



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 10th December, 2023



SACRED LITURGY

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

Sunday, 8.30am - + Frank Lea, 1st *Anniv.* (Lea)

10.15am - "In Thanksgiving" (Grzedzicki)

Monday, 10am - "Special Intention" (Keating)

Tuesday, 6.30pm - + Kevin Keating, 1st *Anniv.* (Keating)

Wednesday, 10am - + Holy Souls (Peregrotti)

Thursday, 10am - + Holy Souls (Fordham)

Friday, 10am - + Holy Souls (Marcellus-Boot)

FEASTS DURING THE WEEK - Monday: *St Damasus I*;

Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe; Wednesday: *St Lucy*;

Thursday: *St John of the Cross*.

Confessions - Saturdays

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

Holy Rosary - Sunday, 8.10am, in the *Lady Chapel*

OUR SICK/HOUSEBOUND - especially: Catherine Hayward, 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 - Pat McSweeney.

ANNIVERSARIES - Michael Howard, Margaret Balfour, Edmund Hammon, Ellen Hatton, Sean Mills, Mary Brooke, Mary McNicholas, Ivy Castell, Esther Duffy, Kevin Keating, Theresa Fitzgibbon, Margaret-Mary Garrard, Margaret Cimes, Emma Farrow, Graham Dewey, Eva Bersanetti, James Cutting.

Collections last week -

Vigil (*Woolpit*) £161

Sunday £743

Thank you

2nd Collection NEXT weekend for *Dependent Priests 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 check your post-box regularly for communications.

CAFOD - £148 was raised at the recent Soup Day. Thanks to those who supported this initiative.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Parish Pastoral Council - meets Tuesday, 12th Dec; at 7.15pm, in the Hall.

Combined Churches Choir - Christmas Charity Event: A new musical entitled "*Christmas Changes Everything*." 7pm, Saturday, 16th Dec., in the Anglican church in Stowmarket. Free admission with a retiring collection for *East Anglian Children's Hospices* - a charity worthy of support.

Coffee today - in the *Catholic Centre* after 8.30 Mass: donations go to our twinned parish in Siem Reap. Coffee also after 10.15 Mass, as usual.

CHRISTMAS MASSES & CONFESSIONS

Christmas Eve (*Sunday, 24th December*)

7pm - Stowmarket

9pm - Woolpit

Christmas Day (*Monday, 25th December*)

8.30am - Stowmarket

10.15am - Stowmarket

Confessions for Christmas - *Saturdays*, 10-10.45am; 5.30-5.50pm (*Woolpit*). *Christmas Eve*, 6.15-6.45pm; 8.30-8.50pm (*Woolpit*). *Christmas Day*, 9.30-10am.

Pope St Leo the Great - On the Incarnation



LET THE RIGHTEOUS then rejoice in the Lord, and let the hearts of believers turn to God's praise, and the sons of men confess His wondrous acts; since in this work of God especially our humble estate realises how highly its Maker values it: in that, after His great gift to mankind in making us after His image, He contributed far more

largely to our restoration when the Lord Himself took on Him the form of a slave.

FOR THOUGH ALL that the Creator expends upon His creature is part of one and the same Fatherly love, yet it is less wonderful than man should advance to divine things than that God should descend to humanity. But unless the Almighty God did deign to do this, no kind of righteousness, no form of wisdom could rescue any one from the devil's bondage and from the depths of eternal death.

FOR THE CONDEMNATION that passes with sin from one upon all would remain; and our nature, corroded by its deadly wound, would discover no remedy, because it could not alter its state in its own strength.

Walk With Me booklets for Advent - are available in the Narthex.