



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 28th February, 2021



SACRED LITURGY

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

Sunday, 8.30am - + Fr Gregory Jordan SJ

10.15am - Conclusion to the current epidemic

Monday, 10am - + Bishop Henry Kennedy (Armidale)

Tuesday, 10am - + Fr Frank Lefevre (Armidale)

Wednesday, 10am - (Intentions of) Theo Ryan (Ryan)

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

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)

Stations of the Cross - Fridays in Lent, following the 10am Mass.

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 - Jane Woolnough, Tim Propp, Canon Giles Goward, Bishop Luc Mattys, Bishop Castor O. A. Perez, OCD, Msgr Mark Langham, Gillian Dolan, Fr Tim Cahill, Terry Grant, Sheila Dobey,

Anniversaries - Joan Russell, Donald Sudlow, Irene Birch, Anthony Boland, Eddy Ware, Gordon Archer, Josie Gray, Sheri Llewellyn, Peggy Smith, Paul Lingham, Annie Bonner.

Collections last week -

Vigil Mass - £127

Sunday Masses - £456

Thank you

Second collection NEXT week for the Fabric Fund

VARIOUS CONTACTS

PPC Chair - Mrs Josephine Lea (01449 721544)

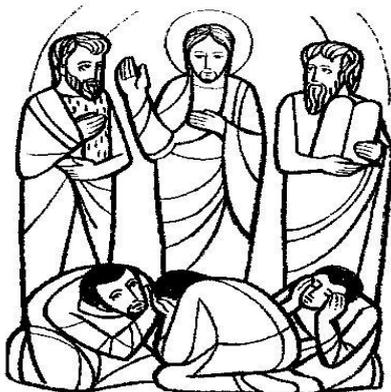
Centre Bookings - Mrs Diane Bowden (01449 672527)

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



SECOND
SUNDAY
IN
LENT

"This is My Son,
the Beloved, listen
to Him."

Stowmarket Foodbank - If you can donate any goods, they can be left either in the Narthex of the church, or in the Parish Centre. Current urgent needs are tinned rice pudding, tinned fish, packets of pasta 'n' sauce and instant mashed potato. Cash donations can be put into the Parish Centre letterbox in an envelope marked "FOOD BANK".

Red Mission Boxes - Donations may be made, at present, via the options on the *Missio* website: missio.org.uk
Contact: Rae Corrigan.

CAFOD - The Lenten Appeal 2021 is about water. The Fast day was February 26th and we had a virtual soup day on zoom to raise funds. Envelopes for your contributions are on the paper-table in the Narthex. These may be placed in the ordinary Sunday collection, or donate online at www.justgiving.com/Our-Lady-s-Parish-Stowmarket

Pope St Leo the Great - Sermon on Lent

DEAR FRIENDS, WHAT the Christian should be doing at all times should be done now with greater care and devotion, so that the Lenten fast enjoined by the apostles may be fulfilled, not simply by abstinence from food but above all by the renunciation of sin.



THERE IS NO MORE profitable practice as a companion to holy and spiritual fasting than that of almsgiving. This embraces under the single name of mercy many excellent works of devotion, so that the good intentions of all the faithful may be of equal value, even where their means are not.

THE LOVE THAT we owe both God and man is always free from any obstacle that would prevent us from having a good intention. The angels sang: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. The person who shows love and compassion to those in any kind of affliction is blessed, not only with the virtue of good will but also with the gift of peace.

THE WORKS OF mercy are innumerable. Their very variety brings this advantage to those who are true Christians, that in the matter of almsgiving not only the rich and affluent but also those of average means and the poor are able to play their part. Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in the love within their hearts.

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.