

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 1AW

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

Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 12th January 2020

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday Readings: Year A. Weekdays: Year 2. Psalter: Week 1

Memorial Acclamation this week:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until
you come again.



*As soon as Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming down on
him.*

Entrance Antiphon:

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit
descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.

Communion Antiphon:

Behold the One of whom God said: I have seen and testified that this is the
Son of God.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to Mass of **the Epiphany**.

- **The Liturgy of the Word** is on Pages 50 and 53 of the Mass Books.
- **Preface of the Baptism of the Lord and Second Eucharistic Prayer** today.
- **Teas and Coffees:** In the Parish Centre after 10.15 Mass this week and after both Masses next week.

Retiring Collection: There is no Retiring Collection this week. Next Sunday is 'Peace Day' and there will be a Retiring Collection for Pax Christi. Gift Aid envelopes are available. *N.B. Cheques should be made payable to 'Stowmarket Catholic Church'.*

Recent Collections: Last week's collections were; Stowmarket £580; Woolpit £234. Parish Fabric Fund Total £122. Thank you all for your generosity.

Christmas Offering: The Christmas Offering to Father Ioan currently totals £2,409. Thank you all for your generosity.

Stowmarket and District Foodbank Update: Urgent needs this week are for Sugar, Long-life milk and Part-baked Bread.

Pink Slips: If you have not already completed a pink slip with your details, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you. Gillian Millyard.

Mass Intentions: Paper slips for Mass Intentions can be found in the Narthex. Please pass all completed slips to Father Ioan.

Dates for your Diary:

Come and set your faith alight at *Glow: Suffolk*. A dynamic day of faith for those of secondary school age. To be held at St. Mary's Church, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4BD on Saturday 18th January 2020, 10am until 5pm. For more information and to book please visit www.rcdea.org.uk/youth/events.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020:

This year's theme is – "Unusual kindness."

Saturday 18th January – 9.30 am - Prayers at the United Reformed Church

Sunday 19th January – A Combined Service at 6.00 pm at the Salvation Army Citadel, Violet Hill Road – All are welcome.

Prayers will be held at the United Reformed Church each weekday morning at 9.30 am. On Friday 24th January – these will be led by Our Lady's.

Sunday 26th January from 4.00 to 7.00pm - Multi Sports Afternoon

The next social event is a Multi Sports Afternoon for all ages at Finborough School sports hall, all welcome from 6+. This will have a selection of sports events/games to suit all abilities and most ages. Children under 12 need to be accompanied. Pizza and refreshments provided.

Sunday 23rd February - Our annual World Food Day will follow the tried and tasted format and is set for the last Sunday before Lent on 23rd February from 11.30 to 14.30. If you are able to cater and show off your culinary skills to represent your country or a country you are associated with then please let Simon Millyard or Carole Kelly know before they resort to coercion!

Sunday 8th March 4.00 to 7.00pm - Following the success of the Open Board/Games Night in the hall last year, we are repeating this in March, all welcome, more details nearer the time.

The God Who Speaks

"The God Who Speaks" is an initiative of the Bishops of England and Wales, 2020 the Year of the Word. You may have seen articles in the past two editions of the Diocesan Newspaper, and you may also have noticed the small copies of St Matthew's Gospel in the booklet rack, which are free to take.

The God Who Speaks was launched on 30th September 2019, the Feast of St Jerome. (He is known for his Latin translation of the Bible from Hebrew.) The year 2020 is the 1,600th anniversary of St Jerome's death and is also the 10th Anniversary of Verbum Domini, the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Benedict XVI on the Word of the Lord. Our Cardinal Vincent Nichols sites these as "strong reasons for us to embark at this time on a creative and deeper engagement with the Holy Scriptures across the life of each diocese."

He also asks us: "Please go to godwhospeaks.uk. There you will see how you can get involved in your local area. Please pray that, during this special year, we may all be enriched and renewed by the living Word of God. Then we shall be moved afresh to share the love of Christ to the ends of the earth."

In Suffolk we have a 'Suffolk Champion' of The God Who Speaks year. Her name is Jean Johnson. (You may have heard her speak on the radio on the occasion of the canonisation of Cardinal John Henry Newman - she was a special guest in Rome, along with Prince Charles, due to her work in Birmingham towards the canonisation, but she is Ipswich based.)

Jean has offered to come to Our Lady to give us an introductory talk on The God Who Speaks, and I asked Fr Ioan about this. He said to find out from people if they would like to come to such a talk. She doesn't drive in the dark so it would have to be in the day time, possibly after Mass on Saturday or Sunday if she is free, if people would like to come.

I would be very pleased to hear from you if you are interested in The God Who Speaks initiative, and if you would like to come to an introductory talk by Jean Johnson or have other ideas.

Thank you,

Fenella Ford fenthegem@aol.co.uk

Masses for the 1st Week of the Year:

Saturday - 6.00 pm (St Mary's Woolpit) *Parish*;

Sunday - The Baptism of the Lord - Feast: 8.30 am *Stefan Cytacki (Foundation)*; 10.15 am. *Mary Catherine Melia. RIP.*

Monday- Feria: No Mass Today.

Tuesday- Feria: 6.30 pm.

Wednesday- Feria: 10.00 am.

Thursday- S. Fursey- Memorial: No Mass Today.

Friday- S. Anthony - Memorial: 10.00 am.

Saturday-Feria: 10.00 am; 6.00 pm (St Mary's, Woolpit) *Peter Carrott RIP.*

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of the Year: 8.30 am; *For safe delivery of a Great Grandson - Noah Harry, (Lea)*; 10.15 am *Parish.*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this week:

Thursday morning at 9.30 – 9.55 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday, 10.30 – 11.00 am, before Woolpit Mass or by appointment.

Sick and Housebound: Prayers for the sick and housebound will be said each Sunday at Mass if you or any member of your family would like to be mentioned in the Bidding Prayers, please speak to Father Ioan.

Anniversaries of the Faithful Departed: Kevin Peck; John Francis; Elizabeth Dunbar; Michael Murphy; Ann Brown; Ernest Johnston; Valentina Martin; Ellen Pudney; Joe Calais. R.I.P.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for January: Promotion of World Peace -

That Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Parish of St Benet's Minster, Beccles.

Live-Simply Tip: Use environmentally friendly cleaning products.