



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 3rd March, 2024



SACRED LITURGY

Saturday, (*Vigil, Woolpit*), 6pm - Health of HM the King

Sunday, 8.30am - + Fr Brendan Peters (Foundation)

10.15am - *Mass for the Parish*

Monday, 10am - + NO MASS

Tuesday, 10am - + NO MASS

Wednesday, 10am- + Gloria Paca (*Anniv.*) (Munson)

Thursday, 10am - Intentions (Munson)

Friday, 10am - Health needs (Munson)

FEASTS DURING THE WEEK - Monday: *St Casimir*;

Wednesday: *St Kyneburgha*; Thursday: *Ss Perpetua &*

Friday: *St Felix*.

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 - Tom O'Leary, Vincent Fallon, Johanna Barker, Christine Smith, Nick Tovey.

ANNIVERSARIES - Eddy Ware, Josie Gray, Sheri Llewellyn, Peggy Smith, Paul Colm, Annie Bonner, Ellen O'Sullivan, Lilian Catchpole, Robert Dalby.

Collections last week -

Vigil (*Woolpit*) £165

Sunday £592

Thank you

Gift Aid envelopes for the next financial year are ready for collection in the Narthex. If you wish to start gift-aiding your Offertory, or if you are no longer a UK taxpayer, please contact Martin Stafford/Sheila Ashman. Many thanks for your continuing support through the Gift Aid scheme.

2nd Collection THIS weekend for the *Fabric Fund*

VARIOUS CNTACTS

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)

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.

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. Please speak to the welcomers on duty or contact Father or Fenella Ford fenthegem@aol.co.uk

Volunteer Gardeners wanted - to help out with keeping the garden areas outside the church in good order. This involves lawn-mowing and bush trimming on a seasonal basis and as required; all equipment being provided. Two or three volunteers would be ideal to share the work, and help make it an enjoyable role. If you are interested, please see Father or Simon Millyard.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Lenten Station Mass - St Edmund's, Bury St Eds, Tuesday, 5th March. Exposition & Confessions, 6pm; Holy Mass with the Bishop, 7pm; light buffet, 8pm.,

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



THE SPECIAL NOTE of the paschal feast is this: the whole Church rejoices in the forgiveness of sins. It rejoices in the forgiveness not only of those who are then reborn in holy baptism but also of those who are already numbered among God's adopted children.

INITIALLY, MEN ARE made new by the rebirth of baptism. Yet there still is required a daily renewal to repair the shortcomings of our mortal nature, and whatever degree of progress has been made there is no one who should not be more advanced. All must therefore strive to ensure that on the day of redemption no one may be found in the sins of his former life.

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 still be placed on the Sunday collection plate or sent directly.

Please check your post-box regularly for communications.