



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 10th January, 2021



SACRED LITURGY

Saturday (Vigil), 6pm - + Fr Tim Cahill (Bathurst)
Sunday, 8.30am - + Margery Witham (Foundation)
 10.15am - "Mass for the Parish"
Monday, 10am - + All Souls
Tuesday, 10am - + Fr Michael Crowdy (Fennessey)
Wednesday, 10am - + Stephen Cytacki (Foundation)
Thursday, 10am - + Chris Wilson (Foundation)
Friday, 10am - Episcopal Election

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament -
 Thursdays, 9-10.45am (Currently we are praying for a suitable
 successor to the See of East Anglia)

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

Anniversaries - Maria Eliza de Souza, Margo Quinn, Gabriel
 Brooks, James McGuire, Audrey Smart, Stephen Cytacki,
 Diana Emeney, Cyril Firman, Bridget Dunn, Elizabeth
 Barnes, Dee Davies, Kevin Peck, John Francis, Elizabeth
 Dunbar, Michael Murphy, Ann Brown.

Collections last week -
 Vigil Mass - £81
 Sunday Masses - £441

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



**BAPTISM
 OF
 OUR
 LORD**

**"You are. My Son
 the Beloved:
 My favour
 rests on You."**

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.*

Stowmarket Foodbank - Thank you to everyone for their
 magnificent support over the past year and, in particular,
 during the run up to Christmas. Thanks to people's
 generosity the *Food Bank* was able to distribute some 120
 Christmas hampers to those in need. Stocks are currently at
 a reasonable level but donations of any everyday needs are
 always gratefully received as are any cash contributions.

CAFOD's range of virtual Christmas gifts, make a real
 difference to families living in poverty across the world. 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.
(Missio calendars are available in the Narthex.)

Mary's Meals - "Until 31st January 2021, the UK government
 will match donations to our *Double The Love* campaign up
 to £2 million, providing 43,000 hungry children in Liberia
 with life-changing school meals. For more information on
 other ways to support the *Double the Love* Campaign, please
 visit www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove"

from **Christmas**, by **John Betjeman**

...AND IS it true,
 This most tremendous tale of
 all,
 Seen in a stained-glass
 window's hue,
 A Baby in an ox's stall?
 The Maker of the stars and
 sea
 Become a Child on earth for
 me?

AND IS it true? For if it is,
 No loving fingers tying strings
 Around those tissued
 fripperies,
 The sweet and silly
 Christmas things,
 Bath salts and inexpensive
 scent
 And hideous tie so kindly meant,
 NO LOVE that in a family dwells,
 No carolling in frosty air,
 Nor all the steeple-shaking bells
 Can with this single Truth compare -
 That God was man in Palestine
 And lives today in Bread and Wine.



The Election of a New Bishop - Bishop Hopes is
 encouraging all of us to pray for the election of a suitable
 successor for the Diocese of East Anglia. Please take
 one of the *Prayer Cards*, to that effect, available in the
 Narthex. He also asks us to offer our *Rosaries* and *Visits
 to the Blessed Sacrament* to this end. One Mass will be
 offered each week for this intention.