



# Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2024



## SACRED LITURGY

Saturday, (*Vigil, Woolpit*), 6pm - *Mass for the Parish*  
 Sunday, 8.30am - + Uppilio Cardinal Rossi  
 10.15am - Health of HM the King  
 Monday, 2pm - (Intentions of) *Sick, Housebound & Elderly*  
 Tuesday, 10am - + Fr Bernard Melville  
 Wednesday, 10am - "Private Intention"  
 Thursday, 10am - + George Cardinal Pell  
 Friday, 10am - + Charles Donald Henry (Foundation)  
 12pm - *Funeral Rites* for Christine Smith

**FEASTS DURING THE WEEK - Wednesday:** *Bl. Agnellus of Pisa.*

### Confessions - Saturdays

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

**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** - Daniel Jarvis, Tom O'Leary, Vincent Fallon, Johanna Barker, Christine Smith.

**ANNIVERSARIES** - James Gilligan, William Briordy, Michael Burke, Richard Brooke, William Hutt, Carol Gladwell, Elizabeth Phillips, Joan Shorter, Abbi Cassar, Roselle McGuire, Doreen Parker, Anthony Westlake, Mike Griffin.

### Collections last week -

Vigil (*Woolpit*) £164  
 Sunday £563  
 Fabric Fund (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> March) £163

*Thank you*

**G**ift 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.

## VARIOUS CONTACTS

Parish Website - [www.ourladystowmarket.org.uk](http://www.ourladystowmarket.org.uk)  
 Items for Bulletin - [pp@ourladystowmarket.org.uk](mailto: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  
 Safeguarding - Maria Whiting (01449 613681) and Paul McIntee (07860 511487)

Please check your post-box regularly for communications.

**CAFOD** - Thanks to your generosity, the Lenten Friday Fast has raised £311.

**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** - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 2-4pm, in the *Centre*.

**Easter Cake and Easter Card Sale** - Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, in the *Catholic Centre*, following both Masses.

**Mass for the Sick, Housebound & Elderly** - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Sonnets are Full of Love**

*by Christina Georgina Rosetti*

Sonnets are full of love, and this my tome  
 Has many sonnets: so here now shall be  
 One sonnet more, a love sonnet, from me  
 To her whose heart is my heart's quiet home,  
 To my first Love, my Mother, on whose knee  
 I learnt love-lore that is not troublesome;  
 Whose service is my special dignity,  
 And she my loadstar while I go and come  
 And so because you love me, and because  
 I love you, Mother, I have woven a wreath  
 Of rhymes wherewith to crown your honoured name:  
 In you not fourscore years can dim the flame  
 Of love, whose blessed glow transcends the laws  
 Of time and change and mortal life and death.

*Happy Mothers' Day*

**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](mailto:fenthegem@aol.co.uk)

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

**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.

**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.*