

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 – 15th March, 2020.

3rd Sunday of Lent

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

Memorial Acclamation:

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



A spring of water welling up to eternal life.

Entrance Antiphon:

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

We will not say the Communion Antiphon at 8.30am Mass until further Notice

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to Mass of **the 3rd Sunday of Lent.**

- **Dementia Prayer Week** runs from 12th to 19th of March.
- **The Liturgy of the Word** Mass Books will not be available until further Notice.
- **Second Eucharistic Prayer** today.
- **Teas and Coffees:** Suspended until further notice.

Retiring Collections: There will be a retiring collection today 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: Stowmarket £512, Woolpit £154. Totals for the Second Sunday of Lent: Stowmarket £542, Woolpit £174. Lenten Alms currently stand at £73.56. CAFOD Family Fast Day £318.36, Taize Service £201.21. 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: Rice Pudding, Minced Beef and Onion and Tinned Sardines.

Live Simply Tip: Use ethical banking and insurance.

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.

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.

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 be kind enough to 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

Lenten Reconciliation Service: This years Lenten Reconciliation Service will take place at Our Lady's at 7pm on 27th March. There will be a short service followed by an opportunity for Confession with a choice of two Priests.

Easter Triduum Services: Please note the times of our services for the Easter Triduum published with this week's Newsletter.

The God Who Speaks: The Bishops of England and Wales have provided lots of materials online for those who have a computer and access to the internet for this Year of the Word 2020. Among the resources are three short films of Cardinal Vincent Nichols speaking about works of art in the National Gallery. You can find these films on the following links if you'd like to look at them: - The Incredulity of St Thomas <https://http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/films-scripture-and-art/the-incredulity-of-saint-thomas/>
- The Nativity at Night
<https://http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/evwww.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/films-scripture-and-art/nativity-at-night/>
- St Jerome and John the Baptist
<https://http://www.cbcew.org.uk/howwww.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/films-scripture-and-art/st-jerome/me/events/the-god-who-speaks/films-scripture-and-art/st-jerome/>

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

Dates for your Diary

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.

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

Friday 27th March – 7pm: Lenten Reconciliation Service at Our Lady's, Stowmarket.

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

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

Thursday 21st May after the evening Ascension Mass: Parish AGM in the Parish Centre.

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

Service Times for The Easter Triduum

Thursday 9th April – Maundy Thursday - 7.30pm

Friday 10th April – Good Friday – 3pm: Easter Passion.

Saturday 11th April – 8.00pm: Easter Vigil Mass.

Sunday 12th April – Easter Sunday: Masses at 8.30am and 10.15am.

100 Club Draw: The final draw of 2019/20 will take place this morning after the 8.30 am Mass in the Parish Centre.

Thank you to all existing members who collected their letter of renewal and returned it. We are down in numbers and new members will be most welcome - simply complete the green forms in the porch and return with your cash/cheque in the collection basket at any Mass. Thank you. Christine Cannon

Coronavirus precautions (updated)!

A letter from Bishop Allan regarding precautionary measures to be taken at every Mass during the current Coronavirus emergency, was read before each Mass last weekend.

Father Ioan has taken a number of steps at Mass including; handwashing before communion. 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 emptied the holy water from the stoup and the ewer inside our Lady's church. Parishioners are reminded that anyone receiving the host, should only do so in the hand and not in the mouth.

ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS FROM 15TH MARCH 2020.

- A collection will not be taken during Mass. Baskets for your offering will be on the table at the back of the Church.
- Mass Books, Mass Cards and Hymn Books will not be available.
- Parishioners are advised to bring personal anti-viral hand-sanitisers to each Mass and use them on entering and leaving the Church.

The situation remains fluid and the country has today moved into the 'Delay' phase. Further restrictions may become necessary depending on the future severity of the Coronavirus outbreak and any advice from the Government, Public Health England and/or the Diocese of East Anglia.

Below is a link to the latest guidance from the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, which is 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, have cold or flu symptoms and especially if you have been requested to 'self-isolate'; please do not attend Mass.

The vulnerable (elderly, people with weakened immune systems and long-term conditions like cancer, diabetes and heart disease) should refrain from large parish gatherings and stay at home.

Masses for the 3rd Week of Lent:

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

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

Monday- Lent Feria: No Mass Today.

Tuesday- ST PATRICK - FEAST: 6.30pm.

Wednesday-Lent Feria: No Mass this morning. Deanery Mass at 7pm, St Edmunds Church, Bury St Edmunds.

Thursday- ST JOSEPH- SOLEMNITY: 10.00am.

Friday- Lent Feria: 10.00am.

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

Sunday – 4th SUNDAY OF LENT: 8.30 am; 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: Monica Phoenix; William Hay; Bernard Smart; Marielle Scully; Mary Bear; Philomena Sheppard; Thomas Mullins; Michael Sugrue; Bryan Moore-Smith; Percy Wilce; Percy Howes; Cathlene Phillpott; Pat Conlan; Clare Bennett; Dolly Holmes; John Blacklock. 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 Magdelane, 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.