



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket



Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 24th March, 2024

SACRED LITURGY

Saturday, (*Vigil, Woolpit*), 6pm- *Mass for the Parish*
 Sunday, 8.30am - Health of HM the King
 10.15am-+Kevin Fordham (*Anniv.*) (Fordham)
 Holy Monday, 10am - + Claire Carrott (Carrott)
 Holy Tuesday - *Chrism Mass*, Cathedral, 11.30am
 Spy Wednesday, 10am - + Philip Morris (Welman)
 Maundy Thursday, 7pm - Jean O'Mahoney (Foundation)
 Good Friday: 3pm - *Passion*, & 7pm - *Stations*
 Holy Saturday, 7pm: *Vigil* - + Bernard Wilce (Foundation)

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 - Tony Roche, John Ward, Mary Pallant, Harold Key, Jean O'Mahoney, Ben McLaughlan, Kay Saunders, Edward Murphy, Peter McNally, Elsie Dean, Richard Gaz, John Waite, Una Murtagh, Mary Dew.

Collections last week -
 Vigil (*Woolpit*) £187
 Sunday £763

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
 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 £321.

Welcomers - 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. 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*.
 Churches Together *Walk of Witness* - Good Friday, 11am.
 (*Meet in the Buttermarket.*)

CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER

Saturdays - 10-10.45am (5.30-5.50pm, Woolpit)
 Holy Thursday - 10-10.45am, 6-6.45pm
 Good Friday - 10-10.45am, 2-2.45pm, 6.20-6.50pm
 Holy Saturday - 10-10.45am, 6-6.45pm

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



THE DONKEY, by G.K. Chesterton

WHEN fishes flew and forests walked
 And figs grew upon thorn,
 Some moment when the moon was blood
 Then surely I was born;
 With monstrous head and sickening cry
 And ears like errant wings,
 The devil's walking parody
 On all four-footed things.
 The tattered outlaw of the earth,
 Of ancient crooked will;
 Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
 I keep my secret still.
 Fools! For I also had my hour;
 One far fierce hour and sweet:
 There was a shout about my ears,
 And palms before my feet.

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.*

1.nten 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.

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.