



# Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2021



## SACRED LITURGY

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

**Sunday, 8.30am - + Bridget & Patrick Joseph Conlon (Fndn)  
10.15am - + Fr Anthony Fagan (Ford)**

**Monday, 10am - NO MASS**

**Tuesday, 10am - NO MASS**

**Wednesday, 10am - Gianna Borzoni - intentions (Davey)**

**Thursday, 10am - Holy Souls**

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**FEASTS DURING THE WEEK - MONDAY: *St Nicholas*; TUESDAY: *St Ambrose*; WEDNESDAY: *Immaculate Conception of Our Lady*; THURSDAY: *St Juan Diego*; FRIDAY: *Blessed Martyrs of East Anglia*.**

**Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament -  
Thursdays, 9 - 9.45am**

**Confessions - Saturdays, 10 - 10.45am**

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

**Recently Deceased - Fr Anthony Fagan, Tim Granville, Julia McIntee.**

**Anniversaries - Bridget & Patrick Conlon, Joseph Flinter, Gertrude Key, Mary McGinley, Roy Hayward, Dermot O'Connell, Michael Howard, Margaret Balfour, Edward Hammond, Ellen Hatton, Sean Mills.**

**Collections last week -**

Vigil £143

Sunday Masses £473

Thank you

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection NEXT week for "Dependant Priests"

## VARIOUS CONTACTS

**PPC Chair - Mrs Josephine Lea (01449 721544)**

**Centre Bookings - Mrs Diane Bowden (01449 672527)**

**Stowmarket & District Foodbank - Mrs Josephine Lea**

**Missions - Mrs Annie Bowen-Wright**

**CAFOD - Mrs Rosemary Muntus**

**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. Any cash donations can be put into the *Catholic Centre* letter box in an envelope marked "*Food Bank*." Your continued support is appreciated. If you would like to make a regular contribution this may be done by means of setting up a Standing Order. Taxpayers can gift-aid their contributions. Forms are available from Mrs J. Lea.

**CAFOD -** *World Gifts* brochures are available for Christmas shopping. *Family fast* Donations can be sent via [justgiving.com/fundraising/our-lady-s-parish-stowmarket](http://justgiving.com/fundraising/our-lady-s-parish-stowmarket)

**COFFEE & CHAT -** 2-4pm, Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, in the Hall.

**POP UP ADVENT FUN SESSION -** Calling everyone between the ages of 6 & 12, for an evening of stories, music, painting, sticking, modelling and more. Parish Centre, Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 4.30-6.30pm. Cost? Free. *Contact:* Mary Robinson, 07510141911.

**SYNODAL PATH -** If you have not yet had a questionnaire, these are available in the Narthex. There is an open meeting, with wine and cheese, for you to comment on the *Ten Questions*, at 7pm, on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, in the Hall.

**MISSIONS -** Mission calendars are available in the Narthex.



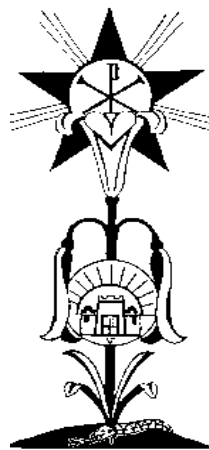
## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, 2022**

**Children's Session 5 -** 9.20-10.10am, 5<sup>th</sup> December, *Catholic Centre*.

**Catechists are needed -** for the Parish's catechetical programmes. If you would like to assist in the Parish's apostolate of handing on the Faith, please contact Father.

**Pastoral Council -** meets, at 7.15pm, Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, in the Hall.

## **FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, 8<sup>th</sup> December**



FROM ALL ETERNITY, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit chose Mary to be the Mother of the Word Incarnate. It was unthinkable that she be defiled by sin, in any way, or for the least second of time.

THEREFORE, IN THE instant of creating Mary's person, the Blessed Trinity made her immaculate - literally stainless. This grace, like every other grace granted since the fall of Adam, was given her through the merits of Christ. Mary was truly saved, redeemed; not from an evil present, but from an evil threatened.

LET US REJOICE with Our Lady in the words the Church puts on our lips in the Introit of the Mass of this feast, every 8<sup>th</sup> of December -

*"I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for He has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bride adorned with her jewels."*

## **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**Christmas Eve -** 7pm, Stowmarket, 9pm, Woolpit

**Christmas Day -** 8.30am & 10.15am, Stowmarket