



# Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2024



## SACRED LITURGY

**Saturday (Vigil), 6pm** - + Ted Lethbridge (Tierney)  
**Sunday, 8.30am - Mass for the Parish**  
 10.15am - + Mary Grzedzicki (*Anniv.*) (Grzedzicki)  
**Monday, 10am** - + Fr Frank Lefevre  
**Tuesday, 10am** - + Fr Peter Lyons  
**Wednesday, 10am** - + Canon Denis McSwinney  
**Thursday, 10am** - + Bishop Kevin Manning  
**Friday, 10am** - + Bishop Luc Matthys

**FEASTS DURING THE WEEK - Sunday:** *St Richard*; **Monday:** *St Botolph*; **Wednesday:** *St Romuald*; **Thursday:** *St Alban*; **Friday:** *St Aloysius Gonzaga*.

### **Confessions - Saturdays**

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

**OUR SICK/HOUSEBOUND** - *especially:* Antoinette Pereira, Josephine Mizzi-Biggs, Ivona Marcellus-Boot, Josephine Buchanan, Catherine Hayward, Terri Thornton, Veronica Hughes, Marjorie Shorter, Geoffrey Johannes - are remembered in the "Mass for the Parish" each weekend. Please continue to pray for them.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** - Ted Lethbridge, Teresa Tee, Patrick Hannon.

**ANNIVERSARIES** - Edith Brennan, Caroline Hawkins, Rose Couch, Agnes Wearden, Charles Bulger, Ann Baker, Gertrude Haslam, Carol Leadbeater, Basil Kemp, Beatrice Dye, Frances Srigwood, Eileen Ketterer, John Hunting, Mary Grzedzicki, Eddy Sewell.

### **Collections last week -**

Vigil (*Woolpit*) £189  
 Sunday £565

*Thank you*

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection NEXT weekend for the *Bishops' Life Charities*

## 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  
**OurLady'sWhatsAppGroup**- [pastoralcaregroup@outlook.com](mailto:pastoralcaregroup@outlook.com)  
**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**.

**The New Lectionary** - comes out for Advent this year. It is a beautiful edition, published by the *Catholic Truth Society*; and will cost the Parish a tidy sum. Some parishioners have expressed interest in subscribing to the purchase of the Lectionary. If you would like to do this, please see Father.

**Our Bishop will be in the Parish,** at 10.15 Mass, on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. He is coming for Confirmation, and looking forward to meeting parishioners here. A light buffet luncheon is being organised, in Hall, for the occasion. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sheet in the Narthex.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

**Church Maintenance Working Party** - *Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June from Noon:* painting, ground clearing, carpentry and electrical repairs. Contact is Simon Millyard (07776465537). Teas and catering to keep the team working will be very welcome.

**Vintage Afternoon Tea** - 2pm, Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> June. All welcome. Donations to HCPT.

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

## **Fathers' Day - St Joseph, a true father**

from *Redemptoris Custos*, ("Guardian of the Redeemer") 7-8, by Pope John Paul II, 1989

WE SEE THAT at the beginning of the New Testament, as at the beginning of the Old, there is a married couple. But whereas Adam and Eve were the source of evil which was unleashed on the world, Joseph and Mary are the summit from which holiness spreads all over the earth. The Saviour began the work of salvation by this virginal and holy union, wherein is manifested his all-powerful will to purify and sanctify the family - that sanctuary of love and cradle of life.



HOW MUCH THE family of today can learn from this! The essence and role of the family are in the final analysis specified by love. Hence the family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love, and this is a living reflection of and a real sharing in God's love for humanity and the love of Christ the Lord for the Church his bride. This being the case, it is in the Holy Family... that every Christian family must be reflected.

ST. JOSEPH WAS called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood. It is precisely in this way that, as the Church's Liturgy teaches, he "cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation" and is truly a "minister of salvation."

HIS FATHERHOOD IS expressed concretely in his having made his life a service, a sacrifice to the mystery of the Incarnation and to the redemptive mission connected with it; in having used the legal authority which was his over the Holy Family in order to make a total gift of self, of his life and work.