



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 15th October, 2023



SACRED LITURGY

Saturday, (*Vigil, Woolpit*), 6pm - + Fr Jordan Perry, OP

Sunday, 8.30am - + Doris Colleen Haytor (Keating)

10.15am - *Mass for the Parish*

Monday, 10am - + Msgr Wayne Peters

Tuesday, 10am - + Fr Steven Reeves

Wednesday, 10am - + Cardinal Uppilio Rossi

Thursday, 10am - + Msgr Frank Ryan

Friday, 10am - + Fr Dick Shanahan

FEASTS DURING THE WEEK - Monday: *St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary Alacoque*; Tuesday: *St Ignatius of Antioch*; Wednesday: *St Luke*; Thursday: *Ss John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions, St Paul of the Cross*.

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 -Doris Haytor, John Bidwell, Simon Keating.

ANNIVERSARIES - Lidia Monai, Kate Andrews, Rosalia Wiggins, Alec Tobin, Julia McIntee, Barry Griffin.

Collections last week -

Vigil (*Woolpit*) £219

Sunday £568

Thank you

2nd Collection NEXT weekend for *Missio*

September Draw for 100 Club: Alan Hall - £40, Marisa Davey - £27, Sylvianne Stafford - £20. Cost for joining for the remainder of the year is £12 (Contact Sheila /Pat)

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".

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

Missions-Please bring in your red boxes as soon as possible.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

MASS FOR THE SICK, HOUSEBOUND & ELDERLY - 2pm, Monday, 23rd October. Everyone is welcome. Tea will be served after Mass. Please let Gillian (01359 242475) know if you wish to come. Offers to provide transport; cakes for the afternoon tea and helping set up would be gratefully received.

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

THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON SUNDAYS

Manuel Garrido, O.S.B.



NOWADAYS FACILITIES ABOUND for us to fulfill the obligation of attending Mass on Sunday thereby enriching our spiritual life. In the case of the early Christians, both for those of Jewish and pagan origin, it entailed great sacrifices for them to attend the eucharistic celebration,

sometimes even the sacrifice of life itself. Thus, the deep-rooted meaning such an obligation had in their lives is very clear.

PLINY THE YOUNGER, the governor of Bithynia, in a letter addressed to the Emperor Trajan in the year 112 mentions that the arrested Christians "declared that the very fault they were accused of was gathering together" on a fixed day to sing a hymn to Christ who is God ("Epist". 10, 96). About 200 years later 31 men and 18 women were arrested in the same city and brought before the proconsul Anulinus in Carthage on the 12th of February in the year 304. According to the "Acts" of their martyrdom, they maintained the following very impressive dialogue with the Roman proconsul:

—IS IT TRUE that in your house you celebrated the meeting in spite of the edict of the Emperor?
—Yes, in my house we celebrated the Day of the Lord.
—Why did you allow so many people to participate?
—Because they are my brothers and sisters and I couldn't refuse them. —You should have refused them.
—No, I couldn't have done that, because we had to celebrate the liturgy of the Day of the Lord.

THESE MARTYRS OF Bithynia have sometimes been referred to as "*the martyrs of the Sunday celebration*," and not without reason.

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

PPC Nomination Forms - are in the Narthex. Please place completed forms in the box provided.