

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, 2nd February 2020

Presentation of the Lord

Sunday Readings: Year A. Weekdays: Year 2. 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.



My eyes have seen your salvation.

Entrance Antiphon:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Communion Antiphon:

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all peoples.

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Items for the Newsletter: Should be sent to pp@ourladystowmarket.org.uk

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to Mass of **the Presentation of the Lord**.

- **Today is Candlemas.**
- **The Liturgy of the Word** is on Pages 147 and 157 of the Mass Books.
- **Third Eucharistic Prayer** today.
- **Teas and Coffees:** In the Parish Centre after 10.15 Mass today.

Retiring Collection: There will be a retiring collection this week for the Parish Fabric Fund. Next Sunday is Racial Justice Day and there will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice. Gift Aid envelopes are available. *N.B. Cheques should be made payable to 'Stowmarket Catholic Church'.*

Recent Collections: Totals for last week's collections will be published in the next Newsletter. Thank you all for your generosity.

Stowmarket and District Foodbank Update: Last year the parish contributed 1,350kg of foodstuffs and £1,720 in cash. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Multi Academy Trust: St Louis Catholic Academy, Head of School L8-L14, Full Time - Required for September 2020
Please see diocesan website for more details: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/school-vacancies/>

Use your free time to inspire young people to build a fairer world: CAFOD is looking for volunteers who have a passion for, and experience of, working with young people. We need people who have a commitment to CAFOD's aims and values and an interest in sharing our work in secondary schools through delivering assemblies or workshops. CAFOD will provide training and support, and expenses will be paid. Volunteering assignments will be in local Catholic schools and you can either work on your own or as part of a team. None of our work is possible without you, so join us and put your faith into action.

If you are interested please contact Jane Crone, Community Participation Officer for East Anglia Diocese jcrone@cafod.org.uk 01223 358552 | 07779 804252.

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 12th February – Youth Planning Meeting. 7.00 pm in the Centre.

Thursday 13th February – Pastoral Care Group at 7.00 pm in the Parish Centre.

Sunday 16th February – Coffee after both Stowmarket Masses in aid of HCPT.

Sunday 23rd February - Our annual World Food Day will follow the tried and tested 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!

Wednesday 26th February – Ash Wednesday Masses at 10.00 am and 7.00 pm.

Taizé Service for Lent 8th March – 3 – 4 pm: A Lenten service at Our Lady's of readings, prayers, quiet singing and reflection in the tradition of Taizé. All are welcome. Please mention it to any friends from other churches. Further details will be given closer to the date. Toni Grzedzicki

Scripture sounds Saturday March 7. 9.30am to 1pm : As part of this year's The God Who Speaks programme, Fleur Dorrell from the Bible Society will join scripture to sound at a concert in Ipswich on Christopher Borrell, Director of Music at the St Mary Le Tower church in Ipswich. The event is entitled 'Enjoy the Bible: Sensing the Sacred through Art and Music', and will take place at the St Nicholas Centre, 4 Cutler Street, Ipswich IP1 1UQ. Tickets from: Bible.eventbrite.co.uk or by ringing 07780 613734.

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.

Caritas East Anglia Saturday 28th March: Caritas East Anglia is holding a Festival to celebrate sharing God's love with our neighbour. The venue for Norfolk parishes is St George's, Norwich. If you are involved in social outreach work, e.g. with the poor, homeless, marginalised, please come and celebrate with us! This is an opportunity to celebrate together, to show others what you do and to welcome new volunteers to join you. For more information, or to book a place, please email: caritas@rcdea.org.uk

Masses for the 4th Week of the Year:

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

Sunday – Presentation of the Lord - Feast: 8.30 am. 10.15 am Frank and Polly Simlar (Foundation).

Monday- Feria: No Mass Today.

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Wednesday- S Agatha - Memorial: No Mass today.

Thursday- S Paul Miki and Companions - Memorial: 10.00 am.

Friday- Feria: 10.00 am (*For Vocations*).

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

Sunday: 5th Sunday of the Year; 8.30 am Parish; 10.15 am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this week:

Thursday morning 9.30 – 9.55 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday 10.30 – 11.00 am, before Mass at Woolpit 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: Vera Palmer; Sheila Joyce; Agnus Keane; Michael Henry; Silvio Camilleri; Marjory Griffin; Jeremy Clover; Betty Cytacki; Mary Wynne-Williams; Jane Whiting. RIP.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for January: Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

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

Live-Simply Tip: Use recycled paper and envelopes.

Parish Newsletter: The Parish Newsletter is compiled before Mass on Thursday mornings. Please ensure that any copy for inclusion in the Newsletter is received by 6 pm on Wednesday. Copy received after this time will be considered for the following weeks Newsletter. Please send any contributions for the Newsletter to the parish address: pp@ourladystowmarket.org.uk