

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY, STOWMARKET.

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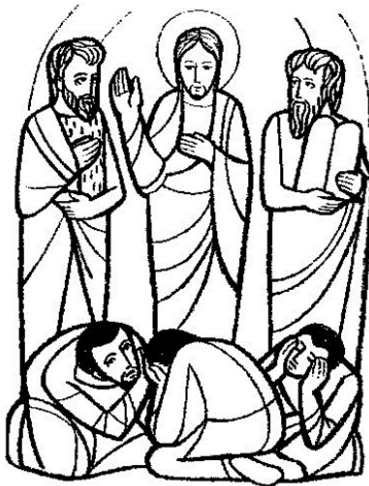
R.C. Diocese of East Anglia - Registered Charity No. 278742
Church of Our Lady, Stricklands Road, Stowmarket. IP14 1AW
Saturday Anticipatory Mass at St Mary's Church, Woolpit. IP30 9QP

Parish Newsletter – 8th March, 2020. 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

Memorial Acclamation:

Save us Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you
have set us free.



His face shone like the sun.

Entrance Antiphon:

**Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.**

Communion Antiphon:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to Mass of the **2nd Sunday of Lent.**

- **Dementia Prayer Week** runs from 12th to 19th of March.
- **The Liturgy of the Word** is on Pages 75 and 80 of the Mass Books.
- **Second Eucharistic Prayer** today.
- **Teas and Coffees:** In the Parish Centre after 10.15 Mass today.

Retiring Collections: There will be a retiring collection today for the work of CAFOD. Next Sunday there will be a Retiring Collection for the Parish Fabric Fund. *N.B. Cheques should be made payable to 'Stowmarket Catholic Church'.*

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Please use the envelopes with this Newsletter and if you pay tax, fill in the Gift Aid Form. You should be able to ask for your details not to be used for any further appeals.

Recent Collections: Totals for the first Sunday of Lent will be published with the next Newsletter. Thank you all for your generosity.

CAFOD+ Update: Money raised last year has been sent to pay for an emergency bedding box, a sewing kit, an emergency toilet and the protected fish units. Thank you all for your generosity.

Stowmarket and District Foodbank Update: Urgent needs this week are for: Tinned Rice Pudding, Hot Dogs, Minced Beef and Onion and Instant Mash.

Live Simply Tip: Re-cycle old batteries..

Call for Contributions for our 'Saints and Sinners' magazine: Your editor, Yvonne Hannan, needs your offerings in any format with photos etc. if possible. Please leave hard copies in the letter rack in Our Lady's or by email to: yvonne.hannan@icloud.com.

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 wall box.

Chrism Mass 2020: It is hoped to arrange a coach again for this year's Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Tuesday 7th April. Please add your name to the list in the Narthex.

Lenten Alms: will be collected this year for; Aid to the Church in Need (Syria and Iraq) and the Cambridge Nazareth Trust.

Lenten Soup day is no penance! CAFOD+ will provide a range of delicious soups in Saturday 21st March (12 – 1.30 pm) and all donations will be split between CAFOD's Lenten appeal for Zimbabwe and the new project to provide shelter boxes.

Gift aid envelopes: Envelopes for the next financial year are ready for collection. They are (or should be,) in numerical order. If you are no longer a UK tax payer, would you please return the set of envelopes to me? If there are any other discrepancies, please let me know. Many thanks. Sheila Ashman.

Youth Pilgrimage to Malta: Following in the footsteps of St. Paul Age 16 -35? Come and join the Diocesan Youth Service Pilgrimage to Malta. From, July 26th - 31st 2020. Places are limited and bookings must be received by April 13th. For more information see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

Parish Hall update: For information, we are about to place a contract for building works with Manning and Woods through the Diocese.

Coronavirus precautions: The latest position regarding precautions against Coronavirus at Our Lady's can be found on the insert with the Newsletter which will be updated as the situation evolves.

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

Masses for the 2nd Week of Lent:

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

Sunday - 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT: 8.30 am, *Parish*; 10.15 am.

Monday- Lent Feria: No Mass Today.

Tuesday- Lent Feria: 6.30pm.

Wednesday-Lent Feria: 10.00am; *Michael Burke (Foundation).*

Thursday- Lent Feria: 10.00am.

Friday- Lent Feria: 10.00am.

Saturday-: Lent Feria No Mass; 6.00 pm (St Mary's, Woolpit).

Sunday - 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT: 8.30 am *Don Henry (Foundation)*; 10.15 am; *Parish.*

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: James Gilligan; William Ball-Briody; Michael Burke; Richard Brook; Carol Gladwell; Elizabeth Phillips; Joan Shorter; Abbi Casson; Roselle McGuire; Doreen Parker; Anthony Westlake. RIP.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for March:

Catholics in China - We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Parish of St Mary, 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 with '**Newsletter**' in the subject field.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 8th March – 3pm to 4pm: 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.

Friday 13th March – 7.30pm: HCPT music evening. An evening of live music in aid of our HCPT children's pilgrimage to Lourdes is being held in St Edmund's Church crypt, Bury St Edmunds. Tickets £5 including a ploughmen's supper. Contact Phil Harding on 07867 502629.

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

Wednesday 18th March – from 6pm: The Deanery Station Mass at St Edmunds Catholic Church. Confessions and Exposition at 6pm, Mass from 7pm followed by light refreshments.

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

Tuesday 24th March – 7pm: Youth Planning Meeting. Parish Centre.

Sunday 29th March -10.15am: Childrens Mass at Our Lady's.

Sunday 19th April 4.00pm - 7.00pm: Quiz evening & Supper.

Sunday 28th June: Parish picnic to Thetford Forest. Leave after 10.15 Mass and bring a shared picnic.

Coronavirus precautions!

The Bishops Conference for England and Wales recently updated their guidance for all parishes and congregations to help to contain the spread of infections.

Father Ioan has already taken some early precautionary measures at Mass including; the temporary suspension of receipt of communion from the Chalice, not passing the sign of peace, and advice not to use holy water - we have removed holy water from the font and the ewer inside our Lady's church.

In addition, it is now requested that all members of the congregation receiving the host, should only do so in the **hand** and **not** in the **mouth**.

The situation is quite fluid whilst the country remains officially in the 'Containment' phase. However, further restrictions may become necessary depending on the future severity of the Coronavirus outbreak.

Below is a link to the latest guidance from the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, which will be updated regularly.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/02/advice-for-parishes-regarding-coronavirus-V2ab.pdf>

Standard advice remains that if you are feeling unwell, and especially if you have been requested to 'self-isolate'; please **do not** attend Mass.