

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, 19th May 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Memorial Acclamation this week:

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.



I give you a new commandment, love one another.

Entrance Antiphon:

**O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.**

Communion Antiphon:

**I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to Mass of **the Fifth Sunday of Easter.**

- **The Liturgy of the Word** is on Page 136.
- We will say the **Apostles' Creed** today.
- **Third Preface of Easter and Second Eucharistic Prayer today.**
- **Teas and Coffees** after both 8.30 and 10.15 am Masses today.

The Faithful Departed

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Noel McSweeney** of Woolpit, good and faithful member of our parish, who died in hospital on Thursday and for his wife, Pat, and all their family. May he rest in peace.

PARISH AGM 2019 will take place in the Parish Centre on **THURSDAY 20TH JUNE** starting at 7.30pm. Written reports from Parish Groups to Father David or Frank Lea by Sunday 9th June, please. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the AGM. There will also be an opportunity to see the proposed plans for the refurbishment of the Church Hall and to make any comments on the proposals. Drinks and nibbles will be available after the meeting.

Last Weekend's Collections: Parish: Woolpit: £201; Our Lady's: £562. Priests' Training Fund: £586.

Thank you again for being so generous.

Celebrate East Anglia, June 1st and 2nd, Bury St. Edmunds

Faith filled, fun weekend for all ages, combining contemporary Christian music, inspirational speakers, workshops, celebration of Mass, children's and youth ministry, and much more. Come and Celebrate your faith! See www.celebrateconference.org and click on East Anglia for more information.

Stowmarket and District Foodbank urgent needs at present:

Tinned Carrots, Steamed puddings and cooking sauces (all varieties). Thank you for continuing to give such generous support to Foodbank.

Upgrade to the Church Hall proposal.

For some time now the Finance Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council have been considering how we can make better use of the hall above the church. Various proposals have been looked at including extending the Parish Centre and after much deliberation the favoured approach is to upgrade the hall. Plans have now been drawn up with outline costs ascertained.

The proposed works have three distinct areas.

- 1. Replace the existing kitchen area with a new compliant kitchen and storage area, generally in the same position as the current one.*
- 2. Replace the toilets in the hall with new facilities in the same area as the current ones.*
- 3. Install a platform lift to enable the less agile or wheelchair users access to the 1st floor hall. The new platform lift will require a reorganisation of the current toilet in the Church which will be smaller but still usable. The new lift will rise from part of the toilet area, accessed off the passage to the Sacristy and will rise to the passage in the hall between the hall toilets and the kitchen.*

There will also be some minor decoration works carried out at the same time.

Outline costs have been ascertained from a builder though a formal tender will be undertaken to assure best value.

This will enable the Parish have a hall that can be used for social and other functions as well as being able to be let out for some income.

The Finance Committee and Parish Pastoral Council are keen to hear your views on this proposal and to that end, the plans will be available to view and any questions answered after both 08.30 and 10.15 Masses on Sunday 26th May in the Parish Centre and between the 8.30 and 10.15 Masses on Sunday 2nd June.

Next Retiring Collection next weekend

Retiring collection for the Parish Fabric Fund next weekend.

Ascension Thursday, 30th May – Holyday of Obligation

Masses on Our Lady's at 10.00 am and 7.30 pm.

Every blessing for the week ahead, Father David.

Masses in the Fifth Week of Easter

Saturday, 6.00 pm (Woolpit): *Maria Augusta Ribiero RIP.*

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER: 8.30 am, Parish; 10.15 am, Colin Plowright RIP.

Monday- Easter Feria: *No Mass today*

Tuesday- Easter Feria: 6.30 pm, Donor's intention.

Wednesday- Easter Feria: 8.00 am, *Fr Tom Breslin RIP (Nottingham).*

Thursday- Easter Feria: 10.00 am, *Lissamma Mathew RIP.*

Friday- Easter Feria: 8.00 am, *Joan Pryke RIP.*

Saturday- St Bede the Venerable: 10.00 am, *Private intention.*

6.00 pm (St Mary's, Woolpit): *Faith Finegan RIP.*

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER: 8.30 am, *Mike Jenkinson RIP (Tierney); 10.15 am, Parish*

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:

Robert and Margaret Patey, Michael Donaghy, Stanley Firman, Richard Lloyd, Edward Pascavage, Sarah Robinson, Teresa Bauer, Frank Tyson, Joan Pryke, John Hay, Gerard Darlow, Iris Mapson, Margarete Clayton, Louise Whiting and Marianne Shaw. R.I.P.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for May

The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity:

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Parish of St Felix, Haverhill.

Christian Aid Week concludes today:

Christian Aid envelopes can be placed in the offertory collection plate or given to Father David. Spare envelopes are available in the porch at Our Lady's. Thank you again for whatever you can give.