



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket



Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 31st December, 2023

SACRED LITURGY

Saturday, (*Vigil, Woolpit*), 6pm - + Fr Stephen Durkin

Sunday, 8.30am - + Fr Peter Durning, OP

10.15am - *Mass for the Parish*

Monday, 10am - + Mary Batten (Foundation)

Tuesday, 10am - + Msgr Clarence Fisher

Wednesday, 10am - + Ngaire McCann (Grant)

Thursday, 10am - + Terry Grant (Grant)

Friday, 10am - "Private Intention" (Pereira)

FEASTS DURING THE WEEK - Sunday: *Holy Family*;

Monday: *Mary, Mother of God, Octave Day of Christmas*;

Tuesday: *St Basil & Gregory*; **Wednesday: Most Holy Name of Jesus.**

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 - Mary Brooke, Marjorie Dykes, Margaret Bennett, James Daly, Maureen Voller, Marjorie Baxter, Mary Batten, John Dunbar, Mary Baxter, Lily May Preston, Neville Sparkes, Kathleen Witherford, Aleksander Grzedzicki, Peggy Howes, Ida Truchon, Muriel Pryke, Liam Feeley, Annie Wilce, Louis Gillespie, Eileen Jones.

Collections last week -

Vigil (*Woolpit*) £206

Sunday £526

Thank you

VARIOUS CONTACTS

Parish Website - www.ourladystowmarket.org.uk

Items for Bulletin - pp@ourladystowmarket.org.uk

PPC Chair-Mr Paul McIntee

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)

Please check your post-box regularly for communications.

Crib Offerings this year will be sent to the Holy Lznd, via both *Friends of the Holy Land*, and the *Latin Patriarchate* there.

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".

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee & Chat - resumes Thursday, 25th January.

from **Christmas**, by **John Betjeman**

...AND IS it true,
This most tremendous tale of
all,
Seen in a stained-glass
window's hue,
A Baby in an ox's stall?
The Maker of the stars and
sea
Become a Child on earth for
me?

AND IS it true? For if it is,
No loving fingers tying strings
Around those tissued
fripperies,
The sweet and silly
Christmas things,
Bath salts and inexpensive
scent

And hideous tie so kindly meant,

NO LOVE that in a family dwells,
No carolling in frosty air,
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells
Can with this single Truth compare -
That God was man in Palestine
And lives today in Bread and Wine.

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*)

New Christmas Crib - the Parish's thanks to the *Coffee & Chat* group for raising monies to purchase the new Crib figures; and to Bill Bowden for kindly constructing the Crib itself. Most generous of everyone.

Personal thanks to all parishioners - for your cards, kind gifts and hospitality over Christmas. It's been very good of you. *Fr Simon Leworthy*

Seminarian, Dr Anthony Reilly - is enjoying a short festive break with us from his pastoral placement in Kings Lynn. Please remember Anthony and his vocation, always, in your holy prayers.

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.*

