



# Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

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## SACRED LITURGY

**Saturday (Vigil), 6pm** - (Intentions of) Feroza Wright (Burleigh)

**Sunday, 8.30am** - Fr Colin Spokes, OP  
10.15am - "Mass for the Parish"

**Monday, 10am** - Episcopal Election

**Tuesday, 6.30pm** - Fr Paul Tarpey (Canberra-Goulburn)

**Wednesday, 10am** - (Intentions of) Baby James Carter (Carrott)

**Thursday, 10am** - Fr Hugh Thwaites, SJ

**Friday, 10am** - Msgr Leo White (Brooklyn)

**Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** -  
Thursdays, 9-9.45am (*Currently we are especially praying 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** - Peter Yates, Derek Stillwel, Briega Trainor, Dorothy Midgley, Martin Decker, Richard Leworthy, Tom Morris, HRH The Prince Philip.

**Anniversaries** - Dudley Dalton-Brockwell, Noel McSweeney, John Wynne-Williams, Donald Henry, Michael Kelly, Stephen Glasson, Robert & Margaret Patey, Anne Scrivenor, Michael Donaghy, Stanley Firman, Richard Lloyd, Amanda Arrowsmith.

**Collections last week** -

Vigil £132

Sunday Masses £399

Thank you

## 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

**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 part baked bread and twin pack toilet rolls. Any cash donations can be put into the Parish Centre letterbox in an envelope marked "Foodbank."

**Missions** - The Parish's thanks to Mrs Rae Corrigan for being Contact for the Missions. Regrettably Rae will be relinquishing this post; and we shall be looking for someone to take over. Donations may be made, at present, via the options on the *Missio* website: [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk)

**CAFOD** - Thank you for your generous contributions (£100) to CAFOD's Family Fast Day, during Lent. Contact: R. Muntus

**Christian Aid Week** begins on 10<sup>th</sup> May. There are envelopes in the narthex for the use of those who support *Christian Aid*. These may be placed in the ordinary collection.

## Passion and Compassion - St Bernard



TRULY, O BLESSED Mother, a sword has pierced your heart. For only by passing through your heart could the sword enter the flesh of your Son. Indeed, after your Jesus - who belongs to everyone, but is especially yours - gave up his life, the cruel spear, which was not withheld from his lifeless body, tore open his side.

CLEARLY IT DID not touch his soul and could not harm him, but it did pierce your heart. For surely his soul was no longer there, but yours could not be torn away. Thus the violence of sorrow has cut through your heart, and we rightly call you more than martyr, since the effect of compassion in you has gone beyond the endurance of physical suffering.

WERE THOSE WORDS, "Woman, behold thy Son," not more than a word to you, truly piercing your heart, cutting through to the division between soul and spirit? What an exchange! John is given to you in place of Jesus.... How could these words not pierce your most loving heart, when the mere remembrance of them breaks ours, hearts of iron and stone though they are!

PERHAPS SOMEONE WILL say: "Had she not known before that he would die?" Undoubtedly. "Did she not expect him to rise again at once?" Surely. "And still she grieved over her crucified Son?" Intensely. Who are you and what is the source of your wisdom that you are more surprised at the compassion of Mary than at the passion of Mary's Son?

FOR IF HE could die in body, could she not die with him in spirit? He died in body through a love greater than anyone had known. She died in spirit through a love unlike any other since his.

**Ave atque Vale: Fr Antony Arockiam** - owing to disruption to my proposed travel, I am back on duty here. So, Father will be leaving us; at least for the moment. The Parish's thanks to Fr Antony for his kind - and too short - presence here. We hope to see him again before too long.