



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket



Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 22nd May, 2022

SACRED LITURGY

Saturday (*Vigil*), 6pm - + Michael Burleigh

Sunday, 8.30am - + Sean Conway

10.15am - "*Mass for the Parish*"

Monday, 10am - + Fr Sam Leeder

Tuesday, 10am - + *Requiem Mass* for Archina Turner

Wednesday, 10am - + Fr Frank Lefevre

ASCENSION Thursday, 10am - Shola Ige - in thanksgiving (Davey)
7pm - "*Mass for the Parish*"

Friday, 10am - + John Gerald Leworthy

FEASTS DURING THE WEEK - Tuesday: *Our Lady, Help of Christians*; Wednesday: *St Bede*; Thursday: *Ascension of Our Lord*; Friday: *St Augustine of Canterbury*.

Simple Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Thurs. 9-9.45

Confessions - Saturdays, 10 - 10.45am

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

Recently Deceased - Sean Conway, Msgr Michel Schooyans, Archina Turner, Madge Senior, Graham Evans.

Anniversaries - Stanley Firman, Richard Lloyd, Amanda Arrowsmith, Edward Pascavage, Sarah Robinson, Teresa Bauer, Frank Tyson, Joan Pyrke, John Hay, Gerard Darlow, Iris Mapson, John Gerald Leworthy, Margarete Clayton, Louise Whiting, Marianne Shaw, Evans Preston, Fr Brendan Peters, Georgina Rogers.

Collections last week -

Vigil £233

Sunday £530

Priests' Training Fund £129.85

Thank you

2nd Collection NEXT weekend for Catholic Communications.

VARIOUS CONTACTS

Parish Website - www.ourladystowmarket.org.uk

Items for Bulletin - pp@ourladystowmarket.org.uk

PPC Chair - Mrs Josephine Lea (01449 721544)

Centre Bookings - Mrs Diane Bowden (01449 672527)

Missions - Mrs Annie Bowen-Wright

Stowmarket & District Foodbank - Mrs Josephine Lea

CAFOD - Mrs Pat Keating

FOOD BANK UPDATE - If you are able to donate any goods, they can be left either in the Narthex or in the Centre. Any cash donations may be put into the Centre letter box marked FOOD BANK. This week's urgent needs are tinned or packet custard, tinned meats & toilet rolls.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, 2022

❖ Children's Session, 21, 9.20-10.10am, Sunday, 22nd May, in the Centre.

❖ Children's Session 22, 9.20-10.10am, Sunday, 12th June, in the Centre.

BELLS REACTIVATION PROJECT - the bell foundry has advised that the first stage of the works will commence on 11th July. This first stage is concerned with bringing our bell tower up to current *Health and Safety* standards.



Passion and Compassion - St Bernard (I)

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 your 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!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee after 10.15 Mass today, in the Centre.

CAFOD meeting, 7pm, Monday, 23rd May, in the Centre.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham - Tuesday, 31st May. See notice board for details.

Vintage Afternoon Tea - in the Hall, Thurs., June 16th. Please sign up for this on the clipboard in the Narthex.

Please check your post-box regularly for communications

The Plant & Cake sale, after last week's Masses, raised £163 for CAFOD (Ukraine). Many thanks to all who participated.

100 Club - Renewal letter for existing members, and forms for any new members are in the box in the Narthex. Contact: Pat Smith/Sheila Ashman.