

Mass Intentions for this week:

Sunday – 4rd SUNDAY OF LENT: 10.15am *Kevin Fordham (Lis).*

Tuesday- Lent Feria: 6.30pm Anthony Roche (Foundation)

Wednesday-Lent Feria: 10.00am Jean Nary O’Mahoney (Foundation)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

By appointment only.

Sick and Housebound: Please remember to pray for members of our parish who sick and housebound at this time.

Anniversaries of the Faithful Departed: Tony Roche, John Ward, Mary Pallcurt, Harold John Key, Jean O’Mahoney, Ben McLaughlam, Katharine Saundlers, Edward Murphy, Peter McNolly, Elsie Janet Dean, Richard Cay, John Waite, Una Murtagh, Mary Deu. 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 Pancras, Ipswich.

Parish Newsletter: Please ensure that any items for inclusion are sent to the parish address: pp@ourladystowmarket.org.uk with ‘*Newsletter*’ in the subject field.

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY, STOWMARKET.

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Church of Our Lady, Stricklands Road, Stowmarket. IP14 1AW

Saturday Anticipatory Mass at St Mary’s Church, Woolpit. IP30 9QP

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4th Sunday of Lent (*Lætare Sunday*)

Sunday Readings: Year A. Weekdays: Year 2. Psalter: Week 4

Memorial Acclamation:

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



The blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

Entrance Antiphon: [Place Holder]

Communion Antiphon: [Place Holder]

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Masses at Our Lady's: The Bishops Conference have decided that public masses will not be held until further notice. Father Ioan will continue to celebrate Mass without the faithful at the normal Mass times on weekdays (6.30pm on Tuesday, 10.00am Wednesday to Saturday) and at 10.15am on Sundays. You are invited to join him by making a private Act of Spiritual Communion using the following prayer:

*My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to
You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.*

There is live streaming of Mass over the internet from S Laurence's Cambridge and The National Shrine at Walsingham. Live streaming from other locations will begin in the coming weeks.

Recent Collections: Totals for the Third Sunday of Lent: Stowmarket £448, Woolpit £156. Fabric Fund £188. Lenten Alms currently stand at £95.06. The CAFOD total now stands at £635.57. Thank you all for your generosity.

Stowmarket and District Foodbank Update: It is crucial that at this time the Foodbank continues to provide help to the most vulnerable in our community. For the time being the collecting boxes will be placed in the corridor in the Parish Centre. Frank and I will continue to deliver goods to the Foodbank on either Tuesday or Wednesday each week. If you have

difficulty accessing the Parish Centre please contact Frank on 07557 538590. Thank you for your continued support. Jo Lea.

Live Simply Tip: Plant wildflowers to attract insects and birds.

Call for Contributions for our 'Saints and Sinners' magazine: Your editor, Yvonne Hannan, needs your offerings in any format with photos etc. if possible, by email to: yvonne.hannan@icloud.com. The magazine will be produced when things return to normal.

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.

Hall works: Work to install a lift, a new kitchen and to refurbish the toilets is due to start on Monday. This means that the toilet in the Church will be out of use during the 8-week work period and there will be builders on site during the week.

HCPT Children's Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Due to the current virus restrictions, the HCPT Children's Pilgrimage to Lourdes has had to be cancelled. We hope to take the same group of children and helpers next year and we are all sorry that we are unable to travel this Easter. A big thank you to all who have supported us with Prayer and financially; the money raised will be held in the central account and used on our next pilgrimage. Simon Millyard.

May the Lord bless and keep you during these difficult times.

Father Ioan.

Dates for your Diary

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

Wednesday 25th March – 7pm: Meeting of the Helping Hands Group. Parish Centre. CANCELLED.

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

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

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

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

Coronavirus update 20th March 2020

ALL PUBLIC MASSES HAVE BEEN BANNED IN ENGLAND AND WALES FROM 20TH MARCH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

A copy of a public letter from Cardinal Vincent Nicolls explaining this move has been added to the parish website.

All Parish Meetings and events outside Mass have been cancelled and will be re-arranged when circumstances permit. Please see Diary section for further details.

Please remember to pray for everyone in our parish at this difficult time.

*Merciful God,
Come to the help of your people.
Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our community.
Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease and assist those whose skill and art can put an end to this affliction.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Copies of your parish newsletter will be available on the parish website <https://ourladystowmarket.org.uk/> and updated whenever possible.

With our prayers and best wishes to you all.

From your Newsletter Team.

Jo, Frank, Richard and Father Ioan