



# Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket



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## SACRED LITURGY

Saturday (*Easter Vigil*), 7pm - +Edward Cleary (Foundatio)

Sunday, 8.30am - + Joan & Edgar Butcher (Millyard)

10.15am - "*Mass for the Parish*"

Easter Monday, 10am - + Christine Cannon (Wild)

Easter Tuesday, 10am - + Joan Pyrke (Foundation)

Easter Wednesday, 10am - + Percy Wilce (Foundation)

Easter Thursday, 10am - + Michael Butterworth (Ford)

Easter 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 - Audrey Orrah, Win Cairn, Mark Hanratty, Michael Butterworth, Christopher Bailey, Peter Hopkins, Doreen Bowers, Edward & Evelyn Barnes, Patsy Stammers.

Anniversaries - Joan & Edgar Butcher, Frank Brooke, Leslie Taylor, Pietro Caffasso, John McCartney, Gillian Huffey, David Lewis, Nellie Bugg, Joseph Bahar, Rowan Manthorpe, Rees Llewellyn, Brian Smith, Anne Mullins.

Collections last week -

Vigil Mass - £147

Sunday Masses - £419

Thank you

Second collection NEXT weekend for the Fabric Fund.

## VARIOUS CONTACTS

PPC Chair - Mrs Josephine Lea (01449 721544)

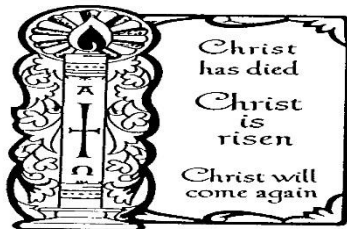
Centre Bookings - Mrs Diane Bowden (01449 672527)

Stowmarket & District Foodbank - Contact: Mrs Josephine Lea

Parish Website - ourladystowmarket.org.uk

Items for Newsletter - pp@ourladystowmarket.org.uk

THANK YOU TO ALL who participated in the *Easter Ceremonies* - especially, readers, servers, musicians, stewards, flower arrangers. A blessed Easter to all.



Red Mission Boxes - Donations may be made, at present, via the options on the *Missio* website: [missio.org.uk](http://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. Please be aware that, throughout 2020, despite the difficulties created by Covid, our Parish's totals were 430kg (948lb) of food and £1,327.50 in cash. Some parishioners have

made individual donations also; and major local business is continuing its support. The Food bank is still under great pressure and this is unlikely to change in the near future; so it is important we continue our support.

CAFOD - Lenten Appeal 2021 is about water. The Fast day was February 26<sup>th</sup>. Envelopes for any contributions are on the paper-table in the Narthex. Contact: Rosemary Muntus.

## Easter Sermon - St Gregory the Great

THIS GREAT SOLEMNITY of the Sunday of the Resurrection gives us a fitting occasion for speaking to you: for it would indeed be un-fitting that the tongue of our body should be silent in the praises that are due this day; that day on which the Body of our Author rose again from the dead.



YOU HAVE HEARD, Beloved, how the holy women who had followed the Lord came to His tomb, bringing with them sweet spices, so that with tender affection they might tend Him in death Whom they had loved in life.

AND THIS TELLS us something which we should observe in the life of our holy Church. And it is important we give attention to what here took place: to see what we must do to imitate them. And we also, who believe in Him Who died, truly come with sweet spices to His tomb, when we come seeking the Lord, bringing with us the sweet odour of virtue, and the credit of good works.

BUT THESE WOMEN who came bringing sweet spices beheld angels. And this signifies that those souls who, because of their holy love, come seeking the Lord, bearing the sweet spices of virtue, shall also see the citizens of heaven.

PARISH 100 CLUB Winners for the final draw of the year are Alf Hannah £50. Comilla Burleigh £20. Joyce Nevison £20. Maureen Favager £10. Winning cheques are in Church.

Renewal letters for the coming year are available from the 100 Club box in the Narthex. Please take yours.

If you wish to join the 100 Club, new membership forms are also available from the same box. Any queries, contact Sheila Ashman (01449 613618)