

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 Telephone Number: (01449) 612946.

Parish Newsletter – 23rd August, 2020 21st Sunday of the Year

Sunday Readings: Year A. Weekdays: Year 2. Psalter: Week 1.



Masses and Prayers for this week (Public Masses on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday)

Sunday — 21st Sunday : 8.30am and 10.15am (Public)	<i>Parish and thanksgiving for Eve Paton (Pat Ware)</i>
Monday— St. BARTHOLOMEW—FEAST: No Mass Today	
Tuesday – Feria:	
Wednesday— Feria:	
Thursday— St Monica—Mem: 10.00am (Public)	<i>Rosina Harrell RIP. (Marisa)</i>
Friday – St Augustine—Mem:	
Saturday—The Passion of St. John the Baptist—Mem: 6.00pm (Public)	
Sunday — 22nd Sunday : 8.30am and 10.15am (Public)	<i>Parish and for priests (Fenella)</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): By appointment only. As lockdown prevents many Catholics from accessing the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis has encouraged them to ask forgiveness from God directly: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/pope-francis-tells-catholics-to-confess-directly-to-god/>

The Pope's Prayer Intention for August: The Maritime World— We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Jude the Apostle, Whittlesey.

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

Recently deceased: we ask you to pray for the eternal peace of Rosina Doran Harrell (funeral on Monday 24th August) and Lorna Astrea Gorman (funeral on Tuesday 25th August).

Anniversaries of the Faithful Departed: Johnnie Johnson, Dorothy Hinton, Anthony McMaster, Annie King, Carmen Stutchbury, Grazia Botwright, Kathleen Beckett, Anthony Brooker, Amy Hampton, Edward Armstrong, Patricia Firman, Mary Leary, James Greeves, Winifred Winward . RIP .

Father Ioan's Messages

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the newsletter for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Our Memorial Acclamation for August:

"We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again."

On Monday we celebrate the Feast of Saint Bartholomew. Bartholomew was an ordinary man of whom Jesus is said to have observed; a man "in whom there is no guile". He was however, a man of great faith, who never once doubted the truth of Jesus' teachings.

Bartholomew is said to have preached in Armenia and India where local tradition says that he defeated the demons who encouraged the worship of idols. He famously converted the King, Polemius, whose brother Astrages, ordered Bartholomew to be flayed alive and beheaded.

Relics of Bartholomew are enshrined on an island in the river Tiber in Rome and a statue by Michael Angelo can be found in the Sistine Chapel.

May Saint Bartholomew pray for us all in the week ahead.

Details about coming to Mass, NHS Test and Trace Mass Registration Forms and the guidelines you need to follow; are available on the parish website (<https://ourladystowmarket.org.uk/going-to-mass/>). You can also find a summary on page 5.

For anyone unable to access the website; there are two NHS Test and Trace Mass Registration Forms for you to download and print on page 6.

I am always available for you. You can find my telephone number on the front page.

May the Lord bless you and keep you safe.

Father Ioan.



News from Our Lady's

FATHER IOAN: As you are all now aware, Father Ioan will be leaving us at the end of the month to take up the care of a parish in Austria where he spent the first eleven years of his priestly ministry. It goes without saying that we wish him all success and happiness in his new home.

During his short time here in Stowmarket Father Ioan has done us proud. Prior to lockdown he had thrown himself wholeheartedly into the life of the parish and had been particularly successful in stimulating youth activity. He has been pastor, mentor and friend to us all.

It will not be possible to have a formal farewell gathering for Father Ioan, but it is intended to take up a collection to present to him as a warm gesture of our appreciation for all he has done for us. Please place your contribution in an envelope marked, "Father Ioan" and place it in one of the collection baskets or post it through the centre post box. Cheques payable to "Stowmarket Catholic Church" please.

Josephine Lea – PPC Chairman

The latest guide to live streamed Masses across all East Anglia parishes: Can be found here:

https://www.rcdea.org.uk/new-guide-to-live-streamed-masses-across-east-anglia/?utm_source=Website+Signup&utm_campaign=af21cfdba7-RSS_rcdea_emailnewsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0f3efb4842-af21cfdba7-94746713

Links for Live streaming can be found by visiting the [Cathedral webpage](#), or the Bishops' Conference Webpage cbcew.org.uk.

Your 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.

