



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 14th May, 2023



SACRED LITURGY

Saturday, (*Vigil*), 6pm - *Mass for the Parish*
 Sunday, 8.30am - + Sr Clare Lockhart (Favager)
 10.15am-(*Ints of*) Allan Scott (CAFOD Group)
 Monday, 10am - + Fr Tom Crowley
 Tuesday, 10am - + Anthony & Colleen de Souza (Fndn)
 (*Vigil of Ascension*) Wednesday, 7pm - *Mass for the Parish*
 (*Asc'n*) Thursday, 10am - (*Ints of*) Alfie Carpenter (Keating)
 Friday, 2.30pm - *Requiem* for Joe Cattini (*Bury St Eds*)

FEASTS DURING THE WEEK - Sunday: *St Matthias*;
 Wednesday: *Vigil of the Ascension*; Thursday: *Ascension of the Lord*; Friday: *St Dunstan*.

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

Confessions - Saturdays:
 10 - 10.45am, Stowmarket; 5.30 - 5.50pm, Woolpit

OUR SICK/HOUSEBOUND - especially: Toni Grzedzicki, Terri Thornton, Veronica Hughes, Marjorie Shorter, Geoffrey Johannes, Nuala Rickards, Allan Scott - are remembered in the "*Mass for the Parish*" each weekend. Please do pray for them.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Brian Stebbings, Romano Morosoli, Dorothy Courtnell, Joe Cattini, Finuala Symonds.

ANNIVERSARIES -Martin Faupel, Mark Kramer, Andrew Wilted, Alice Collins, Bernadette Kelly, Mary Richardson, Dudley Dalton-Brockwell, Noel McSweeney, John Wynne-Williams, Donald Henry, Michael Kelly, Stephen Glasson, Robert & Margaret Patey, Anne Scrivener.

Collections last week -
 Vigil £207
 Sunday £516

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
 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 can donate any goods, they can be left either in the Narthex or in the *Catholic Centre*. Any cash donations can be put into the *Centre* letter box in an envelope marked "FOOD BANK". Please be as generous as you can during these times.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee & Chat - 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 2-4pm, in the Hall.

Clare Priory - Pilgrimage in honour of *Our Mother of Good Counsel*, 14th May, 2023. Details on notice boards.

Parish AGM - Thursday, 18th May, 7pm, in the Hall.

Children's Pilgrimage to Waslingham - Tuesday, 30th May. See notice board/fliers for details.

"*Being the man God has called you to be*" - Men's Day of Recollection in Waslingham, on Saturday, June 10th. See notice board for details.

Coffee today - in the *Centre*, after 8.30 Mass. As usual there is no charge, but any donations will go to St John's in Siem Reap, our twin parish in Cambodia.

Coffee today - in the *Centre* after 10.15 Mass.

The Feast of Our Lord's Ascension is a Holy Day of Obligation. Two Masses are provided: The *Vigil Mass* on Wednesday, at 7pm, and *Mass on the Day*, at 10am.

POPE ST LEO THE GREAT - ON THE ASCENSION

After the Passion, when the chains of death were broken, which had exposed its own strength by attacking Him, Who was ignorant of sin, weakness was turned into power, mortality into eternity, contumely into glory, which the Lord Jesus Christ showed by many clear proofs in the sight of many, until He carried even into heaven the triumphant victory which He had won over the dead.



As therefore at the Easter commemoration, the Lord's Resurrection was the cause of our rejoicing; so the subject of our present gladness is His Ascension, as we commemorate and duly venerate that day on which the Nature of our humility in Christ was raised above all the host of heaven, over all the ranks of angels, beyond the height of all powers, to sit with the Father.

On which Providential order of events we are founded and built up, that God's Grace might become more wondrous, when, notwithstanding the removal from men's sight of what was rightly felt to command their awe, faith did not fail, hope did not waver, love did not grow cold. For it is the strength of great minds and the light of firmly-faithful souls, unhesitatingly to believe what is not seen with the bodily sight, and there to fix one's affections whither you cannot direct your gaze.