

# 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

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Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019

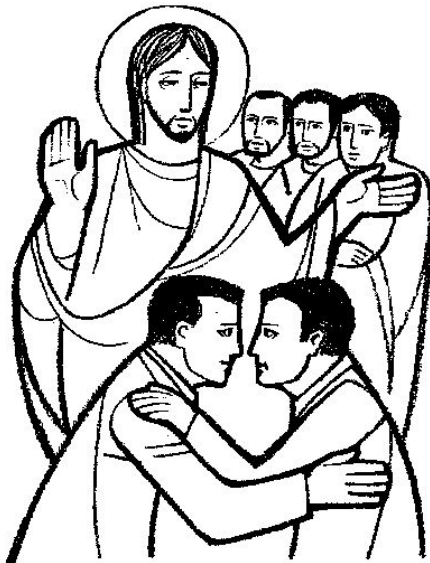
## Seventh Sunday of the Year

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Sunday Readings: Year C. Weekdays: Year 1. Psalter: Week 3

**Memorial Acclamation this week:**

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**



**Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.**

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*Entrance Antiphon:*

**O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.**

**My heart will rejoice in your salvation.**

**I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.**

*Communion Antiphon:*

**I will recount all your wonders,**

**I will rejoice in you and be glad,**

**And sing psalms to your name, O Most High.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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

**The Liturgy of the Word** is on Page 65 or 66 in the Mass Books.

- **Fourth Eucharistic Prayer** today.
- **Teas and Coffees** in the Parish Centre after 10.15 Mass today.

**Retiring Collection**

The Retiring Collection TODAY is for the Parish Fabric Fund.

**Last Weekend's Collections**

Parish: Woolpit: £215; Our Lady's: £618. Collection for Siem Reap: £485. Thank you all for being so generous.

**World Food Day**

The 2019 World Food Day is arranged for Sunday, 3rd March, at The Cedars Hotel. The day will follow the usual format after 10.15 Mass (11.30 onwards) with homemade cakes on arrival and then to enjoy lunch provided by parishioners to represent their home country or a country they have links with. Please consider catering, contact Carole Kelly or Simon Millyard if you can. Cakes and biscuits to enjoy with coffee on arrival would be most welcome so please get your baking trays out. Each year we have a fantastic culinary experience so do come along and enjoy the lunch next Sunday.

**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.

**Rattlesden Benefice Refugee Sponsorship Group (RBRSG)** are organizing a fundraising Ceilidh on Saturday 16 March at Rattlesden Pavilion. More information and details about booking will follow. Cafod+ Group.

**Meeting to plan future social events**

There is a meeting for the social committee and anyone who would like to join us this Thursday 28th February at 10.30am in the Centre (after the 10.00 am Mass). This is to discuss future social events including whether we do the autumn bazaar yearly or bi annually. Carole Kelly.

**100 Club:** Current members are asked to collect letters from the back of the church and invited to renew their membership for the coming year.

**Mill Hill Missionaries' Annual Novena to Saint Joseph**

Some petition forms are available at the back of the church if you would to your intentions included in the novena of Masses before St Joseph's Day. Simple complete the form and send it with your donation to the address given on the form.

**Cafod+ Group Meeting:** Tuesday at 7.15 pm in the Parish Centre.

**Pastoral Care Group Meeting:** Thursday 28th at 7.15pm.

**Stowmarket and District Foodbank - Current urgent needs are Tinned Fruit, Tinned Fish and Sugar.** Thank you again for your support. JL

**The Women's World Day of Prayer is on Friday**

The Women's World Day of Prayer this year has been prepared by the Christian women of Slovenia. The service will be held in Our Lady's Church this Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, at 10.30am. 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. and give us your support. JL

*God bless, Father David.*

**Masses for the Seventh Week of the Year**

**Saturday, 6.00 pm (Woolpit),** *Deceased members of the Curran Family.*

**7th Sunday: 8.30 am, Joan Butcher RIP (Davey): 10.15 am, Parish**

Monday –Feria: No Mass today.

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

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

**Thursday – Feria: 10.00 am,** *Finn and Sheila O’Sullivan’s intentions.*

**Friday –S DAVID, Patron of Wales: 8.00 am,** *Patrick Finegan RIP.*

**Saturday –Our Lady: 10.00 am,** *Private intention.*

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

**8th Sunday: 8.30 am, Joe and Teresa Redmond’s ints; 10.15 am, Parish.**

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this week**

Thursday only, 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:**

Bridget Henderson, Timothy Byrne, George Phillips, Leah Lewis, Joan Russell, Donald Ludlow, Patrick Finegan, Irene Birch and Anthony Boland R.I.P.

### **The Pope’s Prayer Intention for February:**

**Human Trafficking:** For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

### **The Pope’s Prayer Intention for March:**

### **Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities:**

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Parish of St Philip Howard, Cambridge.