



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 3rd January, 2021



SACRED LITURGY

Saturday (*Vigil*), 6pm - "Mass for the Parish"

Sunday, 8.30am - + Bishop Henry Kennedy (Armidale)

10.15am - + Alek Grzedzicki (Grzedzicki)

Monday, 10am - + Fr Harry Leis (Armidale)

Tuesday, 10am - + Fr Tom Crowley (Armidale)

(*Epiphany*) Wednesday, 10am - + Ida Truchon (Foundation)

Thursday, 10am - + Fr Jordan Perry OP

Friday, 11am - *Requiem Mass* for Sheila Dobey.

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 - Mary Arden MacDermot, Sheila Dobey, Rita McDonagh, Pat Walsh, ETTY Smith, Christine Cannon.

Anniversaries - Neville Sparkes, Kathleen Witherford, Alek Grzedzicki, Peggy Howes, Ida Truchon, Muriel Pyrke, Liam Feeley, Annie Wilce, Louis Gillespie, Marjorie Witham, George Winward.

Collections last week -

Vigil Mass - £111

Sunday Masses - £680

Christmas - £1,184

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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

**"The Word was
made flesh and lived
among us."**



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

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

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 or see the brochures in the Narthex.

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 Epiphany"

THE STORY OF the magi is not only a bygone fact in history, but of everyday application to ourselves. venerated by us with holy worship: and today those joys must be entertained in our hearts which existed in the breasts of the three magi, when, aroused by the sign and leading of a new star, which they believed to have been promised, they fell down in presence of the King of heaven and earth.

FOR THAT DAY has not so passed away that the mighty work, which was then revealed, has passed away with it, and that nothing but the report of the thing has come down to us for faith to receive and memory to celebrate; seeing that, by the oft-repeated gift of God, our times daily enjoy the fruit of what the first age possessed.

AND THEREFORE, ALTHOUGH the narrative which is read to us from the Gospel properly records those days on which the three men, who had neither been taught by the prophets' predictions nor instructed by the testimony of the law, came to acknowledge God from the furthest parts of the East, yet we behold this same thing more clearly and abundantly carried on now in the enlightenment of all those who are called.

SINCE THE PROPHECY of Isaiah is fulfilled when he says, "the Lord has laid bare His holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the nations upon earth have seen the salvation which is from the Lord our God" and again, "and those to whom it has not been announced about Him shall see, and they who have not heard, shall understand."

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

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