



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 25th February, 2024



SACRED LITURGY

Saturday, (*Vigil, Woolpit*), 6pm - *Mass for the Parish*
 Sunday, 8.30am - Health of HM the King
 10.15am - + Nuel-Junior Dzernjo (*1st Anniv.*) (Dzernjo)
 Monday, 10am - + Fr Peter Lyons
 Tuesday, 10am - + Canon Denis McSwiney
 Wednesday, 8am - + Bishop Kevin Manning
 Thursday, 10am - + James Murphy (*1st Anniv.*) (Cannon/Wild)
 Friday, 10am - + Bishop Luc Matthys

FEASTS DURING THE WEEK - Tuesday: *St Gregory of Narek*; Friday: *St David*.

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 - Johanna Barker, Christine Smith, Nick Tovey, David McCluskie.

ANNIVERSARIES - Bridget Henderson, Neville Bensley, Timothy Byrne, George Phillips, Leah Lewis, John Russell, Donald Ludlow, Irene Birch, Anthony Boland.

Collections last week -

Vigil (*Woolpit*) £204

Sunday £676

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)

Have you noticed the friendly welcomers as you come into Sunday Mass? We are looking for new people to take on this important role, especially at 8.30 Mass, but also at the 10.15. It is a great way to get to know fellow parishioners and a valued service to the parish. Please speak to the welcomers on duty or contact Fenella Ford fenthegem@aol.co.uk

Catholic Listening & Prayer Ministry - confidential support for over 18s. See notice board and cards 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 is on the Gifts Table at the back of the church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

World Day of Prayer, 10.30am, Friday, 1st March, at St Peter's and St Mary's Anglican Church.

Mass for the Sick, Housebound & Elderly - Monday 11th March 2024 at 2pm. Invitations have been sent out to this specially arranged Mass, although everyone is welcome. Tea will be served after Mass and we look forward to being able to enjoy catching up with friends, old and new. Please let Gillian know if you wish to attend, on 01359 242475.

Coffee is served in the Catholic Centre after 10.15 Mass

Pope St Leo the Great - Sermon on Lent

DEAR FRIENDS, AT every moment the earth is full of the mercy of God, and nature itself is a lesson for all the faithful in the worship of God. The heavens, the sea and all that is in them bear witness to the goodness and omnipotence of their Creator, and the marvellous beauty of the elements as they obey him demands from the intelligent creation a fitting expression of its gratitude.



BUT WITH THE return of that season marked out in a special way by the mystery of our redemption, and of the days that lead up to the paschal feast, we are summoned more urgently to prepare ourselves by a purification of spirit.

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 be as generous as you can during these times.*

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

Please check your post-box regularly for communications.

Hospital Chaplaincy - If yourself or a relative should be going into hospital, you will need to ask to speak to the Catholic Chaplain. Otherwise, on account of current privacy legislation, the Chaplain will not know that you or your relative are there.