



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 21st March, 2021



SACRED LITURGY

Saturday (Vigil), 6pm - + Fr Bernard Melville (Armidale)

Sunday, 8.30am - + Peter Hopkins (Millyard)

10.15am - "Mass for the Parish"

Monday, 10am - (Intentions of) Scott (M.-Boot)

Tuesday, 10am - (Intentions of) Mrs Briege Traynor (Frost)

Wednesday, 10am - + Fidelma Kennedy

Thursday, 10am - Episcopal Election

Friday, 10am - + Jean O'Mahoney (Foundation)

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 - Peter Hopkins, Doreen Bowers, Edward & Evelyn Barnes, Patsy Stammers, Shirley Blood, George Logan, Jane Woolnough

Anniversaries - Kathleen Philpott, Patrick Conlon, Wilfrid Sims, Clare Bennett, Dolly Holmes, John Blacklock, Tony Roche, John Ward, May Pallant, Harold Key, Jean O'Mahoney, Ben McLaughlan, Kay Saunders

Collections last week -

Vigil Mass - £313

Sunday Masses - £449

Thank you

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

Gift Aid Envelopes for the new financial year are now available for collection in the Narthex. Any queries, please contact Mrs Sheila Ashman (01449 613 618).

VARIOUS CONTACTS

PPC Chair - Mrs Josephine Lea (01449 721544)

Centre Bookings - Mrs Diane Bowden (01449 672527)

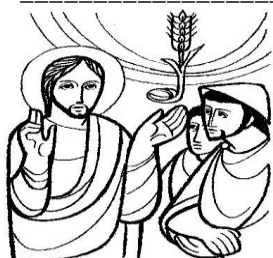
Helping hands Group - Mrs Gillian Millyard (01359 242 475)

Stowmarket & District Foodbank - Contact: Mrs Josephine Lea

Parish Website - ourladystowmarket.org.uk

Items for Newsletter - pp@ourladystowmarket.org.uk

5th SUNDAY
IN LENT



"...falls to the
ground...dies...yields a rich
harvest."

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

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 tins of: *chilli con carne, stewed steak in gravy, chicken curry, corned beef and ham.* Any cash donations can be put into the Parish Centre letter box in an envelope marked "FOOD BANK".

CAFOD - Lenten Appeal 2021 is about water. The **Fast day was February 26th**. Envelopes for any contributions are on the paper-table in the Narthex. These may be placed in the ordinary Sunday collection, if desired.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER CEREMONIES

27th & 28th March - Palm Sunday: Mass times/venues as usual

Tuesday, 30th March, 12pm (Cathedral) - *Chrism Mass*

Holy Thursday, 1st April, 7pm - *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

Good Friday, 2nd April, 3pm - *Liturgy of the Passion*
7pm - *Stations of the Cross*

Holy Saturday, 3rd April, 7pm - *Easter Vigil* (Stowmarket)

Easter Sunday Masses, 4th April, 8.30am & 10.15am

CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER

Saturdays - 10-10.45am (5.30-5.50pm, Woolpit)

Holy Thursday - 10-10.45am, 6-6.30pm

Good Friday - 10-10.45am, 2-2.30pm, 6.20-6.50pm

Holy Saturday - 10-10.45am, 6-6.30pm

Humanity & Passiontide



THE TWO WEEKS between this Sunday and Easter Sunday re-enact the culmination of Christ's self-offering for the salvation of humanity. From earliest times, the final sufferings of Our Lord were conceived as one inseparable whole and referred to as the *Passion*.

LIKEWISE, FROM EARLIEST times, the Faithful have honoured the memory of the Passion with loving devotion. In this regard, a celebrated document of the visit made to Jerusalem by a certain Sylvania, a pilgrim from Galicia, toward the end of the fourth century, relates the deep feelings of the faithful during the celebration of Holy Week in Jerusalem.

SPEAKING OF THE commemoration on Good Friday, she notes that "there is no one, great or small, who does not weep on that day during those three hours, in a way that cannot be imagined, that the Lord should have suffered such things for us." This latter is the key thought during Passiontide.

Ticketing for the Chrism Mass - see the Diocesan website (www.rcdea.org.uk).

Ticketing for Good Friday & Easter Sunday - see the Parish website.

Day of Prayer for the Anniversary of the *First Lockdown* - Tuesday, 23rd March. Church open 9.30am-12.30pm.