



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket



Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 7th March, 2021

SACRED LITURGY

Saturday (*Vigil*), 6pm - Conclusion to the current epidemic

Sunday, 8.30am - "Mass for the Parish"

10.15am - + Fr Peter Lyons (Armidale)

Monday, 10am - + Rev. Brendan Peters (Foundation)

Tuesday, 10am - + Canon Denis McSwiney (Northampton)

Wednesday, 10am - + Bishop Luc Matthys (Armidale)

Thursday, 10am - + Michael Burke (Foundation)

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 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 - Catherine Stammers, Shirley Blood, George Logan, Jane Woolnough, Tim Propp, Canon Giles Goward.

Anniversaries - Ellen O'Sullivan, Lilian Catchpole, Robert Dalby, James Gilligan, William Briordy, Michael Burke, Richard Brooke, William Hutt, Carol Gladwell.

Collections last week -

Vigil Mass - £118

Sunday Masses - £376

Thank you

Second collection THIS week for the Fabric Fund

Gift Aid Declaration Scheme - please see the GADS flier on the paper-table.

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

LENT III

**"Destroy this sanctuary
and in three days
I will raise it up."**



Gift Aid Envelopes for the new financial year are now available for collection. They are in numerical order. If for any reason you no longer require the weekly envelopes, please return them via the *Community Centre* letter box. Similarly, if there any mistakes, please contact Sheila Ashman (01449 613 618).

Deanery Station Mass - Bishop Hopes will be celebrating Mass in Bury St Edmunds on Tuesday 9th March at 6pm. Although restrictions prevent us from attending, it will be live streamed. The Mass will be preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 5pm. All are invited to join us for this time of prayer and Mass by going to www.stedmundkm.org.uk and following the links: 'Live streaming from St Edmunds'.

Stowmarket Foodbank - If you are able to 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. Any cash donations can be put into the Parish *Centre* letter box 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 a virtual soup day was held on Zoom to raise funds. Envelopes for any contributions are on the paper-table in the Narthex. These may be placed in the ordinary Sunday collection, if desired or online at justgiving.com/Fundraising/our-lady-s-parish-stowmarket

from **The Mirror of Charity**, by **St Aelred of Rievaulx**

THE PERFECTION OF brotherly love lies in the love of one's enemies. We can find no greater inspiration for this than grateful remembrance of the wonderful patience of Christ: He submitted that head which strikes terror in principalities and powers to the sharpness of the thorns; and at the end endured the cross, the nails, the lance, the gall, the vinegar.



WHO COULD LISTEN to that wonderful prayer, so full of warmth, of love, of unshakeable serenity —*Father, forgive them* — and hesitate to embrace his enemies with overflowing love? *Father*, He says, *forgive them*. Is any gentleness, any love, lacking in this prayer?

YET HE PUT into it something more. It was not enough to pray for them: He wanted also to make excuses for them. "*Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing*".

IF SOMEONE WISHES to love himself he must not allow himself to be corrupted by indulging his sinful nature. Further, if he wishes to savour the joy of brotherly love with greater perfection and delight, he must extend even to enemies the embrace of true love.

BUT IF HE wishes to prevent this fire of divine love from growing cold because of injuries received, let him keep the eyes of his soul always fixed on the serene patience of his beloved Lord and Saviour.