



# Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

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## SACRED LITURGY

*(Vigil, Woolpit)* Saturday, 6pm - + William Murphy (Murphy)

Sunday, 8.30am - *(Ints of)* Giovanna Farrell-Vinay (F-Vinay)

10.15am - *Mass for the Parish*

Monday, 10am - + Fr Tom Crowley

Tuesday, 10am - + John Grima (Keating)

Wednesday, 10am - + Msgr Lorenzo Dattrino

Thursday, 10am - + Fr Bill Dowd

Friday, 10am - + Susan Phair (Foundation)

**FEASTS DURING THE WEEK** - Sunday: *St Peter Chanel*;

Monday: *St Catherine of Siena*; Tuesday: *St Pius V*;

Wednesday: *St Joseph the Worker*; Thursday: *St*

*Athanasius*.

## 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** - John Grima, Beverley Vincent, Patrick Dolan, John Valentine, Tony Wass, Paul Gal.

**ANNIVERSARIES** - Patrick Ovington, Norah Keller, Archina Turner, Barry Jackson, David Stammers, Doris Keightley, Alan Rowe, Claire Leighton, Catherine Neuman, Mrs Preston.

## Collections last week -

Vigil (*Woolpit*) £255

Sunday £581

*Priests' Training* (20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> April) £381

*Thank you*

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection NEXT weekend for *The Fabric Fund*

## 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)

**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.*

**Renewal Forms for the 100 Club** are now available in the Narthex, as well as enrolment forms for new members.

Please check your post-box regularly for communications.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Weekend of May (10.15 Mass)** - *May Crowning* of Our Lady's Statue.

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May** - Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham.

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

## ST GREGORY THE GREAT - EASTER SERMON



THE DAY OF our Redeemer's Resurrection is also our day of great joy; for it has restored us to immortality. It is also a day of joy for the angels: for restoring us to heaven, it has filled up again the number of its citizens.

ON THIS OUR festival day, and His, an angel appeared, clothed in white robes, because they are rejoicing that because we are restored to heaven the losses their heavenly home had suffered are now made good.

BUT LET US hear what is said to the women who came? *Be not affrighted!* As though he said to them: Let them fear who love not the coming of the heavenly citizens. Let them fear who, steeped in bodily desires, have no hope of belonging to them. But you, why should you fear, meeting your own?

MATTHEW ALSO, DESCRIBING the appearance of the Angel, says of him: *And his countenance was as lightning, and his raiment as snow.* Lightning awakens dread and fear, the white radiance of snow is soothing. For Almighty God is both terrifying to sinners, and comforting to those who are good.

RIGHTLY THEN IS the Angel, the Witness of the Resurrection, revealed to us with countenance like the lightning, and his garments white as snow: so that even by his appearance he might awaken fear in the reprobate, and bring consolation to the just.

*Coffee & Treats* after 8.30 Mass, today, in aid of HCPT.  
*Coffee is served* in the *Catholic Centre* after 10.15 Mass



V/. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!  
R/. For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!