



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 27th December, 2020



SACRED LITURGY

Saturday (*Vigil*), 6pm - + Fr Colin Spokes, OP

Sunday, 8.30am - + Fr Tom Fitzgerald, OP

10.15am - "Mass for the Parish"

Monday, 10am - + Fr Peter Durning, OP

Tuesday, 10am - + Amanda Arrowsmith (Davey)

Wednesday, 10am - + Fr Stephen Durkin (Perth)

Thursday 10am - + Sr Kate Coombes, MMS (Davey)

Friday 10am (*Octave of Christmas*) - + Fr Hugh Thwaites, SJ

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament -
Thursdays, 9-10.45am

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 - Harriet Hill, Alfred Gooding, James Emmett, (Baby) Jessica Campbell, Alfred Morgan, Chris Wilson, Bridget Conlon, Mary Brooke, Marjorie Dykes, Margaret Bennett, James Daly, Maureen Voller, Margorie Baxter, Mary Batten, John Dunbar, Mary Baxter, Lily May Preston.

Collections last week -

Vigil Mass - £108

Sunday Masses - £459

Dependant Priests' Fund £476

Thank you

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



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

"The Child grew, filled with wisdom"

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.

CAFOD - *Response to Covid-19*: You can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirus or justgiving.com/fundraising/our-lady-s-parish-stowmarket Contact: Rosemary Muntus.

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 Nativity"

THE INFANCY, WHICH the majesty of God's Son did not disdain, reached mature manhood by the growth of years and, when the triumph of His passion and resurrection was completed, all the actions of humility which were undertaken for us ceased.



YET THE CURRENT festival renews for us the holy childhood of Jesus born of the Virgin Mary: and in adoring the birth of our Saviour, we find we are celebrating the commencement of our own life. For the birth of Christ is the source of life for Christian folk, and the birthday of the Head is the birthday of the body.

ALTHOUGH EVERY INDIVIDUAL that is called has his own order, and all the sons of the Church are separated from one another by intervals of time, yet as the entire body of the faithful being born in the font of baptism is crucified with Christ in His passion, raised again in His resurrection, and placed at the Father's right hand in His ascension, so with Him are they born in this nativity.

FOR ANY BELIEVER in whatever part of the world that is re-born in Christ, quits the old paths of his original nature and passes into a new man by being re-born; and no longer is he reckoned of his earthly father's stock but among the seed of the Saviour, Who became the Son of man in order that we might have the power to be the sons of God. For unless He came down to us in this humiliation, no one would reach His presence by any merits of his own.

A word of thanks to everyone for their lovely cards and kind gifts this Christmas - Much appreciated.

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/>