



# Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2023



## SACRED LITURGY

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

Sunday, 8.30am - (*Ints of*) Fr Henry Whisenant

10.15am - + Christopher Williams (Baldry)

Monday, 10am - NO MASS

Tuesday, 10am - NO MASS

Wednesday, 10am - + Gianna Borzoni - *1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.* (Stoten)

Thursday, 10am - + Richard Leworthy

Friday, 10am - NO MASS

FEASTS DURING THE WEEK - Monday: *St Thomas*; Tuesday: *St Elizabeth of Portugal*; Wednesday: *St Anthony Mary Zaccharia*; Thursday: *St Maria Goretti*.

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 - Tom O'Hagan, Peter Warrington, Salvador Modke.

ANNIVERSARIES - Edmund Unsworth, Jim Woollan, Philomena Pike, Leonard Howlett, Caroline Hutt, Kathleen Mullins, Marian Forde, Dorothy Scrutton.

Collections last week -

Vigil (*Woolpit*) £216

Sunday £531

*Day for Life* (18<sup>th</sup> June) £253

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection THIS weekend for *Peter's Pence*

Thank you

## VARIOUS CONTACTS

Parish Website - [www.ourladystowmarket.org.uk](http://www.ourladystowmarket.org.uk)

Items for Bulletin - [pp@ourladystowmarket.org.uk](mailto: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.

Safeguarding - M.Whiting (01449 613681) and P.McIntee (07860511487)

If you would like to join the **Parish 100 Club**, there are registration forms on the table in the Narthex. Please see Pat Smith/Sheila Ashman for more information.

**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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month, 2-4pm, in the Hall.

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Parish Social lunch, with a special invitation to welcome all newcomers to the Parish - following morning coffee today.

Donations to *Tools with a Mission* - see notice board and CAFOD fliers.

Coffee today - in the *Hall* after 10.15 Mass

Catholic Listening & Prayer Ministry - confidential support for over 18s. See notice board and cards in the *Narthex*.

## THE ORIGIN AND USE TODAY OF "PETER'S PENCE"



PETER-PENCE (Latin: *Denarii Sancti Petri*) otherwise called in the Saxon *Romefeoh* (the fee due to Rome), was originally a tribute - or rather an alms - given by Ina, King of the West Saxons, on his pilgrimage to Rome in 725.

A SIMILAR COLLECTION was also raised by Offa, King of the Mercians, throughout his dominions, in 794.

However, it was said to be not a tribute to the pope, but to be intended for the upkeep of the English School or College at Rome. It was called Peter-pence because a penny from every house was collected on 1<sup>st</sup> August, the feast day of *St. Peter ad Vincula*.

IN THE FIRST year of his Pontificate, Pope Benedict XVI stressed the proper meaning of this offering: "*Peter's Pence*' is the most characteristic expression of the participation of all the faithful in the Bishop of Rome's charitable initiatives in favour of the universal Church. The gesture has not only a practical value, but also a strong symbolic one, as a sign of communion with the Pope and attention to the needs of one's brethren; and, therefore, your service possesses a refined ecclesial character". ("Address to the Members of the St Peter Circle," 25 February 2006).

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