

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY, STOWMARKET.

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Church of Our Lady, Stricklands Road, Stowmarket IP14 1AP

Saturday Anticipatory Mass at St Mary's Church, Woolpit IP30 9QP

Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 17th March 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday Readings: Year C. Weekdays: **Lent Proper**. Psalter: **Week 2**

Memorial Acclamation this week:

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



Holy Week Meditation on Palm Sunday

We at the Combined Churches' Choir have been thinking about holding a united service of readings and music for Holy Week for about 3 years. We are delighted that Fr David has agreed to it being held at Our Lady's. It will be at 3.30 pm on Palm Sunday afternoon 14th April. We very much hope that many members of our parish will be able to attend to welcome and support members of the other local churches. There will be Gospel and other readings starting with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, Passion and Crucifixion. It will end with His final promise to us at the end of St Matthew's Gospel: "I will be with you always". Each reading will be followed by a piece of music arising directly from the reading.

Most of the music will be for congregation, supported by the choir. There will be 4 choir pieces and nearly everything will be very familiar to us. Please make a note of this date and join us for what promises to be a spiritually uplifting service. Toni Grzedzicki

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Entrance antiphon:

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;

Hide not your face from me.

Communion Antiphon:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;

listen to him.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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

The Liturgy of the Word is on Page 75 or 76 in the Mass Books.

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

Retiring Collection today for CAFOD Extra Gift Aid envelopes are available.

Soup Day

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

Mass for the Sick and Housebound, 3.00 pm today with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Tea served after Mass, thanks to the Pastoral Group.

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.

Chrism Mass 2019

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated in St John's Cathedral, Norwich, on Tuesday 16th April at 7.00 pm. A parish coach has been booked to leave from Our Lady's, Stowmarket, at 4.45 pm. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church for places on the coach.

Parish Magazine

Alf and I are home again after a long absence. I'll soon start work on your next social magazine, so your invaluable contributions are requested: Poems, anecdotes, prayers, stories about your lives, what you've been doing and anything else you want to share - illustrated or not. Any format accepted via email yvonne.hannan@icloud.com or left in the letter rack. Thank you. Yvonne Hannan, Editor, "For Saints and Sinners"

Lenten Alms this year will be sent to **Aid to the Church in Need** and the **Cambridge Nazareth Trust**, which encourages the education of the next generation of Christians in the Holy Land, by helping schools of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

Last Weekend's Collections

Parish: Woolpit: £184; Our Lady's: £607. Lenten Alms: £21.44. Thank you all for your generosity.

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. Congratulations to the winners in the most recent draw: Pamela Wass, Peter Barnes, Sylviane Stafford and Annie Bowen-Wright.

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.

Masses this week: There'll be no Masses from Monday to Friday this week.

Happy St Patrick's Day

Although St Patrick is displaced in the liturgy this year by the Second Sunday of Lent, have a very happy St Patrick's Day!

Every blessing for the coming week. Father David.

Masses for the Second Week of Lent

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

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

3.00 pm, Mass for the Sick and Housebound.

Monday –Lent Feria: No Mass today.

Tuesday – ST JOSEPH: No Mass today.

Wednesday – Lent Feria: No Mass today.

Thursday – Lent Feria: No Mass today.

Friday –Lent Feria: No Mass today.

Saturday –Lent Feria: 10.00 am, *Mary's intentions (Munson)*

6.00 pm (Woolpit), *Private intention.*

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT: 8.30 am, *John & Josie O'Driscoll & Family*; **10.15 am**, *Parish.*

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this week

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:

Bernard Gilmore, Monica Phoenix, William Hay, Bernard Smart, Marielle Scully, Walter Worth, Mary Bear, Philomena Sheppard, Thomas Mullins, Michael Sugrue, Bryan Moore-Smith, Kevin Fordham (2018), Percy Wilce, Percy Howes, Kathleen Philpott, Patrick Conlon, Wilfrid Sims, Clare Bennett, Dolly Holmes, John Blacklock. 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 the Sacred Heart and St Margaret Mary, Dereham.