



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 17th December, 2023



SACRED LITURGY

Saturday, (*Vigil, Woolpit*), 6pm - + Msgr Leo White

Sunday, 8.30am - + Josephine Holles (Carrott)

10.15am - *Mass for the Parish*

Monday, 10am - + Fr Dennis Allen

Tuesday, 10am - + Fr Gerard Beeson

Wednesday, 10am - + Fr Stephen Brennan

Thursday, 10am - "Private Intention" (Smith)

Friday, 10am - + Fr Timothy Cahill

FEASTS & FERIAS DURING THE WEEK - Sunday: *O Sapientia*; **Monday:** *O Adonai*; **Tuesday:** *O Radix Jesse*; **Wednesday:** *O Clavis David*; **Thursday:** *O Oriens, St Peter Canisius*; **Friday:** *O Rex Gentium*.

Confessions - Saturdays

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

Holy Rosary - Sunday, 8.10am

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 - Josephine Holles, Pat McSweeney.

ANNIVERSARIES - Gerald Caine, Enda Roper, William Conolly, Arthur Tree, Cicely Glason, Alice Clark, Alfred Heath, Cecil Rednall, Desmond McSweeney, Gordon Paton, Antonia Freeman, Pamela Gunton, Janet Duggan, William Phoenix, Claire Carrott.

Collections last week -

Vigil (*Woolpit*) £188

Sunday £625

Thank you

2nd Collection THIS 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.

Missions - the *Red Boxes* netted £516.26 this year. Thanks for your generosity to Catholic Mission.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee & Chat - next meeting is Thursday, 25th January.

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES & CONFESSIONS

Mass on Christmas Eve (Sunday, 24th December)

7pm - Stowmarket (*preceded by carols from 6.30pm*)

9pm - Woolpit (*preceded by carols from 8.30pm*)

Mass on Christmas Day (Monday, 25th December)

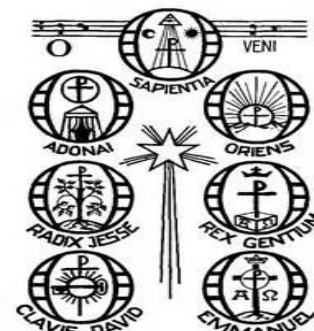
8.30am - Stowmarket

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"

TO UNDO THE chain of sin and death, the Almighty Son of God, that fills all things and contains all things, al-together equal to the Father and co-eternal in one essence from Him and with Him, took on Him man's nature, and the Creator and Lord of all things deigned to be a mortal: choosing for His mother one whom He had made, one who, without loss of her maiden honour, supplied so much of bodily substance, that without the pollution of human seed the New Man might be possessed of purity and truth.



IN CHRIST, THEREFORE, born of the Virgin's womb, the nature does not differ from ours, because His nativity is wonderful. For He Who is true God, is also true man: and there is no lie in either nature. The Word became flesh by exaltation of the flesh, not by failure of the Godhead: which so tempered its power and goodness as to exalt our nature by taking it, and not to lose His own by imparting it.

AND EACH ONE is a partaker of this spiritual origin in regeneration; and to every one when he is re-born, the water of baptism is like the Virgin's womb; for the same Holy Spirit fills the font, Who filled the Virgin, that the sin, which that sacred conception overthrew, may be taken away by this mystical washing.

Used Stamps - are recycled by St Elizabeth's Hospice to generate funds. December is obviously a very good month for their collection. Please cut or tear the stamps from the envelope and leave them in the tub in the Narthex. (*Contact: Sheila Ashman*)

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