



# Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2024



## SACRED LITURGY

Saturday, (*Vigil, Woolpit*) 6pm - + Fr Stephen Brennan

Sunday, 8.30am - *Mass for the Parish*

10.15am-+Allan Scott & CAFOD-deceased (Muntus)

Monday, 10am - + Fr Timothy Cahill

Tuesday, 10am - *In Thanksgiving* (Wright)

Wednesday, 10am - + Fr Stan Campbell

Thursday, 10am - *Private Intention* (Marcellus-Boot)

Friday, 10am - + Fr John Carey

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

**Tuesday: *St George*; Wednesday: *St Adalbert, St Fidelis of Sigmaringen*; Thursday: *St Mark*.**

## Confessions - Saturdays

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

**OUR SICK/HOUSEBOUND** - *especially*: Josephine Mizzi, Deacon David Croucher, 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** - Beverley Vincent, Patrick Dolan, John Valentine, Tony Wass, Paul Gal.

**ANNIVERSARIES** - Maud Shaw, Francis Mapson, Frances Cooper, Roberto Brandeschi, Eileen Rimmer, Madge Senior, C. Wait, Bishop Charles Grant, Mary Ryan, Catherine McQuack, Wybert Allan, Irving Allanine, Marion Driver, Ronald Hogger, John Yates.

Collections last week -

Vigil (*Woolpit*) £185

Sunday £613

*Thank you*

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection **THIS** weekend for *Vocations Sunday*

## 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)

**Funeral for Tony Wass** - 1pm, Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, at the Church of Ss Peter and Mary, Stowmarket. Burial in Haughley Churchyard. Family flowers only. Any donations to St Elizabeth Hospice/Stowmarket Lions Club.

**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*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

**Healing Day Retreat** - Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, commencing at 11.30am, at Clare Priory. For bookings - 01787 277732.

2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend of May - mission appeal by *The Missionary Society of St Paul*.

**ST GEORGE** was born in Cappadocia, (now part of Turkey,) in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century. His parents were Christians, and when his father died, George's mother returned to her native Palestine, taking George with her. George became a soldier in the Roman army and rose to the rank of Tribune.



**THE EMPEROR** of the day, Diocletian (245-313 AD), began a campaign against Christians at the very beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> century. In about 303, George is said to have objected to this persecution and resigned his military post in protest.

**GEORGE TORE** up the Emperor's order against Christians. This infuriated Diocletian, and George was imprisoned and tortured - but he refused to deny his faith. Eventually he was dragged through the streets of Diospolis in Palestine and beheaded. It is said that Diocletian's wife was so impressed by George's resilience that she became a Christian and was, in turn, executed for her faith

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

Ant. 6.  
**R** E-gi-na cæli \* læ-tá-re, alle-lú-ia: Qui-a  
 quem me-ru-isti portá-re, alle-lú-ia: Re-surréx-it,  
 si-cut dix-it, alle-lú-ia: Ora pro no-bis De-um,  
 alle-lú-ia.

V/. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!

R/. For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

**East Anglia Diocese has:** three seminarians, a student for the Priesthood residing in South Afrika, and one possibly entering into formation this September; also, a number of men discerning the priestly vocation. Hence our need for adequate financial support for the training of Priests - the bill for this year amounts to £92, 418. Please be as generous as you can in supporting the annual Vocations Sunday collection; which can also be made through the diocesan website [www.rcdea.org.uk/vocations](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/vocations).