

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, 23rd December 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday Readings: Year C .Weekdays: Advent. Psalter: Week 4

Memorial Acclamation this week:

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



Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

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Entrance Antiphon:

**Drop down dew from above, you heavens
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
Let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.**

Communion Antiphon

**Behold, a Virgin will conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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

The Liturgy of the Word is on Page 31 or 32 in the Mass Books.

- **Second Advent Preface and Third Eucharistic Prayer.**
- **Prayer for today:** We are asked to pray for expectant mothers.
- **Teas and Coffees** in the Centre after 10.15 am Mass today.

Christmas 2018

Christmas Day is a Holyday of Obligation.

Christmas Communion: If you attend more than one Christmas Mass, you may receive Holy Communion at each Mass.

First Preface of the Nativity at all Christmas Masses.

Christmas Collection at all Christmas Masses is for your parish priest.

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

Offerings at the Crib this year will be for our twinned community of Siem Reap in Cambodia.

Abstinence is dispensed this Friday, during the Christmas Octave.

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 the repose of the souls of **Cicely Glason**, late of Steeple View Stowupland (formerly Needham Market) and of **Enda Roper**, resident in Barking Hall, who died during the week. May they rest in peace and may the Lord comfort their families.

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. Sheila.

Last Sunday's Collections: Parish: Woolpit: £200; Our Lady's: £664. Dependent Priests' Fund: £457.09. Thank you all for your generosity.

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

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

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

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 Upgate, 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.

100 Club December Draw: Many congratulations to our winners in the draw which took place last Sunday. 1st - Moira Reeve, 2nd - Veronica Scrope, 3rd - Peter Yates, 4th - David Wright.

Happy Christmas and safe travelling if you are going to be away for Christmas. God bless, Father David.

Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas

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

3rd ADVENT: 8.30 am, *Brian J. Dee RIP (Lee); 10.15 am, Parish.*

Monday – Advent Feria: No morning Mass

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - Holyday of Obligation

Christmas Eve: 8.30 pm, St Mary's, Woolpit, Carols sung before

9.00 pm, MASS DURING THE NIGHT – *Woolpit Community, past & present.*

11.30 pm, Our Lady's Church, Carols sung before

12 Midnight, MASS DURING THE NIGHT – *Thanksgiving.*

Tuesday – Christmas Day: 8.30 am, DAWN MASS – *People of the Parish*

10.15 am, DAY MASS, *Janet & Kevin Duggan RIP.*

Wednesday – S STEPHEN (Feast): No Mass today.

Thursday – S John (Feast): 10.00 am, *Private intention.*

Friday – HOLY INNOCENTS (Feast): 10.00 am, *Private intention.*

Saturday – S THOMAS BECKET (Feast): 10.00 am, *Private intention.*

6.00 pm (Woolpit), *Parish.*

Sunday-HOLY FAMILY: 8.30 am, *Private int. 10.15 am, Mary Ellen Ryan RIP.*

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

Anniversaries of the Faithful Departed: Amelia Buttrum, Mavis Green, Harriet Hill, Alfred Gooding, James Emmett, Baby Jessica Molly Campbell RIP

The Pope's Prayer Intention for December:

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.