

THE WAVENEY VALLEY CATHOLIC PARISH

BECCLES AND GILLINGHAM NEWS

9TH FEBRUARY 2025 – 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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PARISH DIARY www.stbenetschurchbeccles.org	Time	Service or Event	Notes <i>Mass intentions in Italics</i>
<u>Sunday 9th February</u> <u>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	9.15am 11am 4pm	Mass, Bungay Mass, Beccles Mass, Gillingham	<i>Richard and Jonathan Freeland</i> <i>Mass for the People</i>
<i>Diocesan Day of Prayer for Engaged Couples</i>			
Monday 10 th February		No Mass	
Tuesday 11 th February	9.15am	Mass, Bungay	
Wednesday 12 th February	9.30am 10am	Rosary Mass, Beccles followed by confession	<i>Herbert and Delia Malir (FD +)</i>
Thursday 13 th February	9.15am	Mass, Bungay	
Friday 14 th February	11am 12noon	Mass, Beccles Funeral of Muriel Jean Bryant, followed by committal in churchyard	<i>Priest's Intentions</i>
Saturday 15 th February	9.15am 5.30pm 6pm	Mass, Bungay followed by Confessions. Confessions, Harleston Vigil Mass, Harleston	
<u>Sunday 16th February</u> <u>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	9.15am 11am 4pm	Mass, Bungay Mass, Beccles Mass, Gillingham	<i>Priest's Intentions</i> <i>Mass for the people</i>
<i>Racial Justice Day. A Second Collection will be taken for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice.</i>			

PRAYER REQUESTS We are asked to remember the following in our prayers: -

Those who are sick: Mary Banns, Patricia Bath, Jackie Bowler, Steven Brooks, Muriel Bryant, Theresa Chalmers, Ellen Clark, Patsy Drake, Deacon Tony Felton, Christine Felton, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Richard Freeland, Derek Gibson, Ann Kemp, Sue Kerr, Alasdair Kirkpatrick, Jo Lewis, Billy Maloy, Tanya Maloy, Barbara O'Brien, Terry O'Brien, Michael Osborne, Elizabeth Page, Ginny Quinn, Kathryn Robinson, Simon Smith, Luciana Staff, Philip Taylor, Rosemary Topham, Jamie Whittenbury, Martin Williams.

We are sorry to report the death of our much loved parishioner, Muriel Jean Bryant RIP, whose funeral is Friday 14th February at 12 noon, followed by committal in the churchyard. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

Those with anniversaries this week:

9 Pauline Housman; Alan Hutchinson; Francis Hall; **10** Eric Crisp; **12** Jack Ellwood; Frederick Howell; Catherine Butler [Mother Mary OSM]; **13** Jean Day; Arthur Taverner; John Sharratt; Jane Cole; Henry White; Eliza Litten; **14** Edith Cary-Elwes; **15** Andrew Massey; Rachel Codling.

PPC MEETING – THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY AT 3.30PM – ST BENET’S PRESBYTERY

THE FEAST DAY OF ST JOSEPHINE: The patron saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery, takes place on 8th February. There are 50 million victims of human trafficking across the world and as many as 5,000 in the Diocese, hidden in plain sight. Pope Francis describes human trafficking as “blood money” and a “crime against humanity”. We are all called to combat this evil trade. Please see the leaflet at the back of church; further information can be found at: www.rcdea.org.uk/caritas-east-anglia/modern-slavery/

The Norwich Justice and Peace group hosted a Presentation on Modern Slavery on 6th February. You are invited to watch the recording: www.youtube.com/@JandPNorwich

SPUC MEETING IN BUNGAY – THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY AT 7PM – ST EDMUND’S PRESBYTERY, BUNGAY

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is holding a meeting, open to all parishioners, at St Edmund’s, Bungay, and St Benet’s, Beccles, including St Thomas More and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, and anyone who is interested in the pro-life cause. The meeting will focus on current pro-life campaigns, including the serious threat posed by the assisted suicide bill. All are welcome to attend. SPUC are also hoping to start a local branch in this area. Please come along to the meeting to find out more. For further information please contact: Katherine Hampton, on 01892 542616 or katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk

THE SEARCH FOR THE TRUTH: EDITH STEIN, 14-16 MARCH: Fr Matthew Blake, OCD offers a weekend exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein, or St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and her indomitable search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith. For more information and to book:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>

MEN’S SPIRITUAL EXERCISES, 30 MARCH – 4 APRIL 2025: A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (lay or ordained). This retreat will be preached by the Benedictine Monks of St Joseph’s Abbey, Flavigny (France). Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men with a shortened version of the Ignatian Exercises. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. Priests are welcome to attend and concelebrate or celebrate their own Mass. For more information and book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

THE FATHERHOOD OF THE PRIEST CLERGY RETREAT, 28 APRIL – 2 MAY 2025: Fr Jose Granados, Superior General of the Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, and Vice-President emeritus of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies in Marriage and Family Life, will preach our spring clergy retreat. He will address two, intertwined questions that are at the heart of priestly identity: masculinity and spiritual paternity. As a widely respected sacramental theologian, a consultant to multiple Vatican dicasteries, author of numerous articles and volumes, as well as an experienced pastor and formator, this is a unique opportunity to engage with a theme of fundamental importance to priesthood. For more information/book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-fatherhood-of-the-priest/>

CONGO SCHOOL FOR PEACE: Thanks to all of you who support the School for Peace in the D.R.C. Sadly, contributions are needed more than ever with many families fleeing to the relative safety of Lubumbashi, where the school is located. Recent fundraising activities (the stall after Mass and the Christmas Words and Music) have raised £580 for which we are very grateful. Marie-Madeleine, a young woman who has been sponsored since three years old by a parishioner, was lost but has now been found and has arrived at the convent with nothing. She is determined to complete her degree at the Catholic University. We hope you have seen the winter newsletter at the back of the church and our website has been updated with the film we showed at the AGM: www.schoolforpeace.org Please see Mary Ellwood for further information on how you can donate.

Apologies, there is no room on this newsletter for collection figures. Please see the notice board at church.