



# Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2020



## SACRED LITURGY

Saturday (*Vigil*), 6pm - + Fr Bernard Melville

Sunday, 8.30am - "Mass for the Parish"

10.15am - Intentions of Sr Rachel Gregory, ODC (Ford)

Monday, 10am - + Fr David Perrett

Tuesday, 10am - Rita, Anthony & Tony Dellamora (Fennessey)

Wednesday, 10am - + Fr Stan Campbell

Thursday (*Christmas Eve*): 7pm, Stowmarket - + Fr Frank Lefevre  
9pm, Woolpit - + Fr Peter Lyons

Friday (*Christmas Day*): 8.30am, Stowmarket - "Mass for the Parish"  
10.15am, Stowmarket - + Msgr Wayne Peters

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - THIS WEEK, Thursday, 10-11am

Confessions - Saturday, 10 - 10.45am [Please wear a face mask and sanitise before entering the confessional; please use the Grill.]

Our Sick and Housebound - are remembered in the "Mass for the Parish" each weekend.

Recently Deceased - Sheila Dobey, Rita McDonagh, Pat Walsh, Ety Smith, Christine Cannon.

Anniversaries - Cecil Radnall, Desmond McSweeney, Gordon Paton, Antonia Freeman, Pamela Gunton, Janet Duggan, William Phoenix, Amelia Buttrum, Mavis Green.

Collections last week -  
Vigil Mass - £123  
Sunday Masses - £427

Thank you

Second Collection THIS Sunday for the *Dependant Priests' Fund*.

Draw for the 100 club was made on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. The winners are Nicola Burnett £50. Nicola Seymour £20. Rod Rushton £20. Annie Bowen Wright £10. Cheques have been left on the table as you enter Church. If you have any queries, contact Pat Smith or Sheila Ashman.

## VARIOUS CONTACTS

PPC Chair - Mrs Josephine Lea (01449 721544)

Centre Bookings - Mrs Diane Bowden (01449 672527)

Helping hands Group - Mrs Gillian Millyard (01359 242 475)

Stowmarket & District Foodbank - Contact: Mrs Josephine Lea

Parish Website - ourladystowmarket.org.uk

Items for Newsletter - pp@ourladystowmarket.org.uk

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Hail! Full of Grace!"

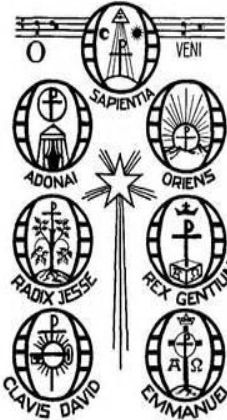


Stowmarket Foodbank - This week's urgent needs are tinned new potatoes, tinned salmon and mince pies. Shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste and toothbrushes are always gratefully received.

CAFOD's range of virtual Christmas gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. Eg. *The Keep Clean Kit* gift for £6 and the *Vegetable Garden* gift for £10 Visit [cafod.org.uk/worldgifts](http://cafod.org.uk/worldgifts).

Red Mission Boxes - Donations may be made, at present, via the options on the *Missio* website. Contact: Rae Corrigan.

## POPE ST LEO THE GREAT - "ON THE INCARNATION"



TO UNDO THE chain of sin and death, the Almighty Son of God, that fills all things and contains all things, altogether equal to the Father and co-eternal in one essence from Him and with Him, took on Him man's nature.

IN CHRIST, THEREFORE, born of the Virgin's womb, the nature does not differ from ours, because His nativity is wonderful. For He Who is true God, is also true man: and there is no lie in either nature.

IN THIS NATIVITY of Christ, according to the prophecy of David, *truth sprang out of the earth, and righteousness looked down from heaven*. In this nativity also, Isaiah's saying is fulfilled, *let the earth produce and bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together*.

EACH ONE IS a partaker of this spiritual origin in regeneration; and to every one when he is re-born, the water of baptism is like the Virgin's womb; for the same Holy Spirit fills the font, Who filled the Virgin, that the sin, which that sacred conception overthrew, may be taken away by this mystical washing.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES & CONFESSIONS

Christmas Eve (*Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> December*)

7pm - Stowmarket

9pm - Woolpit

Christmas Day (*Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> December*)

8.30am - Stowmarket

10.15am - Stowmarket

Confessions for Christmas - *Saturdays*, 10-10.45am; 5.30-5.50pm (Woolpit). *Christmas Eve*, 6-6.45pm; 8.30-8.50pm (Woolpit). *Christmas Day*, 9.30-10am.

The Diocesan Yearbook for 2021 is now available in the Narthex, at a cost of £2.

Crib Offerings - this year will go to *Aid to the Church in Need*

Headteacher Vacancy - *All Saints Academy*, March (Primary), please see diocesan website for details: <https://www.redea.org.uk/schools/school-vacancies/>