



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

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SACRED LITURGY

Saturday, (*Vigil, Woolpit*), 6pm - +Mike Griffin - *1st Anniv.* (Griffin)

Sunday, 8.30am - (*Intentions of*) Bishop Alan Hopes

10.15am - *Mass for the Parish*

Monday, 10am - *Requiem Mass* for Johanna Barker

Tuesday, 10am - + Derek Frost (Marcellus-Boot)

Wednesday, 10am - Health of HM the King

Thursday, 10am - *P.U. Santa Croce*, Rome, Staff & Students

Friday, 10am - (*Ints of*) Sr Justyna & Sisters (Marcellus-Boot)

FEASTS DURING THE WEEK - Sunday: *St Patrick*;

Monday: *St Cyril of Jerusalem*; Tuesday: *St Joseph*.

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 - Mike Griffin, Bernard Gilmore, Monica Phoenix, William Hay, Bernard Smart, Marielle Scully, Walter Worth, Mary Bear, Philomena Sheppard, Thomas Mullinan, Michael Sugrue, Bryan Smyth, Percy Wilce, Percy Howes, Kathleen Philpott, Patricia Conlan, Wilfrid Sims, Clare Bennett, Dolly Holmes, John Blacklock.

Collections last week -

Vigil (*Woolpit*) £173

Sunday £463

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.

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

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

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



The children who made their *First Confession* yesterday will receive a blest Cross at the 10.15am Mass, today. Please join in their prayer with them:

**“O my Jesus, help me*
To carry my Cross with You*
Today and every day. Amen.”**

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

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.**

HOLY WEEK & EASTER CEREMONIES

Palm Sunday, 23rd/24th March - Mass times/venues as usual
Tuesday, 26th March - 11.30am (Cathedral) - *Chrism Mass*
Holy Thursday, 28th March, 7pm - *Mass of the Lord's Supper*
Good Friday, 29th March, 3pm - *Liturgy of the Passion*
7pm - *Stations of the Cross*

Holy Saturday, 30th March, 7pm - *Easter Vigil* (Stowmarket)
Easter Sunday Masses, 31st March, 8.30am & 10.15am

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