

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, 16th December 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gaudete – Rejoice.

Sunday Readings: Year C. Weekdays: Advent. Psalter: Week 3

Memorial Acclamation this week:

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



What must we do?

Entrance Antiphon:

**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.**

Communion Antiphon

**Say to the faint of heart: be strong and do not fear.
Behold our God will come, and he will save us.**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to Mass of the **Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete – Rejoice!**

The Liturgy of the Word is on Page 29 or 30 in the Mass Books.

- **First Advent Preface and Second Eucharistic Prayer.**
- **Enrolment of First Communion Children** at 10.15 Mass.
- **Teas and Coffees** in the Centre after both 8.30 and 10.15 am Mass.
- **100 Club Draw:** The December Draw will take place in the Parish Centre after 8.30 am Mass.

Retiring Collection this weekend

For the Dependent Priests' Fund of the Diocese, to help look after sick and retired priests. Taxpayers are asked to use the special Gift Aid envelopes.

Catholic East Anglia

Please take a free copy of January 2019 issue of the diocesan newspaper, which includes a Christmas message from Bishop Alan Hopes.

The Faithful Departed

Please pray for **Jennifer Dewis**, late of Gislingham, whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady's Church on Friday at 11.00 am and for her family.

There will be no early morning Mass or Exposition on Friday.

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.

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

Posada - The Journey of Mary and Joseph for Advent 2018

Please book a night or nights on the Journey Rota at the back of the church.

Last Sunday's Collections: Parish: Woolpit: £191; Our Lady's: £484. Thank you all for your generosity.

CAFOD World Gifts Catalogues: Take a free catalogue for gifts from CAFOD.

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

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

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. JL

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.

Nine Lessons and Carols, 7.30 pm this Wednesday at St Mary's, Woolpit.

Epiphany Candlelight Mass - Saturday 6th January 2019 - 5pm

For all young people and their families from across the diocese. Followed by hot dogs, a bonfire and fireworks. Please bring wrapped presents and indicate whether suitable for a boy or girl or either, and approximate age for refugee children. Held at The White House, 21 Ugate, Poringland, Norwich. Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service.

Christmas Mass times

Christmas Eve:

9.00 pm in St Mary's, Woolpit – carols from 8.30 pm.

12 Midnight in Our Lady's Church – carols and readings from 11.30 pm.

Christmas Day:

8.30 am Dawn Mass with carols in Our Lady's Church.

10.15 am, Sung Mass of the Day with carols in Our Lady's Church.

God bless, Father David.

Masses for the Second Week of Advent

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

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

Monday – Advent Feria: No Mass today.

Tuesday – Advent Feria: 6.30 pm, *Cornelia Long's intentions (Carrott).*

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

Thursday – Advent Feria: 10.00 am, *Alexandra Long's intentions*

7.00 pm, Advent Reconciliation Service.

Friday – Advent Feria:

11.00 am, FUNERAL MASS FOR JENNIFER DEWIS R.I.P.

Saturday – Advent Feria: 10.00 am, *Janet & Kevin Duggan RIP.*

6.00 pm (Woolpit), *Private intention.*

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this week

Only on Thursday, 9.25 – 9.55 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

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

Please pray for our Sick and Housebound

Amanda Arrowsmith, Pat Barnes, Luke Barter, Hilda Bolton, **Marcellus Boot**, Gianna Borzoni, Claire Carrott, Elaine Devlin, Tony Duggan, Charles and Patricia Egerton, Glyn Evans, Louis Gillespie, Father David Hennessy, Gina Hewitt, Ann Hewlett, Geoffrey Johannes, Frank Kelly, Elle Lamb, John Laney, Pat McSweeney, Josephine Mizzi, Terrence Mizzi, Michael Munson, Catherine Neuman, Eve Paton, Raymond Peck, Oliver Raphael, Miles Rogers, Joy Rowe, Josephine Scrivener, Marjorie Shorter, Andrew Simler, Ety Smith, Pat Tierney, Peter Vine, Tony Wass, Mike Weiner, Christine Whiting and Gregory Wright.

Anniversaries of the Faithful Departed: Eva Bersanetti, Gerald Caine, William Conolly, Arthur Tree, Alice Clark, Alfred Heath, Martin Ryan, Cecil Rednall, Desmond McSweeney, Gordon Paton, Antonia Freeman, Pamela Gunton, Janet Duggan and William Phoenix. 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: Parishes of Woodbridge and Wymondham.