



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 31st January, 2021



SACRED LITURGY

Saturday (Vigil), 6pm - + Elizabeth McKenzie (Wright)
Sunday, 8.30am - +Heavenly Repose of soul of Martin MacLaren (M.Boot)

10.15am - "Mass for the Parish"

Monday, 10am - + Maria Eliza de Souza (Foundation)

Tuesday, 10am - +Mr&Mrs Morris, Jean Duboi & son Gerard (Fennessey)

Wednesday, 10am - + Audrey Smart (Foundation)

Thursday, 10am- + Mary Batten (Foundation)

Friday, 10am - (Intentions of) James Baldry (Baldry)

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament -

Thursdays, 9-9.45am (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.]*

Candlemas falls this coming Tuesday. If you would like candles blessed, please bring them to the 10am Mass.

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

Recently Deceased - Fr Giles Goward, Bishop Luc Mattys, Bishop Castor Oswaldo Azuaje Perez, OCD, Msgr Mark Langham, Gillian Dolan, Fr Tim Cahill, Terry Grant, Mary Arden MacDermot, Sheila Dobey, Rita McDonagh, Pat Walsh, Ety Smith, Christine Cannon.

Anniversaries - Walter Baker, Frank Spence, Amilie Gladwell, Mario Melnyk, Maria Cantor, Vera Palmer, Sheila Joyce, Agnes Keane, Michael Henry, Silvio Camilleri.

Collections last week -

Vigil Mass - £144

Sunday Masses - £295

Thank you

Second Collection NEXT week for the Fabric Fund

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

Crib Offerings - this year will go to *Aid to the Church in Need.* (The Crib comes down after Candlemas.)

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.)

Stowmarket Foodbank - Thank you again for your continued support. If you are able to donate any goods, they can be left either in the church (Narthex) or in the Parish Centre. Items of everyday food will be very gratefully received. Any cash donations can be put into the Parish Centre letter box in an envelope marked "FOOD BANK".

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.

Blessing of Throats on the Feast of St Blaise Wednesday, 3rd February



BLAISE, WHO HAD studied philosophy in his youth, was a physician in Sebaste, Armenia, the city of his birth. He is credited with exercising his art with miraculous ability, good-will, and piety. When the bishop of the city died, he was chosen to succeed him, by the acclamation of all the people. His holiness was manifest through many miracles: from all around, people came to him to find cures for spirit and body.

IN 316, AGRICOLA, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, having arrived in Sebaste at the order of the emperor Licinius to kill the Christians, arrested the bishop.

WHILE St BLAISE WAS being taken into custody, a distraught mother, whose only child was choking on a fishbone, threw herself at his feet and implored his intercession. Touched at her grief, he offered up his prayers, and the child was cured.

REGARDLESS, THE GOVERNOR, unable to make Bishop Blaise renounce his faith, had him beaten with a stick, had his flesh ripped with iron combs, and had him beheaded.

SAINT BLAISE IS invoked, in particular, for protection against injuries to and illnesses of the throat.

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



FOURTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY
TIME

"He taught them
with authority."