

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH

The Sacred Heart, Southwold, IP18 6AH with St Edmund, King & Martyr, Halesworth, IP19 8SY

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MASSSES THIS WEEK

SOUTHWOLD

Sunday 16th August

11.00 am – *People of our Parish*

Monday 17th August

NO MASS *Feria*

Tuesday 18th August

9.00 am – *Feria – Angela Andrews+*

Thursday 20th August

NO MASS – *St Bernard*

Saturday 22nd August

10.00 am – *The Queenship of the BVM – Cistercian Monks & Nuns*

Adoration & The Sacrament of Reconciliation

6.00 pm – *First Mass of Sunday – Holy Souls*

HALESWORTH

Sunday 16th August

9.00 am – *The Assumption of the BVM - Thanksgiving*

Wednesday 19th August

10.00 am – *Feria – Those preparing for Marriage*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday 14th August – *St Pius X -Kathleen Smith+*

For reflections on Sunday Gospel &

Readings please use the following link

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm>

INTENTIONS FOR PRAYER DURING THE SUMMER In this Season we are asked to pray especially for these intentions: a

Deeper Understanding between Jews and Christians; Those who suffer persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; the Recognition of the Dignity of all Human Life; Seafarers.

UPDATE ON JULY COLLECTIONS The collection for Stella Maris totalled £572.00.

PARISH 100 CLUB The next draw will be on 6th September at coffee after Mass in Halesworth. For information on joining please contact Stella on 01986 948315.

SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST 2026

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM - SOLEMNITY

MUSIC PRACTICE BEFORE SUNDAY MASS Practices are held in the Cardinal Newman Hall before Mass on **the 1st Sunday of each Month** starting at 10.40 am. All welcome.

Nathan Williamson

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY Today's celebration shows us that God wishes to save the whole person: body and soul. Jesus rose with the body he received from Mary; and he ascended to the Father with his transfigured humanity, with his body, a body like ours but transfigured. The Assumption of Mary, a human being, gives us confirmation of what our glorious fate will be. This, 'the resurrection of the flesh', is a specific element of Christian Revelation, a cornerstone of our Faith' Pope Francis.

SILENCE IS GOLDEN Both Churches rightly have a reputation for being friendly and welcoming; long may it continue! Sometimes the level of chatter before Mass on both weekdays and Sundays is such that it is difficult for people to say their prayers. Silence before Mass is conducive to a recollected and prayerful celebration of the Mass. Please remember the old saying, 'Speak to God before and during Mass, speak to others after Mass.'
MESSAGE FROM SUE BONES I would like to offer my deepest gratitude to all my fellow parishioners at the Sacred Heart Church, Southwold. Since attending my first-ever Catholic service in Lent 2025, I have been overwhelmed by the support, friendship, love and prayers offered to me on my journey into full communion with the Catholic Church. I will be eternally grateful to Father Christopher who has given me endless time over the last 18 months. Thank you for bringing me home.

JOHN AGER RIP

John's Funeral Service will be in St Edmund's Catholic Church Halesworth on Wednesday 2nd September at 12noon.

AN ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY The Rev Alan Perry is leading an ecumenical pilgrimage to Italy, visiting Rome, Assisi, Siena and Florence from 17th May to 24th May 2027. Full details are available at the back of church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR IN HOSPITAL

HM The King, Cedric Burton, Janet Dent, Judith Etherton, Susan Goldsmith, Oliver Grantham, Rosemary Jones, Laura Kenwick-Fearns, Bill Lavender, Stephen Martin, Stephen Mills, Pauline Shreeve, Fr Roger Spencer, Frances Stewart, Maureen White, Oliver Williams. May they be comforted by our prayers and awareness of our love for them. Please let Fr Christopher know of any changes.