



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 7th January, 2024



SACRED LITURGY

Saturday, (Vigil, Woolpit), 6pm - Mass for the Parish
Sunday, 8.30am - + Maureen ni' Charbaidh (Rickards)
10.15am - + Alek Grzedzicki (Anniv.) (Grzedzicki)
Monday, 10am - NO MASS
Tuesday, 10am - NO MASS
Wednesday, 10am - + Louis Gillespie (Anniv.) (Frost)
Thursday, 10am - + Audrey Smart (Foundation)
Friday, 10am - + Stefan Cytaki (Foundation)

FEASTS DURING THE WEEK - Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord, St Raymond of Penafort; Monday: Baptism of the Lord; Friday: St Aelred of Rievaulx.

Confessions - Saturdays

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

Holy Rosary - Sunday, 8.10am

OUR SICK/HOUSEBOUND - especially: Josephine Buchanan, 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 - George Winward, Maria de Souza, Margo Quinn, Gabriel Brooks, James McGuive, Audrey Smart, Stefan Cytaki, Diana Emeney, Simone Rochford, Cyril Freman, Bridget Dunn, Elizabeth Barnes, Dee Davies.

Collections last week -
 Vigil (Woolpit) £207
 Sunday £570

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)

Seminarian, Dr Anthony Reilly - enjoyed a short festive break with us over Christmas, and has now returned to his pastoral placement in Kings Lynn. Please remember Anthony and his vocation, always, in your holy prayers.

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".

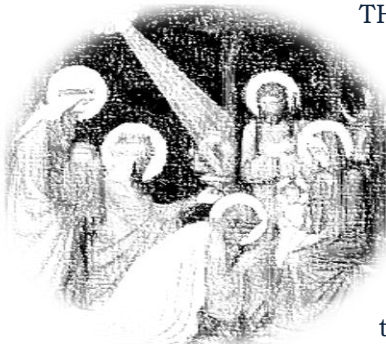
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee & Chat - resumes Thursday, 25th January.

Parish Finance Meeting - 7.30pm, Thursday, 11th January, in the *Catholic Centre*.

Coffee is served in the *Catholic Centre* after 10.15 Mass

POPE ST LEO THE GREAT - "ON THE EPIPHANY"



THE STORY OF the magi is not only a bygone fact in history, but of everyday application to ourselves. venerated by us with holy worship: and today those joys must be entertained in our hearts which existed in the breasts of the three

magi, when, aroused by the sign and leading of a new star, which they believed to have been promised, they fell down in presence of the King of heaven and earth.

FOR THAT DAY has not so passed away that the mighty work, which was then revealed, has passed away with it, and that nothing but the report of the thing has come down to us for faith to receive and memory to celebrate; seeing that, by the oft-repeated gift of God, our times daily enjoy the fruit of what the first age possessed.

AND THEREFORE, ALTHOUGH the narrative which is read to us from the Gospel properly records those days on which the three men, who had neither been taught by the prophets' predictions nor instructed by the testimony of the law, came to acknowledge God from the furthest parts of the East, yet we behold this same thing more clearly and abundantly carried on now in the enlightenment of all those called.

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)

A Happy, Holy, Prosperous and healthy New Year to you all. As the year gets under weigh, I should like to thank all parishioners for their support of the Parish, especially the *Parish & Finance Committees*, the Treasurer, Housekeeper, Servers, Readers, Musicians, Money Collectors, Office Staff, those who wash the Altar linens, Welcomers, Flower Arrangers, those engaged in Hospitality, people facilitating CAFOD and the Missions, those working in the Apostolates to Christ's Poor - **THANKS TO YOU ALL.**