

# 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, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Laetare - Rejoice

Sunday Readings: **Year C.** Weekdays: **Lent Proper.** Psalter: **Week 4**

#### Memorial Acclamation this week:

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



#### *Entrance Antiphon:*

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

#### *Communion Antiphon:*

You must rejoice, my son,  
for your brother was dead and has come to life;  
he was lost and is found.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to Mass of the **Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)**

**The Liturgy of the Word** is on Page 80 in the Mass Books.

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

**Retiring Collection today** for the Parish Fabric Fund.

### **Catholic East Anglia**

Please take a free copy of the diocesan newspaper as you leave Mass today.

### **Guides for Readers**

Readers are asked to collect their copies of the Guides for Readers from the porch for the April to June quarter.

### **Lent Reconciliation Service**

There will be Parish Reconciliation Service for Lent on at 7.00 pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. A short service will be followed by individual confessions. Canon David Bagstaff from Diss and Father Christopher Smith from Newmarket will be here to give you a choice of three confessors to help our preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

### **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.

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

**Parish:** Woolpit: £203; Our Lady's: £604. **CAFOD:** £10 (Total £575.69). **Lenten Alms:** Total to date £91.18. Thank you all for your generosity.

### **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.

### **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. Please make a note of this date and join us for what promises to be a spiritually uplifting service. Toni Grzedzicki

**Mass on Tuesday this week** will be at 10.00 am (Morning Prayer 9.45 am).

### **Mothering Sunday**

With our Blessed Mother, Mary, we pray for a blessing on all mothers and wish all of you a very happy day.

*God bless, Father David.*

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

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

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

Monday –Lent Feria: No Mass today.

**Tuesday - Lent Feria: 10.00 am, Harold Key RIP (Foundation).**

**Wednesday – Lent Feria: 8.00 am, Jean O'Mahoney RIP (Foundation).**

**Thursday – Lent Feria: 10.00 am, Butcher Family (Millyard)**

**Friday –Lent Feria: 8.00 am, Vocations**

**Saturday –Lent Feria: 10.00 am, Christine Gonzales RIP (Boot)**

**6.00 pm (Woolpit), Peter Carrott –in sickness.**

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

Fr Frederick Donovan, Hannah Smith, Sara Maden, Patricia Osborn, Joe Balfe, Edwin Forde, Margaret Stewart, Mary Hammond, Edward Cleary, Frank Brooke, Leslie Taylor, John McCartney, Gillian Huffey, David Lewis, Nellie Bugg and Rowan Manthorpe. 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 St Dominic, Downham Market.