

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY, STOWMARKET.

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R.C. Diocese of East Anglia - Registered Charity No. 278742

Church of Our Lady, Stricklands Road, Stowmarket IP14 1AP

Saturday Anticipatory Mass at St Mary's Church, Woolpit IP30 9QP

Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 2nd December 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday Readings: Year C .Weekdays: Advent. Psalter: Week 1



NEW Memorial Acclamation this week:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Entrance Antiphon:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to Mass of the **First Sunday of Advent.**

The Liturgy of the Word is on Page 25 or 26 in the Mass Books.

- **First Advent Preface and Second Eucharistic Prayer.**
- **Teas and Coffees** in the Parish Centre after 10.15 am Mass today.

Retiring Collection today: For the Parish Fabric Fund.

Next Sunday is Bible Sunday

Readers are asked to be ready to be recommissioned at whatever Mass they attend next weekend, Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

Posada - The Journey of Mary and Joseph for Advent 2018

Posada is about welcoming a statue of Mary, Joseph and the donkey on their road to Bethlehem into different homes in the parish. This gives each 'host' the chance to create their own celebration in their home, worshipping and reaching out to their communities with the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives.

If you would like to take a turn hosting the statue of Mary and Joseph this year, please add your name and contact number to the Journey Rota at the back of the church for a night (nights) that will suit you.

Last Sunday's Collections: Parish: Woolpit: £155; Our Lady's: £514. Diocesan Youth Service: £133. Thank you all for your generosity.

Missio (Red Box) Any more boxes still to be counted? Thank you, Christine.

Catholic Parish Diaries: Please help yourselves – a free gift from the Parish.

CAFOD World Gifts Catalogues: Take a free catalogue for gifts from CAFOD that make a world of difference in the true spirit of Christmas giving.

Saints and Sinners: Our most recent parish social magazine was the summer 2018 edition. If you want another magazine before Christmas I need your contributions now. **If we do not have a Magazine published before the year end the next edition will not be before April 2019.** Over to you! Yvonne Hannan, Editor, *"For Saints and Sinners"*

Readers: Would you be interested in joining our team of Readers at the 10.15 Mass? If you're thinking about it, Allan Scott would be very pleased to hear from you – you can call him on 01449 741747, email him on allan@wordfoundry.co.uk or have a word with him after Mass (he'll be sitting with the choir). Allan will tell you what is involved, and can also help if you feel nervous about reading or would like advice about making yourself clearly heard at the back of the church. New readers will be commissioned on 9 December – the Second Sunday of Advent.'

SUPPORT FOR SIEM REAP – MANASLU TREK

May I express my very sincere thanks to everybody who has supported my efforts and now paid the pledges you so generously made. There is still some money to come in, but I can report that monies received to date amount to £795. Thank you all very much. With the amounts we already have in hand, Jo and I are confident in being able to take better than £1,500 to Cambodia next March. Thank you again. Frank Lea.

STOWMARKET & DISTRICT FOOD BANK: A very big thank to you all for your continued generosity in both cash and goods to support the Food Bank. As Christmas approaches we are busy covering boxes with Christmas wrapping to provide hampers for clients we have served recently and who deserve some Christmas cheer. We would appreciate your gifts of Christmas treats for the hampers in the form of tinned ham, salmon, Christmas puddings, selection boxes, chocolates, chocolate logs, crackers etc. You know the sort of things families enjoy at Christmas. If you would like goods collected please contact me. Josephine Lea

2019 Diocesan Yearbook & Liturgical Calendar: Out now, just £2.

Walk with Me for Advent and Christmastide 2018: Only 50p and free children's calendars are free as usual. Please put payments for yearbooks and booklets in the Papers wall box in the narthex at Our Lady's Church.

Children's Mass and First Holy Communion Children's Enrolment
10.15 am Mass, on Sunday 16th December.

God bless, Father David.

Masses for the First Week of Advent

Saturday, 6.00 pm (Woolpit), *Private intention.*

1st ADVENT: 8.30 am, *Michael Millyard RIP; 10.15 am, Parish.*

Monday – S Francis Xavier (Migrants' Day): No Mass today.

Tuesday – Feria: 6.30 pm, *Private intention.*

Wednesday – Feria: 8.00 am, *Private intention.*

Thursday – S Nicholas: 10.00 am, *Gertrude Key RIP (Foundation).*

Friday – S Ambrose: 8.00 am, *Vocations.*

Saturday –IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:

10.00 am, *Thanksgiving for Marcellus (Boot).*

6.00 pm (Woolpit), *Private intention.*

2nd ADVENT: 8.30 am, Parish; 10.15 am, Roy Hayward RIP.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this week

Thursday, 9.25 – 9.55 am; Friday, 2.00 – 3.30 pm (Benediction, 3.15 pm).

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday, 10.30 – 11.00 am; before Woolpit Mass or by appointment.

Please pray for our Sick and Housebound

Anniversaries of the Faithful Departed:

Mary Robertson, Daniel Keenan, Albert Bell, Irene Gillard, Jim MacDonald, Richard Rushby, Winifred Day, Joseph Flinter, Gertrude Key, Mary McGinley, Roy Hayward and Dermot O'Connell. RIP.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for December:

Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Parish of St Jude the Apostle, Whittlesey.

<p><u>Advent Service:</u> Churches Together in Stowmarket invite you to a united service to begin the season of Advent at St Peter and St Mary's Church this Sunday, 2nd December, at 6.00 pm.</p>
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