

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, 13th January 2019

The Baptism of the Lord



Sunday Readings: Year C. Weekdays: Year 1. Psalter: Week 1 (from Monday)

Memorial Acclamation this week:

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Friday.

Stowmarket Churches Together invites you to the following:

United Service, 6.00 pm Sunday 20th, at Hillside Community Centre

**Daily Prayer sessions at 9.30 am, all held at the United Reformed Church,
Ipswich Street, Stowmarket. Everyone is warmly welcome.**

They will be led by people from the following churches -

Friday 18 th January	Salvation Army	
Saturday 19 th January	New Life Family Church	Monday
21 st January	Methodist Church	
Tuesday 22 nd January	St Peter & St Mary's Parish Church	
Wednesday 23 rd January	The King's Church	Thursday
24 th January	United Reformed Church	Friday 25 th
January	Our Lady's Roman Catholic Church.	

Posters advertising joint services and prayer times are on the notice board.

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Entrance Antiphon:

**After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.**

Communion Antiphon:

**Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to Mass of the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.**

The Liturgy of the Word is on Page 50 in the Mass Books.

- **Preface of the Baptism; Second Eucharistic Prayer.**
- **Teas and Coffees** in the Centre after 10.15 am Mass today and next Sunday after both 8.30 and 10.15 am Masses.

Peace Day and the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

The World Day of Peace is kept next Sunday by the Church in this country. As it will be the Sunday during the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, we look forward to welcoming **Canon Barbara Bilston** of the Anglican Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich as visiting preacher at both morning Masses in Our Lady's Church.

The Churches Together United Service will be held at 6.00 pm on Sunday 20th January at the New Life Family Church in Hillside Community Centre, Stowmarket IP14 2BD.

Recent Collections 30th December - Parish: Woolpit: £226; Our Lady's: £554.
Dependent Priests' Fund: £10.

6th January - Parish: Woolpit: £192; Our Lady's: £560. Dependent Priests' Fund: £5 (Total: £502.09).

Thank you all for your generosity.

Stowmarket and District Foodbank Update:

Now that the Christmas season is almost over it seems appropriate to update you on the activities of the Foodbank. Prior to Christmas 100 festive hampers were delivered to needy families as well as 25 bags for single people in need. The family hampers all contained the same festive items, the cost of each amounting to £40. As well as the hamper each family received a box of crackers and either a tin of chocolates or chocolate biscuits. You will have noted that the cost of 100 such hampers is £4,000. Thanks to the remarkable generosity of our donors the cost to the Foodbank was just £500. You are all incredibly generous in your support so it seems appropriate to tell you how much support you gave in 2018. In goods you have given a total of 1,106kg, just over 1 ton in old money. Your donations of cash have amounted to £1,805. This is an amazing result. Please continue your support. During the month of December over 100 crisis parcels were delivered so there is a huge need out there. Thank you again for your support. **Current urgent needs are tinned rice pudding, twin pack toilet rolls and all varieties of jam.** JL.

Wanted

Do you have children at Mass who have made their First Holy Communion and are finding it a struggle to sit still, then please consider them for training as Altar Servers; this is a great way to get fully engaged in the Mass, support the Parish and enjoy good fellowship with the other Servers here.

All ages are welcome, full training and support is given. If you would like to know more then please call Simon Millyard on 01359 242475 or Phil Mahoney on 01449 613265.

Christmas 2018

Thank you for all your cards, greetings, prayers and good wishes at Christmas, for all the gifts and for your great generosity in the Christmas Offering. Your kindness means so much.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with Advent and Christmas celebrations in the parish, those who prepared and decorated the Advent Wreath, the Crib and the Christmas Tree, decorated Our Lady's Church so beautifully with flower arrangements and greenery, prepared the altar linen and tidied the church so that all was in place and looking its best. Thanks to all our musicians, members of the choir and organists for both Our Lady's and Woolpit Masses for enhancing the liturgical celebrations.

Many thanks to everyone who took an active part in ministries and helping before and after Masses to ensure that everything went off so well.

God bless, Father David.

Masses for the First Week of the Year

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

Sunday-THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:

8.30 am, *Joan Butcher RIP (Lea); 10.15 am, Parish.*

Monday -Feria: No Mass today.

Tuesday -Feria: 6.30 pm, *Nana Ocho RIP.*

Wednesday - S Fursey: 8.00 am, *Jill Francis RIP (Seggar)*

Thursday - S Anthony: 10.00 am, *Jennifer Dewis RIP*

Friday -Feria: 8.00 am, *Private intention.*

Saturday - Our Lady: 10.00 am, *Louis Gillespie (Junior) RIP.*

6.00 pm (Woolpit), *Private intention.*

2nd Sunday 8.30 am, Parish; 10.15 am, Stanley Nettar RIP (Pereira)

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:

Cyril Freman, Bridget Dunn, Elizabeth Barnes, Dee Davies, Kevin Peck, John Francis, Elizabeth Dunbar, Michael Murphy, Ann Brown Ernest Johnstone, Valentine Martin, Ellen Pudney. R.I.P.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for January:

Evangelization: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Beccles Parish.

Christmas Stamps: Please donate used postage stamps for recycling by St Elizabeth's Hospice. There is a collection box in the Narthex. If possible, please leave a 1cm border around the stamp. Thank you. Sheila.