



# Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2021



## SACRED LITURGY

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

Sunday, 8.30am - + Claudio Morosoli (Davey)

10.15am - Private Intention (Ford)

Monday, 10am - + Mary Dew (Foundation)

Tuesday, 10am - + All Souls of Dec. Memos of family of I.M.-Boot (M.-Boot)

Wednesday, 10am - + Sandy Beaton

Thursday, 10am - Personal Intention (M.-Boot)

Friday, 10am - Episcopal Election

*Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* -

Thursdays, 9-9.45am (Currently we are praying especially 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** - Tim Propp, Fr Giles Goward, Bishop Luc Mattys, Bishop Castor Oswaldo Azuaje Perez, OCD, Msgr Mark Langham, Gillian Dolan, Fr Tim Cahill, Terry Grant, Sheila Dobey,

**Anniversaries** - Jane Whiting, Brian Pearmain, Bernie Reynolds, Donald Smith, Gwen Boyle, Margaret Butlin, Mary Robinson, May Buttery.

**Collections last week** -

Vigil Mass - £108

Sunday Masses - £465

Crib Offerings (*Aid to the Church in Need*) - £338.65

Thank you

**Second Collection THIS 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

FIFTH  
SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME

"He cured many"



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

**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.)

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

**Stowmarket Foodbank** - If you are able to donate any goods, they can be left either in the church (Narthex) or in the Parish *Centre*. Current urgent needs are tinned rice pudding, tinned new potatoes and packets of *Pasta 'n Sauce*. NO donations of pasta, soup or baked beans at present. Any cash donations can be put into the Parish Centre letter box in an envelope marked "FOOD BANK".

## **St Josephine Bakhita - feast, 8<sup>th</sup> February**

JOSEPHINE BAKHITA WAS

born in 1869, in a small village in the Darfur region of Sudan. She was kidnapped while working in the fields with her family and subsequently sold into slavery. Her captors named her "Bakhita," which means "fortunate" in Arabic; though the first years of her life do not necessarily attest to it. She was tortured by her various owners who branded her, beat and cut her.



AFTER BEING SOLD five times, Bakhita was purchased by Callisto Legnani, the Italian consul in Khartoum, the capital of Sudan. Two years later, he took Bakhita to Italy; where she remained - now a free woman - and decided to enter the Canossian Sisters in 1893.

St Josephine was known for her smile, her gentleness and her holiness. "If I were to meet the slave-traders who kidnapped me and even those who tortured me," she said, in later life, "I should kneel and kiss their hands. For if that had not happened, I should not be a Christian and a Religious today."

She was beatified in 1992 and canonized shortly after in October, 2000, by Pope St John Paul II. She is the first person to be canonized from Sudan and is the patron saint of that country.

**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.