

# 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 – 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020. 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

Sunday Readings: Year A. Weekdays: Year 2. Psalter: Week 3

### Memorial Acclamation:

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



*Love your enemies.*

### ***Entrance Antiphon:***

**O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.**

### ***Communion Antiphon:***

**I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to Mass of **the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year.**

- Days of Fasting and Abstinence are to be held on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday.**
- **The Liturgy of the Word** is on Pages 63 and 67 of the Mass Books.
- **Seventh Sunday Preface and Second Eucharistic Prayer** today.
- **Teas and Coffees:** No Tea and Coffee today.

**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; £575, Woolpit; £214 and the Catholic Association for Racial Justice; £108, in total. Thank you all for your generosity.

**Stowmarket and District Foodbank Update:** Urgent needs this week are for: Birds Instant Custard, Marmite and Tins of Tuna Flakes.

**Live Simply Tip:** Turn off computers and Photocopiers when not in use.

**World Food Day:** Takes place today from 11.30 am in the Scout Hall, Milton Road, Stowmarket. Everyone welcome.

**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 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.

**Easter Communion:** The time for Easter Communion runs from Ash Wednesday to Trinity Sunday. Lenten Arms will be collected throughout Lent for the Diocesan Appointed Charity. Details of all Easter services will be published in the Newsletter.

**Walk with me Booklets:** For Lent are now available 50pence each, free for the sick and housebound. Please put all payment in the wallbox.

**Chrism Mass 2020:** It is hoped to arrange a coach again for this year's Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Further details to follow.

*With every blessing for the week ahead, Father Ioan.*

## Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February: 7.15pm:** Cafod+ group meeting in the Parish Centre. Pancakes will be served!

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February:** Ash Wednesday Masses at 10.00 am and 7.00 pm for the imposition of Ashes.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February – After 10.00am Mass:** ‘The God who Speaks’. An introductory talk by Suffolk Champion, Jean Johnson in the Parish Centre.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March:** Lent Family Fast Day.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – 10.30am Salvation Army, Violet Hill Rd.** World Day of Prayer put together by the women of Zimbabwe (Rise! Take your mat and walk). All are welcome.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://Bible.eventbrite.co.uk) or by ringing 07780 613734.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – 3pm to 4pm:** A Lenten service at Our Lady's of readings, prayers, quiet singing and reflection. All are welcome.

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

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March:** Lenten Retreat, Convent of Jesus and Mary. See Notice Board for details. Registration Forms in the Narthex.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March – 12.00am – 2pm:** Cafod Lenten Soup Day. Parish Centre.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 4.00pm - 7.00pm:** Quiz evening & Supper.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Parish picnic to Thetford Forest. Leave after 10.15 Mass and bring a shared picnic.

**Masses for the 7<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year:**

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

**Sunday – 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: 8.30 am (Parish) .10.15 am, *Martin Maclaren (Boot).***

**Monday- Feria:** No Mass Today.

**Tuesday- Feria:** 6.30 pm.

**Wednesday- ASH WEDNESDAY:** 10.00 am and 7.00 pm.

**Thursday- Lent Feria:** 10.00 am.

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**Saturday-: Lent Feria** 10.00 am; *Julian Mathie and Family RIP (Boot);* 6.00 pm **(St Mary's, Woolpit).**

**Sunday – 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT: 8.30 am; Parish 10.15 am *Ariane 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:** Bridget Henderson; Timothy Byrne; Gorge Phillips; Leah Lewis; John Russell; Donald Judlaw; Irene Birch; Anthony Boland. 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 James, Ipswich.

**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.