

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

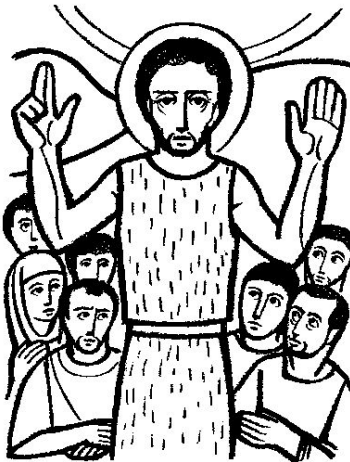
Sunday, 9th December 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday Readings: Year C. Weekdays: Advent. Psalter: Week 2

Memorial Acclamation this week:

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



All mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Entrance Antiphon:

**O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.**

Communion Antiphon:

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to Mass of the **Second Sunday of Advent – Bible Sunday.**

The Liturgy of the Word is on Page 27 or 28 in the Mass Books.

- **First Advent Preface and Third Eucharistic Prayer.**
- **Teas and Coffees** in the Parish Centre after 10.15 am Mass today and next weekend after both 8.30 and 10.15 am Masses.

Today is Bible Sunday

Readers will be commissioned for service in the year ahead after the homily.

Retiring Collection next weekend

For the Dependent Priests' Fund of the diocese, to help look after sick and retired priests. Taxpayers are asked to use the Gift Aid envelopes (but please don't mix them up with the envelopes for the Christmas Offering!).

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 (or nights) that will suit you.

Last Sunday's Collections: Parish: Woolpit: £190; Our Lady's: £632. **Parish Fabric Fund:** £186.80. Thank you all for your generosity.

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.

Support for Siem Reap – Manaslu Trek 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., 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. We would appreciate your gifts of Christmas treats for the hampers. If you would like goods collected please contact me. Josephine Lea

Children’s Mass and First Holy Communion Children’s Enrolment

10.15 am Mass on Sunday 16th December. Children are invited to bring a gift for the Food Bank, to be presented at the Preparation of the Gifts.

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.

Red Boxes (Missio) 2018: Please note that all red boxes must be handed in by Sunday 16th December. After that date boxes will have to be retained by the donor until next year's collection. Grateful thanks to all who have assisted by handing in their boxes enabling money to be banked and awaiting final totals to be sent to the Diocese. Christine Cannon

100 Club Draw: The December Draw will take place on Sunday 16th December in the Parish Centre after 8.30 am Mass.

Christmas Stamps: Please could you save your postage stamps for recycling by St Elizabeth’s Hospice, to raise funds? There is a collection box in the Narthex for your donations. If possible, please leave a 1cm border around the stamp. Thank you.

Gift aid envelopes for your Christmas offering to Fr David are available on table in the porch. Please only use them for gift aided offerings.

Advent Reconciliation Service: 7.00 pm, Thursday, 20th December. Canon David Bagstaff and Canon Mark Hackeson will be with us to give you a choice of three confessors.

God bless, Father David

Masses for the Second Week of Advent

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

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

Monday – Bl. Martyrs of East Anglia No Mass today.

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

Wednesday – Advent Feria: 8.00 am, *Special intention.*

Thursday – S Lucy: 10.00 am, *Lucy Munson’s intentions.*

Friday – S John of the Cross: 8.00 am, *Private intention.*

Saturday – Advent Feria: 10.00 am, *Roger Bate RIP (Barnes).*

6.00 pm (Woolpit), *Private intention.*

3rd ADVENT: 8.30 am, *Joan Butcher RIP (Keating); 10.15 am, Parish.*

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: Michael Howard, Margaret Balfour, Edward Hammond, Ellen Hatton, Sean Mills, Mary Brooke, Mary McNicholas, Ivy Castell, Esther Duffy, Theresa Fitzgibbon, Margaret Garrard, Margaret Ames, Emma Farrow, and Graham Bewey 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 Our Lady & St Charles Borromeo, Wisbech.