



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket



Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 24th September, 2023

SACRED LITURGY

Saturday, (*Vigil, Woolpit*), 6pm - *Mass for the Parish*
 Sunday, 8.30am - + Canon Giles Goward
 10.15am - (*Ints of*) Lucy Munson (Munson)
 Monday, 10am - + Fr Brendan Hoban, SSC
 Tuesday, 10am - + Fr Gregory Jordan, SJ
 Wednesday, 10am - + Simon Keating (Keating)
 Thursday, 10am - + Bishop Henry Kennedy
 Friday, 10am - + Ann Leworthy

FEASTS DURING THE WEEK - Sunday: *Our Lady of Walsingham*; Tuesday: *Ss Cosmas & Damian*; Wednesday: *St Vincent de Paul*; Thursday: *St Wenceslaus*; Friday: *Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels*.

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 - are remembered in the "*Mass for the Parish*" each weekend. Please do pray for them.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Simon Keating.

ANNIVERSARIES - John Finn, Kathleen Babington, Alexander MacEachen, Joan Ward, Henryk Ciselik, Joyce Phoenix, Thomas O'Kane, Kathleen Fitzsimmons, May Phoenix, Anthony Nevison, Raymond Seddon.

Collections last week -
 Vigil (*Woolpit*) £215
 Sunday £575

Thank you

2nd collection **THIS** weekend for the *Home Mission*

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.*

. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee & Chat - 2nd & 4th Thursdays, in the Hall.
PPC Meeting - Tuesday, 26th September, at 7.30pm.

Coffee today - in the *Catholic Centre* after 8.30 & 10.15 Mass

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

Our Lady of Walsingham Patroness of the Diocese

THE SHRINE OF Our Lady at Walsingham was established around 1061 when, according to the text of the Pynson Ballad (c. 1485), Richeldis de Faverches prayed that she might undertake some special work in honour of Our Lady.

"OUR LADY LED Richeldis in spirit to Nazareth and showed her the house where the angel had greeted her. "Look, daughter" said Our Lady. "Take the measurements of this house and erect another one like it in Walsingham, dedicated to 'calling me blessed.' All who come there shall find help in their need.



"IT SHALL BE a perpetual memorial to the great joy of the Annunciation, ground and origin of all my joys and the root of humanity's gracious Redemption. This came about through Gabriel's message that I would be a mother through my humility, and conceive God's Son in virginity." (Pynson Ballad 1485)

THIS HOLY HOUSE was built and a religious community took charge of the foundation. Although we have very little historical material from this period, we know that with papal approval the Augustinian Canons built a Priory (c. 1150). Walsingham became one of the greatest Shrines in Mediaeval Christendom.

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