



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket



Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 11th February, 2024

SACRED LITURGY

Saturday, (*Vigil, Woolpit*), 6pm - +Daniel McCarthy (Bennett)

Sunday, 8.30am - *Mass for the Parish*

10.15am - + Nuel-Junior Dzernjo (*Anniv.*) (Dzernjo)

Monday, 10am - + Sr Jacqui Houlihan (Marcellus-Boot)

Tuesday, 10am - + Mary Black (Marcellus-Boot)

Ash Wednesday, 10am - Health of HM the King

7pm -+parents of Sab. Manzi(Marcellus-Boot)

Thursday, 10am - (*Ints of*) Sabatina Manzi & family (M-Boot)

Friday, 10am - souls of "the Italian couple" (Marcellus-Boot)

FEASTS & FERIAS DURING THE WEEK -

Sunday: *Our Lady of Lourdes*; Ash Wednesday: *Ss Cyril & Methodius, St Valentine*.

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 - Nick Tovey, David McCluskie, Inno van den Berg.

ANNIVERSARIES - Brian Pearmain, Bernard Reynolds, Donald Smith, Gwen Boyle, Margaret Butlin, Mary Robinson, May Buttery, Margaret-Anne Armstrong, James Wallis, Desmond Dane, Catherine Stammers, Robert Carter, Crispin Shorter, Edna Cant.

Collections last week -

Vigil (*Woolpit*) £189

Sunday £608

Fabric Fund (3rd/4th Feb.) £105

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 (07860 511487)

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee & Chat - 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 2-4pm, in the Centre.

CAFOD - Lenten Family Fast Day, Friday, 23rd February. Envelopes will be available in the Narthex, and may be placed on the Sunday collection plate or sent directly to CAFOD.

Coffee is served in the Catholic Centre after 10.15 Mass

ASH WEDNESDAY is a day of *Fast and Abstinence*.

- ❖ Fasting commits those who have reached their 18th year until their 60th.

- ❖ Abstinence (from meat) commits those who have reached their 14th year.

- ❖ (*Those who are sick and infirm are not bound by the Laws of Fast & Abstinence.*)



There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday; and at both of these Ashes will be imposed.

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 **FOODBANK**.

Please check your post-box regularly for communications.

Walk with Me booklets, for Lent - are available in the Narthex.

Lenten Alms this year, will be sent to *Aid to the Church in Need*, which is the preferred charity in the Diocese of East Anglia. A vessel for your Lenten Alms will be on the Gifts Table at the back of the church.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) provides pastoral and humanitarian assistance to the persecuted Church around the world. For more than 74 years, its donors have reached out to the suffering, the distressed and the poorest of the poor in over 145 countries.

Each year, ACN fulfils more than 5,000 projects through its spiritual and material aid programmes. ACN aims, in its own words: "*To help strengthen the Church and keep the Faith alive.*"