



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 14th January, 2024



SACRED LITURGY

Saturday, (*Vigil, Woolpit*), 6pm - *Mass for the Parish*
 Sunday, 8.30am - +Margery Witham & Chris Wilson (Fndn)
 10.15am - + Ranald Watson (Kelly/Muntus)
 Monday, 10am - + Fr Tom Fitzgerald, OP
 Tuesday, 10am - + Canon Giles Goward
 Wednesday, 10am - + Fr Brendan Hoban SSC
 Thursday, 10am - Unity of All who bear the name Christian
 Friday, 10am - + Fr Gregory Jordan, SJ

FEASTS DURING THE WEEK - Tuesday: *St Fursey*;
 Wednesday: *St Anthony of Egypt*; Thursday: *Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity* begins; Friday: *St Wulstan*.

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 - Ranald Watson.

ANNIVERSARIES - Kevin Peck, John Francis, Elizabeth Dubar, Michael Murphy, Ann Brown, Ernest Johnston, Valentine Martin, Ellen Pudney, Timothy Propp, Joe Calais, Mark McMahan.

Collections last week -

Vigil (*Woolpit*) £196
 Sunday £606

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)

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".

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee & Chat - resumes Thursday, 25th January.

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

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

"JESUS HIMSELF, AT the hour of his Passion, prayed "*that they may all be one*" (Jn 17,21). This unity, which the Lord has bestowed on his Church and in which he wishes to embrace all people, is not something added on, but stands at the very heart of Christ's mission.



NOR IS IT some secondary attribute of the community of his disciples. Rather, it belongs to the very essence of this community. God wills the Church, because he wills unity, and unity is an expression of the whole depth of his charity."

(Pope John Paul II, Encyclical, *Ut Unum Sint*, 9)

Collect for the Unity of Christians

ALMIGHTY EVER-LIVING GOD, Who gather what is scattered, and keep together what You have gathered: look kindly on the flock of Your Son; that those whom one Baptism has consecrated, may be joined together by integrity of faith, and united in the bond of charity; through the Same, Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.**

Please check your post-box regularly for communications.

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