

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, 20th January 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Sunday Readings: Year C. Weekdays: Year 1. Psalter: Week 2

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

Stowmarket Churches Together invites you to the following
**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 -

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

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Entrance Antiphon:

**All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!**

Communion Antiphon:

**We have come to know and to believe
in the love that God has for us.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to Mass of the **Second Sunday of the Year.**

The Liturgy of the Word is on Page 54 in the Mass Books.

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

Peace Day and the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

The World Day of Peace being kept today by the Church in this country reminds us to continue to pray for peace.

A very warm welcome to **Canon Barbara Bilston** of the Anglican Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, our visiting preacher at both Masses in Our Lady's Church today.

The Churches Together United Service will be held at 6.00 pm this evening at the New Life Family Church in Hillside Community Centre, Stowmarket IP14 2BD. Everyone is welcome.

Last Weekend's Collections

Parish: Woolpit: £186; Our Lady's: £548. **Christmas Offering:** A further £50. Crib Offerings: Total - £58. Thank you all for your generosity.

Next Retiring Collection

There will be a Retiring Collection next weekend for the Parish Fabric Fund.

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.

Stowmarket and District Foodbank Update:

Now that the Christmas season is over it seems appropriate to update you on the activities of the Foodbank. Prior to Christmas 100 festive hampers were made. 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

A date for your Diaries

The Women's World Day of Prayer this year has been prepared by the Christian women of Slovenia. The service will be held on Friday 1st March at 10.30am and Our Lady's is the host church. We will be joined by members of the other churches in Stowmarket. As the hosts we need a good number of our own ladies to attend and welcome our guests. Please try to come along if you can. JL

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The PPC will meet in the Parish Centre on Thursday at 7.30 pm.

God bless, Father David.

Masses for the Second Week of the Year

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

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

Monday – S Agnes: No Mass today.

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

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

Thursday – S Francis de Sales: 10.00 am, *Personal intention (Pereira)*

Friday –CONVERSION OF S PAUL: 8.00 am, *Private intention.*

Saturday – SS Timothy & Titus: 10.00 am, *Private intention.*

6.00 pm (Woolpit), *Pat Rushton RIP.*

3rd Sunday 8.30 am, Parish; 10.15 am, William Harrell 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:

Joe Calais, Catharine McQuade Burke, Norah Whitehead, Dilys Gordon, Bridget Boland, Pat Rushton, Terence Quirke, Maurice White, Alexander Beaton, Eileen Reid-Davis 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: S Thomas of Canterbury Parish, Brandon.