

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, 26th May 2019

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Memorial Acclamation this week:

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



The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you.

Entrance Antiphon:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
Proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon:

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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

- **The Liturgy of the Word** is on Page 138.
- We will say the **Apostles' Creed** today.
- **First Preface of Easter and Third Eucharistic Prayer today.**
- **Teas and Coffees** after 10.15 am Mass today.

Ascension Thursday

Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and a Holyday of Obligation. Masses on Thursday will be at 10.00 am and 7.30 pm in Our Lady's Church. There will be no Exposition before Mass on Thursday.

Retiring Collections

There will be a Retiring Collection today for the Parish Fabric Fund.

Next Sunday is World Communications Day and at next weekend's Masses there will be a Retiring Collection for the Catholic Communications Network.

The Faithful Departed

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Noel McSweeney** of Woolpit whose Funeral Service will take place at St Edmund's Chapel, West Suffolk Crematorium at 1.00 pm on Wednesday 5th June and for **Josie Scrivener** of Wetherden who died in the past week. May they rest in peace. Please pray too for their families and all who mourn them.

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: £184; Our Lady's: £550. Priests' Training Fund: £5 (£591). Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Parish Summer Party

This year's Summer Party has been booked for Sunday 30th June at the Cedars Hotel. Please make a note of the date now so that you don't miss it.

What are you doing in September?

Are you leaving school or university soon, in between jobs or would like to do something 'different'? The Diocesan Youth Service is looking for people age 18-30 to join the Ignite Team, You would be working with young people in schools and parishes, developing your gifts such as in music, drama and art. These are full-time positions, with food, accommodation and a monthly allowance provided. Ideal as a 'gap year'. For more information see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

Proposal to Upgrade the Church Hall

The proposed works have three distinct areas:

1. Replace the existing kitchen area with a new compliant kitchen and storage area
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.

There will also be some minor decoration works carried out at the same time. 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 this Sunday 26th May in the Parish Centre and between the 8.30 and 10.15 Masses on Sunday 2nd June.

Catholic East Anglia: Please take a free copy of the June issue just arrived.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday and Half Term. God bless, Father David

Masses for the Sixth Week of Easter

Saturday, 6.00 pm (Woolpit): *Faith Finegan RIP.*

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

Monday- S Augustine of Canterbury: No Mass today

Tuesday- Easter Feria: **6.30 pm,** *Father Brendan Peters RIP*

Wednesday- Easter Feria: **8.00 am,** *Father Bob Barry (Westminster)*

Thursday- THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – Holyday of Obligation

10.00 am, *Faith Finegan RIP.*

7.30 pm: *Parish*

Friday- VISITATION OF THE BVM: **8.00 am,** *Faith Finegan RIP (Davey)*

Saturday- St Justin: **10.00 am,** *Private intention.*

6.00 pm (St Mary's, Woolpit): *Noel McSweeney RIP and family (Durbin).*

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER: **8.30 am,** *Lissamma Mathew RIP;* **10.15 am,** *Parish*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this week

Friday only, 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:

Margarete Clayton, Louise Whiting, Marianne Shaw, Evans Preston, Father Brendan Peters, Georgina Rogers, Mary Greaves, Mary O'Donnell, Edna Vermilio, Faith Finegan, Bessie Smy, Cecil Macklin and Annette Griffin. 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 Our Lady and St Edmund, Hunstanton.

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.