

# 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

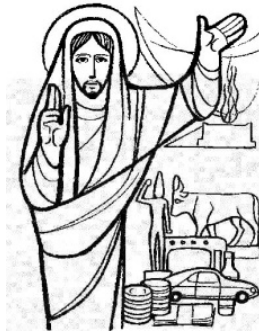
Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## First Sunday of Lent

Sunday Readings: Year C. Weekdays: Lent Proper. Psalter: Week 1

### Memorial Acclamation this week:

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



### CAFOD Family Fast day, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world.

Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family, on people like Mahinur from Bangladesh. She makes a living from fishing but a drought last year killed all the fish and she's struggling to support her disabled husband and son.

On Friday 15 March, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Mahinur?

Through CAFOD's global Church network- one of the largest aid networks in the world – your support can reach to the ends of the earth.

Please take your Fast Day envelope home from church this week and give whatever you can in the Retiring Collection next weekend.

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***Entrance Antiphon:***

**When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.**

***Communion Antiphon:***

**One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to Mass of the **First Sunday of Lent.**

**The Liturgy of the Word** is on Page 73 in the Mass Books.

- **Preface of First Sunday and Third Eucharistic Prayer today.**
- **Teas and Coffees** in the Parish Centre after 10.15 am Mass today and after both 8.30 and 10.15 am Mass next Sunday.

**Gift Aid envelopes for 2019 - 2020**

Envelopes (weekly and fabric fund) for the coming financial year are ready for collection. They are named and in numerical order. If there are any omissions or mistakes, please contact Sheila Ashman (01449 613618.) If you are no longer paying income tax, would you kindly return the envelopes to Sheila? Many thanks.

**Catholic East Anglia**

Please take your free copy of the March edition of our diocesan newspaper.

**Soup Day**

The Cafod+ Group will be hosting a soup lunch on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March in the Parish Centre, 12 noon – 1.30 pm towards the Lent Fast Day Appeal.

### **Lenten Alms**

The Bishop has directed that Lenten Alms this year be received for **Aid to the Church in Need** and for the **Cambridge Nazareth Trust**, which aims to encourage the education of the next generation of Christians in the Holy Land by helping the schools of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

### **Last Weekend's Collections**

Parish: Woolpit: £210; Our Lady's: £618. Thank you all for your generosity.

### **Deanery Lent Station Mass**

Bishop Alan invites you to join him and the people and clergy of the deanery parishes for the Station Mass at 7.00 pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March in St Edmund's Church, Bury St Edmunds. Before Mass, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.00 pm and the Bishop and priests will be available for confessions during that time. Soup and bread served after Mass. No morning Mass here on Thursday.

### **Easter Communion**

The time for fulfilling your Easter Duty runs from Ash Wednesday to Trinity Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> June.

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

**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.

### **Stowmarket and District Foodbank - Latest News**

In February we gave out 100 food parcels. In the first seven days of March we gave out 31 food parcels. It looks like the demand for support is continuing to rise. This week's urgent needs are tinned hot meats, tinned fish and toilet rolls. Thank you again for your continued support. JL.

### **World Food Day**

Another full house and another really successful and enjoyable day, thanks to the superb preparation of all our cooks, to the Parish Social Committee and to everyone who came along.

*Every blessing for the coming week. Father David*

## **Masses for the First Week of Lent**

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

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT: 8.30 am,** *Jeffrey Woods RIP; 10.15 am, Parish.*

Monday –Lent Feria: No Mass today.

**Tuesday – Lent Feria: 6.30 pm,** *Michael Burke RIP (Foundation)*

**Wednesday – Lent Feria: 8.00 am**

**Thursday – Lent Feria:** No Mass today. Station Mass at St Edmund's, 7.00 pm.

**Friday –Lent Feria: 8.00 am,** *Private intention*

**Saturday –Lent Feria: 10.00 am,** *Private intention.*

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT: 8.30 am,** *George Hernan RIP; 10.15 am, Parish.*

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

**Friday only, 2.00 – 3.30 pm (Benediction at 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:**

James Gilligan, William Briordy, Michael Burke, Richard Brooke, Carol Gladwell, Elizabeth Phillips, Joan Shorter, Abbi Cassar, Roselle McGuire, Doreen Parker and Anthony Westlake. R.I.P.

### **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 Our Lady and St Walstan, Costessey.