

# 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

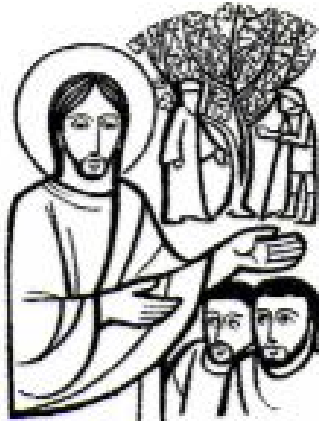
Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday Readings: Year C. Weekdays: **Lent Proper**. Psalter: **Week 3**

### Memorial Acclamation this week:

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



*Unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.*

### ***Entrance antiphon:***

**My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.**

### ***Communion Antiphon:***

**The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young:  
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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

**The Liturgy of the Word** is on Page 77 or 78 in the Mass Books.

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

**Retiring Collection next weekend** for the Parish Fabric Fund.

### **Soup Day**

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

### **Gift Aid envelopes for 2019 - 2020**

Envelopes (weekly and fabric fund) for the coming financial year are ready for collection. 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:yvonne.hannan@icloud.com) or left in the letter rack. Thank you. Yvonne Hannan, Editor, "For Saints and Sinners"

**Stowmarket and District Foodbank - Latest News** Present urgent needs are tinned hot meats, tinned fish and toilet rolls. Thank you. JL

**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: £157; Our Lady's: £910. **CAFOD**: £565.69. Thank you all for your generosity.

### **United Service on Palm Sunday**

The Combined Churches' Choir will be holding a united service of readings and music for Holy Week at 3.30 pm on Palm Sunday afternoon 14<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Mass for the Sick and Housebound – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

A big thank you to everyone who was involved in making this important event in our Parish life so successful. It was well attended and very much appreciated by those who come along, for some of whom it may be their only chance to attend Mass at Our Lady's as part of their Parish family. So for everyone who made cakes, served tea, provided transport and took part in the Mass, thank you. (Gillian)

**British Summer Time** begins next Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, so don't forget to put your clocks and watches *forward* one hour next Saturday night.

### **The Annunciation of the Lord**

We celebrate Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on Monday. For this day of special devotion there will be Mass in Our Lady's Church at 10.00 am.

***God bless, Father David.***

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

**Saturday, 6.00 pm (Woolpit), Gwendoline McNally RIP**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT: 8.30 am, Parish; 10.15 am, Kevin Fordham RIP.**

**Monday –ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD: 10.00 am, Tony Roche RIP**

**Tuesday - Lent Feria: 6.30 pm, Faith Finegan RIP**

**Wednesday – Lent Feria: 8.00 am, Donald Henry RIP**

**Thursday – Lent Feria: 10.00 am, Hilda's intentions (Davey)**

**Friday –Lent Feria: 8.00 am, Percy Wilce RIP.**

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

**6.00 pm (Woolpit), Marjory Webber RIP.**

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT: 8.30 am, Parish; 10.15 am, Beverley Fellowes 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:**

Tony Roche, John Ward, Jean O'Mahoney, Ben McLaughlan, Kay Saunders, Edward Murphy, Peter McNally, Elsie Dean, Richard Gay, John Waite, Una Murtagh and Mary Dew 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 Most Holy Trinity, Diss.