



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 1st October, 2023



SACRED LITURGY

Saturday, (*Vigil, Woolpit*), 6pm - + Fr Sam Leeder

Sunday, 8.30am - *Mass for the Parish*

10.15am - +Clare Mash (*40th Anniv*) (Grzedzicki)

Monday, 10am - NO MASS

Tuesday, 10am - NO MASS

Wednesday, 10am - + Fr Frank Lefevre

Thursday, 10am - + Fr Harry Leis

Friday, 10am - + Fr Peter Lyons

FEASTS DURING THE WEEK - **Sunday:** *St Therese of the Child Jesus*; **Monday:** *Holy Guardian Angels*; **Wednesday:** *St Francis of Assisi*; **Friday:** *St Bruno*.

Simple Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Thur., 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 - are remembered in the "*Mass for the Parish*" each weekend. Please do pray for them.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Simon Keating.

ANNIVERSARIES - Clare Mash, Anna Cole, Colin Woodford, Patrick Watt, Mary Carter, Omilan Truchon, Helen McSweeney, Bridget Hipperson, Blaise Vardon Tyson, Clare Kemp, Jack Hennessey, Margaret Balfie.

Collections last week -

Vigil (*Woolpit*) £263

Sunday £499

Home Mission (23rd/24th September) £159

Thank you

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.

Safeguarding - Maria Whiting (01449 613681) and Paul McIntee (07860511487)

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.*

CAFOD Family Fast Day is Friday, 6th October. Envelopes may be placed on the collection plate or forwarded direct to CAFOD.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, 2024 - please see Father for an enrolment form.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee & Chat - 2nd & 4th Thursdays, in the Hall.

MASS FOR THE SICK, HOUSEBOUND & ELDERLY - 2pm, Monday, 23rd October. Invitations have been sent out to this special Mass, although everyone is welcome. Tea will be served after Mass and we look forward to being able to catching up with friends, old and new. Please let me know if you wish to join us. Offers to provide transport; cakes for the afternoon tea and helping set up would be gratefully received. Please contact Gillian = 01359 242475

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

THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON SUNDAYS Manuel Garrido, O.S.B.

THE MORAL OBLIGATION to participate in the eucharistic Sacrifice on Sundays dates from the very beginning of Christianity, although it did not become a definite law of the Church until the fourth century.

THE MATTER CAN be studied from the vertical point of view, in that there exists the obligation to worship God, and also from the horizontal viewpoint, which involves all the anthropological aspects of every shade and hue.

THE OBLIGATION TO attend Sunday Mass exists. It is a commandment of the Church which binds under the penalty of grave sin. It exists for a specific reason and should be known and loved, so that the soul feels a need to fulfill it. The fact that it is a law helps to create a religious consciousness of this need, which, in turn, makes it easier to fulfill the obligation.

ALTHOUGH THEY REFER to another subject, the following words of St Josemaria Escriva sum this up admirably: "*In direct opposition to the faith we find a mistaken interpretation of freedom, a freedom with no end in sight, with no objective standards, without law, without responsibility; in a word licentiousness. This unfortunately, is what some people propose, and it is nothing but an excuse to attack the faith.*" ("Friends of God", 32)

LIKE ANY OTHER society, the Church has her own laws, which should be followed in the light of her proper aims, especially when it is a matter with some bearing on the Third Commandment. In order to appreciate a law and fulfill it conscientiously and enthusiastically, it is first necessary to know it properly.