

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 - 16th February, 2020. 6th Sunday of the Year

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

Memorial Acclamation:

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



You have learned how it was said to our ancestors; but I say this to you.

Entrance Antiphon:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Communion Antiphon:

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to Mass of **the 6th Sunday of the Year.**

- **The Liturgy of the Word** is on Pages 61 and 64 of the Mass Books.
- **Sixth Sunday Preface and Third Eucharistic Prayer** today.
- **Teas and Coffees:** In the Parish Centre after both Masses today in aid of HCPT.

Retiring Collection: No retiring collection this week. *N.B. Cheques should be made payable to 'Stowmarket Catholic Church'.*

Recent Collections: Totals for last week's collections were: Stowmarket; £371, Woolpit; £155 and the Catholic Association for Racial Justice; £98. Thank you all for your generosity.

Stowmarket and District Foodbank Update: Urgent needs this week are for: Tinned Potatoes, Long-Life Milk and Sponge Puddings (Twin Pack).

Live Simply Tip: Print double-sided to save paper.

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.

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

"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 responsibilitiesalways 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.

Dates for your Diary

World Food Day. Sunday 23rd February. 11.30 am to 2.30 pm: At the Scout Hut, Milton Road (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.

Tuesday 25th February: 7.15 pm: Cafod+ group meeting in the Parish Centre.

Wednesday 26th February: Ash Wednesday Masses at 10.00 am and 7.00 pm for the imposition of Ashes.

Sunday 29th February – After 10.15 Mass: ‘The God who Speaks’. An introductory talk by Suffolk Champion, Jean Johnson in the Parish Centre.

Friday 6th March – Lent Family Fast Day.

Saturday 7th March - 9.30am to 1pm: ‘Enjoy the Bible: Sensing the Sacred through Art and Music’, 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 – 3pm to 4 pm: A Lenten service at Our Lady's of readings, prayers, quiet singing and reflection. All are welcome.

Sunday 8th March - 4.00pm to 7.00pm: Open Board/Games Night in the Hall.

Saturday 14th March – Lenten Retreat, Convent of Jesus and Mary. See Notice Board for details. Registration Forms in the Narthex.

Saturday 21st March – 12.00am – 2 pm: Cafod Lenten Soup Day. Parish Centre.

With every blessing for the week ahead

Father Ian.

Masses for the 6th Week of the Year:

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

Sunday - 6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: 8.30 am, *Private Intention (Lea)*; 10.15 am, *Crispin Shorter (Shorter)*.

Monday- Feria: No Mass Today.

Tuesday- Feria: *Funeral Diana June McGuire 11.00 am*. No Mass at 6.30 pm.

Wednesday- Feria: 10.00 am; *Mollie Shaw (Foundation)*.

Thursday- Feria: 10.00 am; *Esperanza Davis (Wright)*.

Friday- Feria: No Mass today.

Saturday- THE CHAIR OF S. PETER - FEAST: 10.00 am; 6.00 pm **(St Mary's, Woolpit)**.

Sunday - 7th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: 8.30 am; *Parish* 10.15 am; *Martin Maclaren (Boot)*.

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: Maria Buxton; Mollie Shaw; Mary Atlain; Veronica Ritzema; Mary Mathew; John Llewellyn; Godfrey Parker; May Ovington; David Donaghy; Raymond Stables; Patrick Rednall; Beatrice Llewellyn; Edith Dade; Barbara Vincent; Vera Doolin; Nicholas Zarkos; Gladys Fordham; Joe Fsadna (2019). 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 St Michael the Archangel, Huntingdon.

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 with '**Newsletter**' in the subject field.