



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 28th January, 2024



SACRED LITURGY

Saturday, (*Vigil, Woolpit*), 6pm - +Inno van den Berg (Murphy)

Sunday, 8.30am - *Mass for the Parish*

10.15am - + Bishop Henry Kennedy

Monday, 10am - NO MASS

Tuesday, 10am - NO MASS

Wednesday, 10am - NO MASS

Thursday, 10am - NO MASS

Friday, 10am - NO MASS

FEASTS DURING THE WEEK - Sunday: *St Thomas Aquinas*; **Wednesday:** *St John Bosco*; **Friday:** *Presentation of the Lord*.

Confessions - Saturdays

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

Holy Rosary - Sunday, 8.10am

OUR SICK/HOUSEBOUND - *especially:* Ivona Marcellus-Boot, 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 - David McClosky, Inno van den Berg, Ranald Watson.

ANNIVERSARIES - Rose Hoggarth, John Scott, Anthony Duggan, Samuel Whiting, Edward Myers, Fr. Francis Rudd, Francis Bywater, Caroline Chester, Polly Simler, Doreen Davies, Walter Baker, Frank Spence, Amilie Gladwell, Mario Melnyk, Maria Cantor.

Collections last week -

Vigil (*Woolpit*) £185

Sunday £686

Thank you

2nd Collection NEXT weekend for the Fabric Fund

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 (07860 511487)

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 - 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 2-4pm, in the *Centre*.

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

Feast of St Blaise - 3rd February

BLAISE, WHO HAD studied philosophy in his youth, was a physician in Sebaste, Armenia, the city of his birth. He is credited with exercising his art with miraculous ability, goodwill, and piety. When the bishop of the city died, he was chosen to succeed him, by the acclamation of all the people. His holiness was manifest through many miracles: from all around, people came to him to find cures for spirit and body.



IN 316, AGRICOLA, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, having arrived in Sebaste at the order of the emperor Licinius to kill the Christians, arrested the bishop.

WHILE St BLAISE WAS being taken into custody, a distraught mother, whose only child was choking on a fishbone, threw herself at his feet and implored his intercession. Touched at her grief, he offered up his prayers, and the child was cured.

REGARDLESS, THE GOVERNOR, unable to make Bishop Blaise renounce his faith, had him beaten with a stick, had his flesh ripped with iron combs, and then had him beheaded.

SAINT BLAISE IS invoked, in particular, for protection against injuries to and illnesses of the throat.

The Blessing of Throats, this year, will be available in the Lady Chapel, after each Mass next Sunday.

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.

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

The Ignite Team are hosting a weekend retreat for young people at Clare Priory, before Lent begins - February, 10-11. Please see the Notice Board for details.