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NEWSLETTER WEEK SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Response to the Psalm: *What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia*

Saturday 4 December

5.30pm Confessions (and by appointment)
6.30pm Vigil Mass Bungay

Sunday 5 December

9am Mass Harleston + discussion of Synod questions
10.30am Mass Bungay
12-4pm Light a candle, Bungay

Monday 6 December

9.15am Mass, Bungay

Tuesday 7 December

11am Funeral of Valerie Gilbertson, Harleston

Wednesday 8 December

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
12 noon Mass, Bungay + Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 9 December

No Mass

Friday 10 December

9.15 Mass, Bungay

Saturday 11 December

10am-12 CAFOD stall, Fressingfield
5.30pm Confessions
6.30pm Vigil Mass Bungay

NEWS & EVENTS

WEBSITE: The newsletter can contain only a summary of news and information. Full details can be found on our website <https://stedmundsrcbungay.org.uk>

CONFESSIONS Father Mike writes:

Advent is one of the two seasons of the year in which it is recommended that we attend the sacrament of reconciliation, and I would like personally to invite all of you to take this opportunity to lay down whatever burdens you may have been carrying through this sacred encounter with Christ the Healer. There is a regular slot for confessions at Bungay at 17.30 on Saturday evenings, but please call me to arrange a suitable time and place to make your confession if Saturdays are not possible. I always experience the rite of Reconciliation as an immediate lifting of the spirits, and I hope that you may too.

SECOND COLLECTION: Sunday 5 December for Christmas flowers.

LIGHT A CANDLE: St Edmund's will be open from 12 noon Sunday 5 December, and you can light a candle in memory of a loved one or for any private intention. Cards and crafts on sale for CAFOD.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: 8 December. There will be Mass at St Edmund's at 12 noon followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Please note there will be no Mass on Thursday 9 December.

THE SYNOD QUESTIONS: Please make every effort to take part in discussing the ten questions Pope Francis has asked us to address. Above all we are asked to listen to others' points of view. You can join the discussions which will take place at coffee after Mass on **Sundays 28 November (Bungay)** and **5 December (Harleston)** before you complete the on-line survey (paper copies will be available). The questions are available to download on our website, (under 'Latest news'). There are also links there to the interactive questions on the diocesan site where you can add your responses. Small group discussions are also being arranged in the homes of some parishioners (details to follow) to which you are invited.

RIP VALERIE GILBERTSON: Her funeral will be on Tuesday 7 December at 11am at St Thomas More, followed by the interment at St Edmund's.

RECITAL OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND CAROLS: by Claudia de Simone at St Edmund's 6pm Sunday 12 December. For full details see website. tickets free but limited to 80, available from <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/recital-of-christmas-music-and-carols-tickets-217008687827>. Retiring collection for CAFOD.

THE NATIONALITY AND BORDERS BILL: The Bishops of England and Wales support opposition to this "anti-refugee" bill. We are asked urgently to write to our MPs asking them to oppose the bill. Please see the website for more details.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND Fr Stephen Bould, Maria Bellisario, Bridget Brown, Wendy Brown, Mary Fitzpatrick, Rita Needs, Ann Smith, Neva Valori, Katy Wakely

THIS WEEK'S GREEN TIP: Cover pans when cooking: Whenever you cook on the hob, always try to cover the pans – this reduces the amount of energy that escapes from open pans, plus the amount of time it takes to heat up food and boil water.