Helping Hands Group: If you need shopping or medication fetching or know of someone in the parish who does, we will also try to cover this. Please bear in mind that we do not want to put our willing volunteers in any danger or flout the government guidelines. If you need help call **Paul McIntee on 01359 242074**.

Stowmarket and District Foodbank Update: Thank you to those of you who have continued to support the Food Bank with both goods and cash. It is very much appreciated. Thank you also to those of you who donated bed linen and household goods for those rehomed during the crisis. As the need has now reduced and the Food Bank has a good reserve of these items, we no longer require additional supplies. Current urgent needs are tinned carrots, tinned potatoes and tinned rice pudding. Other goods are, of course, very gratefully received.

Jo Lea.



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Recent Collections: Collections from recent Masses on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th August:

15th August—£102

16th August—£605

Easter Offering, total to date — £900.

Thank you for your generosity.

Missio Red Boxes: Due to the ongoing pandemic there will be no collection of the red boxes this year. There are a few ways you can send your donations if you wish. I have had some correspondence from Missio asking for our help during these difficult times. If you feel you can donate now or at a later date this year please use any of the payment options you can find on the Missio website: <https://missio.org.uk/redbox/>.

Thanks for your ongoing support. Rae Corrigan

CAFOD's response to coronavirus: CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirus to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family or use CAFOD's Summer of Hope fundraising ideas with your family and friends to transform lockdown and raise money for the appeal: cafod.org.uk/summerofhope.

Please support this work which is saving lives. Thank you :

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal>

You can also donate on our Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/our-lady-s-parish-stowmarket>

Thank you, Rosemary Muntus.

Children Liturgy: To enable children to have some input with the children's liturgy, Cafod are running weekly sessions on line. These sessions include a video and some resources that can be downloaded. Past sessions can also be seen. If printing off these work sheets is a problem there is the opportunity for families to sign up to receive resources through the post.

Webb address: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>



Covid-19: Attending at Mass at Our Lady's.

- The parish is required to comply with the governments Covid-19 Guidance at all times. This will be managed by the Stewards at each Mass. Failure to comply fully with the guidelines, will lead to the suspension of public Mass.
- Without exception, everyone will be asked to complete a **Registration Card** with your contact details, including the date and time of each Mass you are attending. This is a requirement of the governments NHS Test and Trace System.

You can find a Registration Card on [page 6](#) of this Newsletter. Additional Cards are available from the church, or downloadable from the [parish website](#). **Registration Cards must be completed before you arrive for Mass and put in a box which a Steward will indicate you.**

- **Do not attend** Mass if you, or any member of your household are showing [symptoms of Covid-19](#) or have been asked to Self-Isolate, regardless of whether you have made a booking previously.
- Please arrive **at least five minutes before the start of Mass**. This allows Stewards to get everyone seated and safety instructions to be read before Mass begins and ensure sufficient time to clean the church at the end of each Mass.
- Face coverings must be worn at all times. Please bring your own face covering to each Mass. Stewards will refuse entry to anyone not wearing a face mask who is required to do so by government guidelines. Instructions on receiving communion and movement within the church will be read out by a Steward before each Mass.
- Please follow the Stewards instructions about the process for receiving communion.
- Entry to the church will be via the Narthex door, nearest to Stricklands Road. If you are unable to use the steps, please ask a Steward who will make arrangements for you to enter through the porch.
- Hands must be sanitised upon entry. Hand sanitiser is provided for your use.
- You may bring your own Missal provided you take it home with you after the Mass. No other mass Books or cards will be available.
- Social Distancing inside church must be maintained at a minimum of 1mt. This will allow us to make maximum use of the permitted space. Wherever possible, Stewards will arrange for family groups to be sat together. However, Stewards may refuse entry if the church is too full.
- Please do not leave your pew until instructed to do so by one of the Stewards. This includes receiving communion or on leaving church at the end of Mass. This is to ensure that strict social distancing is maintained.
- Please do not congregate by the entrance or exit to the church to allow safe passage for all members of the congregation.
- Please listen carefully to the instructions read out at the beginning of each Mass. They will help you to stay safe and ensure the safety of those around you during the Mass and on leaving the church.



20-07-2020 - Catholic Church of Our Lady - Adrian Carter

**Mass Registration Form for the
Test and Trace System ***

Date of Mass:

Time of Mass:

Name:

Phone Number:

Postcode:

*This form will be destroyed after 21 days!



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