

WAVENEY VALLEY CATHOLIC PARISH



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NEWSLETTER for the WEEKEND October 17th / 18th 2026 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A - PSALTER WEEK 1

First Reading: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6 'I call you by your name, though you do not know me'

Psalm Response: Ascribe to the Lord glory and power!

Second Reading: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 1: 1-5b 'Remembering your faith, love and hope'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22: 15 - 21 'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's...'



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Barbara Re, Revd. Mike Wells, Patricia Sanejko, Michael Barber, Richard Wincup, Joan Crisp, Joan Rolt, Betty Wilkinson, Julian Reynolds, Marie Ellwood, Martin Dunne, Joseph Alexander, Margaret Goodbrey, John Matthews, Kathleen Swallow, Hilda Edgar, Reginald Peck, Lorna Reynolds, Molly Dennison, Francis Long.

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 17th October St. Ignatius of Antioch B&M

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Stephen Tsang + HT)
9.45 – 10.00 Confessions @ Bungay
17.30 Confessions @ Harleston
18.00 Mass @ Harleston ()

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY YEAR A 18th October

9.15 Mass Bungay (For the People)
11.00 Mass Beccles (Sylvia Boulger + PP)
18.00 Gillingham (Francis Long + HH)

MONDAY 19th October

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Pope Leo's Intention)

TUESDAY 20th October

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 21st October

9.30 Parish Rosary @ Beccles

NO MASS

THURSDAY 22nd October St. John Paul II Pope

NO MASS

FRIDAY 23rd October

NO MASS

SATURDAY 24th October St. Anthony Mary Claret B

NO MORNING MASS

17.30 Confessions @ Harleston
18.00 Mass @ Harleston (Christine Rhodes+JC)

THIRTIETH SUNDAY YEAR A 25th October N.B Clocks go back to GMT!

9.15 Mass Bungay (For the People)
11.00 Mass Beccles (Linda M. Sandefur + J&BV)
16.00 Gillingham (Anthony Couldery + HT)

NEWS AND EVENTS

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES Please take note of the following upcoming events:



PASTA WITH THE PASTOR! On **Thursday the 26th of November** there will be an Italian themed supper at St. Edmund's – tickets £10 to include a glass of vino! More details to follow.... Veggie & gluten free options to order....

FR. SIMON AWAY FOR TWELVE DAYS As of this Monday 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 which should be a real holiday. I return late on Friday the 30th. Please give warm welcome to Fr. Pat Cleary who 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 or the divine office.

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.

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP meets on Tuesdays in Bungay at **19.00**. New members are always welcome to join in. However, although I will be away the group has decided to meet and share their thoughts about the next Sunday's readings without any interference from me....

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 in support of 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 is 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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Please note that this does **not** include the sums given by standing order or by the Dona terminals)

Beccles:	£274.02
Bungay:	£254.55
Harleston	£100.00

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.

FAMILY FAST DAY Our running total so far is a very creditable **£942.62**. Thankyou for your support.

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. You may notice that the lighting in St. Edmund's has already been improved. 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.

GILLINGHAM please note that Sunday evening Mass will move to **16.00 i.e. 4.00pm during GMT**.

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