackson, **Philip Taylor**, Eliza Dowson, Tony Money, Stella Barrett, Patricia Keyes, Barbara Mitchell Cotts, Frederick Smith, Albert Howard, Tony Jackson, Arthur Crisp, Winston Lue, Helen Bellefontaine, Patsy Drake, Collette Sumerson, Bridget Cook, **Susan Shannon**, John Phelan, Victor Tempest, **Trisha Bramley**, Frances Clarke, Florence Ellwood. (**Bold** = first anniversary) **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 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 (P. Drake & Frost Family + HH)
18.00 Gillingham
(Ivy Barker + CB) (Trisha Bramley + RB)

MONDAY 21st September

11.00 Funeral Service @ OLPS – Graham Peck +

TUESDAY 22nd September

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Stephen Tsang + HT)

WEDNESDAY 23rd September **St. Pio of Pietrelcina Priest**

9.30 Parish Rosary @ Beccles
10.00 Mass @ Beccles (Susan Shannon + PS)

THURSDAY 24th September **Our Lady of Walsingham – Feast**

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Open Intention)
15.00 Requiem Mass for A. Couldery @ OLPS

FRIDAY 25th September

11.00 Mass @ Beccles
(Philip Taylor + PP)

SATURDAY 26th September **St. Cosmas & St. Damian MM**

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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY YEAR A 27th September

9.15 Mass Bungay (Jan Johnson's Ints.)
11.00 Mass Beccles (Allan Fowler + AF)
18.00 Gillingham (Deceased @ OLPS RTB)

NEWS AND EVENTS

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

PRODUCE STALL AT BUNGAY STREET MARKET The next Bungay Street Market is on **Sunday 4th October** and there will be a stall outside St Edmunds after Mass. Donations of items to sell are requested – garden produce, pickles and preserves and small cakes. All proceeds will be going to **CAFOD**. For further information please speak to Felicity Todd or Sylvia Weal.

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.**

EDUCATION SUNDAY Thankyou for your generous response to the second collection which raised a total of **£293.01**. across our four masses.

MANY THANKS to all who helped with the Heritage Open Days at Beccles, Bungay and Gillingham. We had many visitors to both churches who were very impressed and engaged with what we are doing on all three sites.

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.

LINDA LAST WRITES: A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Cheese & Wine Evening such a great success. First of all, our sincere thanks to Howard for kindly hosting the event at his home, and to Hazel for all her hard work in preparing and arranging the rooms. A very special thank you also goes to all the ladies who helped prepare the wonderful cheese platters and accompaniments, as well as those who served the drinks, collected the tickets and stayed behind to help with the clearing up. Your time and effort were very much appreciated, and, of course, thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and came along to support the event. A total of 50 tickets were sold, which was a fantastic response. We will have raised the superb total of **£1,007**. We were particularly fortunate to receive generous donations both of money and of wines, crackers and other items, as well as benefiting from very good rates from our local cheese producer, St Jude Farm, Wheatacre, and Seppings' Deli at the local butcher's. Thank you once again to everyone who contributed, whether through donations, helping behind the scenes, preparing and clearing up, or simply coming along and enjoying the evening. Your support made the event possible.

WALKING FOR OUR PERSECUTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS On 26th September, families from the Beccles and Bungay will be walking from church to church across Norfolk to raise funds for Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). Please keep us in your prayers and, if you can, support our efforts to bring hope to our persecuted brothers and sisters. Every step is a prayer, and every donation helps make a difference.

Sponsorship forms are available at the back of all the churches. To find out more or join the walk, please contact Aloma in Beccles or Jenson Mathews in Bungay.

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

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP meets on Tuesdays in Bungay at **19.00**. New members are always welcome to join in. We always look at the four upcoming Sunday readings and discuss the wider context of the Lord's teaching and how it affects our daily lives.

DEANERY YOUTH DAY at St. Perter'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 McQueen** 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 as these vary so widely over the course of any month)

Beccles: £209.90

Bungay: £149.69

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). Graham was Larry & Pansy's son and owned the Pex Fish & Chip shop directly opposite St. Edmund's in Bungay.

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.