

WAVENEY VALLEY CATHOLIC PARISH



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NEWSLETTER for the WEEKEND October 10th / 11th 2026 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A - PSALTER WEEK 4

First Reading: Isaiah 25: 6 – 10a 'He will swallow up death forever'

Psalm Response: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending

Second Reading: St. Paul to the Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20 'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me'

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 22: 1 – 10 'Invite to the wedding feast as many as you can...'



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Margaret Wilson, Anne Curran, Sylvia Boulger, Audrey Sawyer, George West, Pamela Henderson, Albert Roberts, Dorothy Peck, Muriel Bennett, Richard Hunt, Anne Kearns, Patrick Hopkins, Richard Hunter, Freda Crisp, Margaret Haymes, Michael Hepton, Sr Josephine McKeever SMG.

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 10th October

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Stephen Tsang + HT)
9.45 – 10.00 & 17.30 Confessions @ Harleston
N.B. 18.00 Mass @ Harleston (For the People)

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY YEAR A 11th October

9.15 Mass Bungay (In Thanksgiving for MRG)
11.00 Mass Beccles (Sheila Barralet + HH)
18.00 Gillingham (Shelagh Parmenter + PP)

MONDAY 12th October NO MASS

TUESDAY 13th October

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Open Intention)

WEDNESDAY 14th October

9.30 Parish Rosary @ Beccles
10.00 Mass @ Beccles (Anne Curran + PP)

THURSDAY 15th October St. Teresa of Avila V&D

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Dora Nash + AJN)

FRIDAY 16th October St. Margaret Mary Alacocque V

11.00 Mass @ Beccles (Peter Arnold + PP)
14.30 Requiem Mass @ Beccles
For Bridget Jessop +

SATURDAY 17th October St. Ignatius of Antioch B&M

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

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY YEAR A 18th October

9.15 Mass Bungay (Open Intention)
11.00 Mass Beccles (Sylvia Boulger + PP)
18.00 Gillingham (Francis Long + HH)

NEWS AND EVENTS

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

FR. SIMON AWAY FOR TWELVE DAYS As of Monday the 19th I will be away, firstly at High Leigh in Hertfordshire on our clergy Safeguarding in-service training and then on Wednesday afternoon I travel to Rome to spend a week at Palazzola (the retreat centre which was the Summer location of the English College in Rome) which should be a real holiday. I return late on Friday the 30th. Fr. Pat Cleary will be supplying the Sunday Masses but there will be no weekday celebrations in place of our weekday Masses, however you are welcome to arrange between yourselves to gather to pray the rosary.

MISSIO Yes it's Red Box time again! Please bring in your full boxes and leave them in the various sacristies and you will soon be given an empty one to start filling again. However as we gradually move towards a less coin orientated economy we also need to make sure that we are supporting the work of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith – Missio for short!

PARISH CENSUS The forms have been printed and are numbered, so please take a note of the one on your number so that we can make sure that they are returned and your data is kept safe. Please do sign the declaration on the back as this the evidence we need to hold on file as a hard copy even though the main data will be on an Excel spreadsheet. Any help with the data entry would be appreciated, please speak to Fr. Simon.

FAMILY FAST DAY was on 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 was a second collection this week, but we are still accepting envelopes that you may have taken home last week... Our running total so far is a very creditable **£912.62**. Thankyou for your support.

RETURN TO ST. THOMAS MORE, HARLESTON Our Saturday evening Mass is now 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....

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:	£274.02	CAFOD	£151.52
Bungay:	£254.55	CAFOD	£394.93
Harleston	£100.00	CAFOD	£50.00
Gillingham		CAFOD	£316.17

GARDENING DAYS AT BUNGAY our next planned days are on the **30th and 31st** of October (Friday and Saturday) and there are a lot of bulbs to be planted and tidying up for the winter. Please come along at 11.00 on both days and depending on turnout there will be a shared lunch together in the presbytery dining room. Please come along whichever Mass you attend as this helps to make the most of the noble properties that were built to be at the service of our Gospel mission within the Waveney Valley.

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP meets on Tuesdays in Bungay at **19.00**. New members are always welcome to join in. However, **no** meetings on the **20th or 27th of October** – please note.

WALKING FOR OUR PERSECUTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS On 26th September, families from the Beccles and Bungay walked from church to church across Norfolk to raise funds for Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Sponsorship forms are available at the back of all the churches – it's not too late to show your support. To find out more, please contact Aloma in Beccles or Jenson Mathews in Bungay.

A RETREAT DAY FOR MEN Exploring the theme of 'The Fatherhood of God' 'One God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.' St. Paul – Ephesians 4:6 (NIV) You are invited to attend the Diocese's *Retreat Day For Men* on Saturday 7th November 2026 in Dereham. For more information and for booking please email: mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk.

NECESSARY ELECTRICAL SAFETY WORK at St. Edmund's Bungay will be carried out over the next few weeks to bring our building up to current NCIS standards. This is part of our response to the quinquennial survey report and there are other issues to be addressed with the heating and with some repairs to the external stone work (while Bath stone – used to build Downside Abbey – does well in the west, in the dryer, colder east it does not weather so well!). These remedial measures to the wiring will cost about £4.5K and so your continued financial support is, as always, much appreciated.

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, Christine Rhodes, Kathryn Robinson, Jordan Scott, Simon Smith, Fr. Roger Spencer, Huw Spratling, Luciana Staff, Jean Vousden, Katy Wakely, Wendy Walpole.