



# Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2021



## SACRED LITURGY

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

Sunday, 8.30am - + Joy Rowe (Davey)

10.15am - + Mary Grzedzicki (Grzedzicki)

Monday, 10am - + Canon Giles Goward

Tuesday, 6pm - Bishop's intention

Wednesday, 10am (*Patronal Feast*) - + Fr Gregory Jordan, SJ

Thursday, 10am - Episcopal Election

Friday, 10am - + Fr Frank Lefevre; 1pm - (*at St Mary's Woolpit*) Funeral Rites for Josephine Miller

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Thursdays, 9-10.45am

Confessions - Saturdays, 10-10.45am

Our Sick and Housebound - are remembered in the "Mass for the Parish" each weekend.

Recently Deceased - John Campbell, Josephine Miller, Ann Leworthy, Hilda Bolton.

Anniversaries - Mary Grzedzicki, Joy Rowe, Richard Ough, Margaret Barker, Alicia Berghauser, Daisy Mayhew, Robert Manning, Barbara Phillips, Meve Windham, Kathleen Whilted, Jean Revell, Peter Glessborow.

Collections last week -

Vigil £202

Sunday Masses £409

Thank you

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection NEXT week for *Home Mission*.

## 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 Bulletin - pp@ourladystowmarket.org.uk

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 shampoo, shower gel and packets of savoury rice.. Any cash donations can be put into the Parish Centre letter box in an envelope marked "Food Bank." Your continued support is appreciated.

Missions - If you have a full Red Box at home, please bring it in to the Sacristy. Donations may, also, be made, at present, via the options on the *Missio* website: [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk)

CAFOD - next *Family Fast Day* is 1<sup>st</sup> October. Envelopes may be placed in the Collection or sent direct.

Morning Tea will be available today, once again, following the 8.30 Mass. It will be served upstairs in the Hall.

"Gate of Heaven-Refuge on Earth" - Retreat to be held at *Clare Priory*, Suffolk. Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> October. See Noticeboard for details.

## ST THOMAS AQUINAS - TIPS ON PRAYING BETTER

### 4. HAVE FAITH.



IT IS NOT ENOUGH to know that we are needy. To pray, we also have to ask someone, and not just anyone, but Some One who can and will answer our petition.

CHILDREN WORK THIS OUT, early on in life, when they ask mum instead of dad - or *vice versa* - for permission or a gift. It is with the eyes of faith that we see that God is both powerful and willing to help us when we pray.

ST. THOMAS SAYS that "faith is necessary: That is, we need to believe that we can obtain from God what we seek." It is faith which teaches us "of God's omnipotence and mercy," which are the basis of our hope.

IN THIS, ST. THOMAS reflects the Scriptures themselves. The *Epistle to the Hebrews*, for example, underlines the necessity of faith, saying, "Whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him" (11, 6). It may be helpful to begin your prayer by praying the *Act of Faith*.

The Bishop will be coming to the Parish on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, to install Father as Parish Priest of Stowmarket. He will also bless the refurbished Sanctuary. Holy Mass will commence at 6pm; and refreshments will follow in the Hall upstairs.

First Holy Communion - Parents, who would like their children to prepare for First Communion in 2022: Please see Father at Sunday Mass for an Enrolment Form.