

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 – 6th September, 2020.

23rd Sunday – Year A

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.



If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

Entrance Antiphon:

Not spoken.

Communion Antiphon:

Not spoken.

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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 23rd Sunday of the Year.**

- **Next Sunday is Education Day.**
- **Second Eucharistic Prayer** today.

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

Recent Collections: Totals for the 22nd Week: Saturday, Anticipatory Mass; £147, Sunday; £535. Father Ioan's Leaving Gift Total £1175. Thank you all for your generosity.

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.

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 hot meats and tinned potatoes. Other goods are, of course, very gratefully received. Jo Lea.

Live Simply Tip: Re-use your bath water in the garden.

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.**

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

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

Masses for the 23rd Week of the Year:

Saturday – Feria: 6.00 pm.

Sunday – 23rd SUNDAY: 8.30 am, Parish; 10.15 am. Popes Intentions.

Monday- Lent Feria: No Mass Today. Patrick De Vere Patey (Foundation).

Tuesday- Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - FEAST.

Wednesday- Feria.

Thursday- Feria (Public): 10.00am. Tom Kemp.

Friday- Feria: 10.00am.

Saturday-: Feria: 6.00 pm (Public).

Sunday – 24th SUNDAY: 8.30 am; 10.15 am; Parish. (Public)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this week:

No Exposition this week.

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/>

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 Simon.

Anniversaries of the Faithful Departed: Bridget Cooper; Helen McKenner; Michael Carroll; Ethelbert Williamson; Tom Kemp; Rhoda Chittock; James Bernard Kelleher; Kathleen Ryder; Ivy Wrenn; John Sheerin; Vicky Simler; Mary Ellen Wyatt. RIP.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for September: Respect for the Planet's Resources - We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St Thomas of Canterbury, Woodbridge.

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.

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 spare Registration cards with 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.

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Test and Trace System ***

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