

WAVENEY VALLEY CATHOLIC PARISH



St Benet Beccles, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Gillingham,

St Edmund Bungay, St Thomas More Harleston

www.waveneyvalleycatholics.church Diocese www.rcdea.org.uk

PP: Fr Simon Blakesley JCL, JV simon.blakesley@rcdea.org.uk 07946 390060

NEWSLETTER for the WEEKEND September 26th / 27th 2026 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A - PSALTER WEEK 2

First Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25 - 28 'He shall surely live, he shall not die'

Psalm Response: Remember your compassion, O Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 1 - 11 'Have this mind among yourselves which is yours in Christ Jesus'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21: 28 - 32 'The tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you...'



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Dom Rupert Hall OSB, James Olanczuk, Sr Mary Basil SMG, Henry Smith, Lilian Tyson, Fr. David Condon, Bill Corley, William Crump, Penelope Osborne, Madge Smith, Michael Penman, Doris Kirby, Jacqueline Pipe, Lily Tucker, Mary Sloman, Ann Briggs, **Kevin Kinsella**.

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 26th September St. Cosmas & St. Damian MM

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (For the People)
9.45 - 10.00 & 17.30 Confessions @ Bungay
18.00 Mass @ Bungay (Emily Hegarty + K&JH)

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)

MONDAY 28th September NO MASS

TUESDAY 29th September St. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael - Archangels

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Stephen Tsang + HT)

WEDNESDAY 30th September St. Jerome

9.30 Parish Rosary @ Beccles
19.00 Mass @ Beccles (Open Intention)
Followed by exposition until 20.00

THURSDAY 1st October St. Therese of Lisieux

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Open Intention)

FRIDAY 2nd October

11.00 Mass @ Beccles
(Open Intention)

SATURDAY 3rd October St. Cosmas & St. Damian MM

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Open Intention)
9.45 - 10.00 & 17.30 Confessions @ Bungay
N.B. 18.00 Mass @ Harleston (For the People)

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY YEAR A 4th October

9.15 Mass Bungay (Imshi Burrell + L&AM)
11.00 Mass Beccles (Dec. St. Leger & Kyrke-Smith)
18.00 Gillingham (Mr. Anthony Couldery + HT)

NEWS AND EVENTS

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

CONGO SCHOOL FOR PEACE AGM Mary, Mike and Alan and their support team invite you to come along to their AGM to see how the work started by Anne Bauers nearly thirty years ago has brought forth amazing fruitfulness, but it is a work that will always need to be supported by our prayers and our generosity.



PRODUCE STALL AT BUNGAY STREET MARKET The next Bungay Street Market is going to be 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.

1st 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.

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 McQueen** and his dedicated band of roadies at igniteteam@rcdea.org.uk.

RETURN TO ST. THOMAS MORE, HARLESTON As September draws to a close we will be returning to having our Saturday evening Mass at Harleston and I will be keeping an eye on the numbers as we go forward. The average (over three weeks) at Bungay was 34, which was higher than the usual at Harleston but not really dramatically so. We will keep open minds and hearts....

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 this coming Friday October the 2nd and this year the **CAFOD** focus is on providing safe drinking water in schools so that children can stay healthy and be encouraged to learn. There will be a second collection next week.

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

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: £295.55

Bungay: £209.86

Harleston: £ Inc with Bungay

Home Mission Sunday £157.48

Gift Aided Donations Please do continue to give via Gift Aid, and please speak to Paul Quin in Beccles (& Gillingham) and to Sue Allen in Bungay if you have any questions, or you would like to sign up as a new donor.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Banns, Patricia Bath, Steven Brooks, Ellen Clark, Deacon Tony Felton, Richard Freeland, Derek Gibson, Jenny Gibson, Peter Harvey, 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, Wendy Walpole.