



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 19th December, 2021



SACRED LITURGY

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

Sunday, 8.30am - + Msgr Leo White

10.15am - + Fr Frank Perry, msc

Monday, 10am - + Canon Denis McSwinniey

Tuesday, 10am - + Fr Stephen Durkin

Wednesday, 10am - + Fr Hugh Dowdell

Thursday, 10am - ++ Fr Tim Cahill

Friday, (Christmas Eve), (both preceded by carols 30mins before):

7pm, Stow. - "Mass for the Parish"

9pm, W^{pit} - + Fr Gerard Beeson

Saturday, (Christmas Day), 8.30am, Stow. - R. & A. Leworthy

10.15am, Stow. - + Fr Dennis Allen

FEASTS & FERIAS DURING THE WEEK - MONDAY: *O Clavis David*; TUESDAY: *O Oriens, Sr Peter Canisius*; WEDNESDAY: *O Rex Gentium*; THURSDAY: *O Emmanuel, St John Cantius*.

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 - Noel Capulong, Fr Anthony Fagan, Tim Granville, Julia McIntee.

Anniversaries - Alice Clark, Alfred Heath, Martin Ryan, Cecil Rednell, Desmond McSweeney, Gordon Paton, Antonia Freeman, Pamela Gunton, Janet Duggan, William Phoenix.

Collections last week -

Vigil £175

Sunday Masses £486

Dependant Priests (12th Dec.) £143.26

Thank you

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. The Food Bank is always grateful for any contributions. But, at this time, they are looking for seasonal items for the Christmas hampers, such as Christmas puddings, mince pies, chocolate logs and selection boxes, &c. Any cash donations can be put into the *Catholic Centre* letter box in an envelope marked "Food Bank." Your continued support is appreciated.

CAFOD - *World Gifts* brochures are available on the Paper-table for Christmas shopping.

SYNODAL PATH - If you have not yet had a questionnaire, these are available in the Narthex. Even if you answer one part of one of the questions and put it in the box, it will be a help. Bishop Hopes has encouraged us by saying that every answer is of value. **Please have all responses in by 7th January.**

MISSIONS - Mission calendars are available in the Narthex.

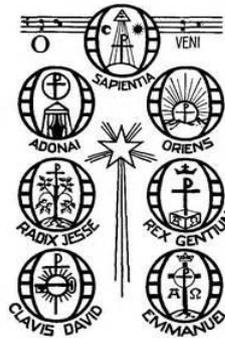


FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, 2022

Children's Session 7- 9.20-10.10am, 19th 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.

Pope St Leo the Great - On the Incarnation



TO UNDO THE chain of sin and death, the Almighty Son of God, that fills all things and contains all things, altogether equal to the Father and co-eternal in one essence from Him and with Him, took on Him man's nature, and the Creator and Lord of all things deigned to be a mortal: choosing for His mother one whom He had made, one who, without loss of her maiden honour, supplied so

much of bodily substance, that without the pollution of human seed the New Man might be possessed of purity and truth.

IN CHRIST, THEREFORE, born of the Virgin's womb, the nature does not differ from ours, because His nativity is wonderful. For He Who is true God, is also true man: and there is no lie in either nature. The Word became flesh by exaltation of the flesh, not by failure of the Godhead: which so tempered its power and goodness as to exalt our nature by taking it, and not to lose His own by imparting it.

AND EACH ONE is a partaker of this spiritual origin in regeneration; and to every one when he is re-born, the water of baptism is like the Virgin's womb; for the same Holy Spirit fills the font, Who filled the Virgin, that the sin, which that sacred conception overthrew, may be taken away by this mystical washing.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Christmas Eve - 6-6.45pm; 8.30- 8.55pm

Christmas Day - 9.30-10am

Seminarian Dr Anthony Reilly returns to us for Christmas holidays this weekend. Please make him welcome.

Diocesan Yearbook & Calendar - is available in the Narthex at £2/copy.