

# 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

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Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

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

### Memorial Acclamation:

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



*You are the light of the world.*

### Entrance Antiphon:

O come let us worship God and bow before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

### Communion Antiphon:

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

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**Items for the Newsletter:** Should be sent to [pp@ourladystowmarket.org.uk](mailto:pp@ourladystowmarket.org.uk)

**Marriage Care (Ipswich and Colchester Centre): 0800-3893801**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to Mass of **the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year.**

- **Today is Racial justice Day.**
- **The Liturgy of the Word** is on Pages 59 and 62 of the Mass Books.
- **Second Sunday Preface and 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 Catholic Association for Racial Justice. *N.B. Cheques should be made payable to 'Stowmarket Catholic Church'.*

**Recent Collections:** Collections from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday were: Stowmarket; £507 and Woolpit; £201. Totals for last week's collections were: Stowmarket; £512, Woolpit; £183 and Parish Fabric Fund £173. Thank you all for your generosity.

**Stowmarket and District Foodbank Update:** A letter of thanks for your generosity can be seen on the Noticeboard. Urgent needs this week are for: Marmite, Tinned Fruit and Pasta Sauces.

**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/> or go directly to the schools website: [www.stlouisacademy.co.uk](http://www.stlouisacademy.co.uk)  
Closing date for applications Monday 24th Feb. 2020, 12 noon.

**Parish Hall:** The tenders for the Hall improvement works and access lift to the Hall have now been received and we are in detailed discussions with the preferred contractor to finalise the price and specification with a view to starting work in April.

**100 CLUB:** Members of the 100 Club are invited to kindly collect a letter of thanks and renewal details, from a box in the Narthex when they next attend Mass. Thank you for your co-operation. Christine Cannon

**The God Who Speaks:** Introductory talk by Jean Johnson, the Suffolk Champion, in our Parish Centre after 10.00 Mass on Saturday 29th February. All Welcome

**"So, could you not watch one hour with me?":** Jesus' question to the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane. The United Lenten Taizé service on the 2nd Sunday of Lent - 8th March at 3 pm at Our Lady's takes up this theme. This is an extract from one of the prayers: "God of peace, quieten our hearts and help us to be still in your presence. We find this so hard to do, for our lives are full of noise and confusion, a host of demands and responsibilities .....\_always something else to think about, another pressing matter demanding our attention -and then suddenly, in the middle of it all, we stop and realise we have forgotten you: the one we depend on to give us strength and calm our spirits." Please come and share an hour of quiet prayer, readings and reflective music.

**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](mailto:jcrone@cafod.org.uk) 01223 358552 | 07779 804252.

*With every blessing for the coming week,*

*Father Ioan*

## Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February:** Youth Planning Meeting. 7.00 pm in the Centre.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February:** Pastoral Care Group meeting. 7.00 pm in the Centre.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February:** The Stowmarket & Ipswich HCPT group will be travelling on pilgrimage to Lourdes again this Easter. As before, we will be taking youngsters with us who are in need of a holiday and this year we have with us 5 youngsters associated with the Thomas Wolsey School in Ipswich. To help with the group's funds, we are holding a coffee morning after both Sunday Masses with proceeds going directly towards the children's costs. The helpers fund themselves. I hope you can support this by your prayers and by coming along to the coffee morning. If you would like to get involved with HCPT then visit [www.hcpt.org.uk](http://www.hcpt.org.uk) or contact Simon Millyard

**World Food Day. Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. 11.30 am to 2.30 pm:** Coming up fast is the annual culinary extravaganza where we cater a dish representing our country or a country that we have an association with. A change in venue this year, it will be in the Scout Hut (where Fr David's leaving party was held). Please come along to join in the feast before Lent and if you can cater, please contact Carole Kelly or Simon Millyard.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February:** Ash Wednesday Masses at 10.00 am and 7.00 pm.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March - 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 with 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 takes place at the St Nicholas Centre, 4 Cutler Street, Ipswich IP1 1UQ. Tickets from: [Bible.eventbrite.co.uk](http://Bible.eventbrite.co.uk) or by ringing 07780 613734.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March - 3pm to 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. Toni Grzedzicki

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March - 4.00pm 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.

**Masses for the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year:**

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

**Sunday - 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: 8.30 am *Parish*; 10.15 am.**

**Monday- S SCOLASTICA - MEMORIAL: No Mass Today.**

**Tuesday- Feria: 6.30 pm. (*World Day of Prayer for the Sick*).**

**Wednesday- Feria: 10.00 am.**

**Thursday- Feria: 10.00 am.**

**Friday- SS CYRIL MONK AND METHODIOUS - FEAST: 10.00 am.**

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

**Sunday - 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR; 8.30 am; 10.15 am *Crispin Shorter (Shorter)*.**

**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:** Brian Pearmain; Bernie Reynolds (2019); Donald Smith; Gwen Boyle; Margaret Buckley; Mary Robinson; May Buttery; James Wallis; Desmond Dunne; Robert Carter; Crispin Shorter; Edna Cant. RIP.

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for February: 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 Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and St Edmund, Hunstanton.

**Parish Newsletter:** The Parish Newsletter is compiled before Mass on Thursday morning. Please ensure that items of news, events or 'Dates for your Diary' items are received by 6 pm on Wednesday. Copy received after this time will be considered for the following weeks Newsletter. Contributions should be sent to the parish address: [pp@ourladystowmarket.org.uk](mailto:pp@ourladystowmarket.org.uk) with '**Newsletter**' in the subject field.