



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket



Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 5th November, 2023

SACRED LITURGY

Saturday, (*Vigil, Woolpit*), 6pm - + Holy Souls (Grant)

Sunday, 8.30am - *Mass for the Parish*

10.15am - + Mary Jose, *anniversary* (Denni)

Monday, 10am - NO MASS

Tuesday, 10am - NO MASS

Wednesday, 10am - Sr Josie J. Alous, *birthday ints* {Lucy}

Thursday, 10am - + Holy Souls (Wright)

Friday, 10am - + James McWade (*Anniv.*)

FEASTS & FERIAS DURING THE WEEK - Tuesday: *St Willibrord*; Thursday: *Dedication of St John Lateran*; Friday: *St Leo the Great*.

Confessions - Saturdays:

10 - 10.45am, Stowmarket; 5.30 - 5.50pm, Woolpit

OUR SICK/HOUSEBOUND - *especially*: Catherine Hayward, 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 - Alan Shone, Doris Haytor.

ANNIVERSARIES - Arthur Cave, Dorothy Page, Ena Conroy, Stefan Palmer, Edwin Taylor, George King, Thomas Chapman, Ivy Bell, Kosta Zarcos, Joan Cant, Jane3k Wankowski.

Collections last week -

Vigil (*Woolpit*) £222

Sunday £720

Thank you

2nd Collection NEXT weekend for the *Fabric Fund*

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.*

Please check your post-box regularly for communications.

November Mass envelopes are available in the Narthex.

Thanks to the Coffee & Chat Group for their generosity in purchasing a Missal stand for the Woolpit Mass.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Parish Working Party - THIS Sunday afternoon, starting after 10.15 Mass, to help with some general maintenance work around the church, (painting, carpentry, cleaning and tidying).

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

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



First Holy Communion, 2024

❖ This Sunday, just prior to 10.15 Mass, Missals will be blessed for those preparing for their First Communion. Before the Offertory, families will enrol their children in the programme. *Please repeat with them the words of their prayer of commitment:*

"OUR LORD, we thank You* for the gift of Holy Communion.* HELP ME prepare well to receive You* at Your Holy Table. Amen."

Mobile 'phones - please remember to turn off mobile 'phones upon entering the church.

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

St Bernard - from a Homily on All Saints

CALLING THE SAINTS to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, so desirable in itself. We long to share in the citizenship of heaven, to dwell with the spirits of the Blessed, to join the assembly of Patriarchs, the ranks of the Prophets, the council of Apostles, the great host of Martyrs, the noble company of Confessors and the choir of Virgins.

IN SHORT, we long to be united in happiness with all the Saints. But our dispositions change. The Church of all the first followers of Christ awaits us, but we do nothing about it. The Saints want us to be with them, and we are indifferent. The souls of the just await us, and we ignore them.

COME, BRETHREN, let us at length spur ourselves on. We must rise again with Christ. We must seek the world which is above, and set our mind on the things of heaven.

