



Our Lady's Parish, Stowmarket

Tel. 01449 612 946 + Fr Simon Leworthy, PP + 23rd June, 2024



SACRED LITURGY

Saturday (*Vigil*), 6pm - *Mass for the Parish*

Sunday, 8.30am - + Fr Bernard Melville

10.15am - Bishop's Intention

Monday, 10am - + George Cardinal Pell

Tuesday, 10am - + Fr David Perrett

Wednesday, 10am - + Fr Frank Perry, msc

Thursday, 10am - + Fr Jordan Perry, OP

Friday, 10am - + Msgr Wayne Peters

FEASTS DURING THE WEEK - **Monday:** *Nativity of St John the Baptist*; **Wednesday:** *Dedication of the Cathedral, St Josemaria Escriva*; **Thursday:** *St Cyril of Alexandria*; **Friday:** *St Irenaeus*.

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 - Onesiphorus Bainard, Charmian Pearmain, Anthony Breen, Susan Scarff, Kathleen Clark, Ronald Cullen, Katherine Lea, Carolyn Cusk, Louise Burgiss, Dorothy Macklin, Kathleen Tyson, Hilda Hughes, Gerry Terry, Kay Heard, Barbara Musselwhite.

Collections last week -

Vigil (*Woolpit*) £186

Sunday £749

Thank you

2nd Collection **THIS** weekend for the *Bishops' Life Charities*

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

OurLady'sWhatsAppGroup- 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**.

Mrs Maria Whiting has signalled her intention to retire soon from the post of *Safeguarding Officer* in the Parish. We are, therefore, looking for someone to undertake this essential role. Please see Father, if you can assist in this capacity.

Our Bishop will be at 10.15 Mass for Confirmation, today, and is looking forward to meeting parishioners here. A light buffet luncheon will follow in the Hall upstairs.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Prayers for Christian Unity- each day at 9.30am in the URC

Vintage Afternoon Tea - 2pm, Thursday, 27th June. All welcome. Donations to HCPT.

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

THE ORIGIN AND USE TODAY OF "PETER'S PENCE"



PETER-PENCE (Latin: *Denarii Sancti Petri*) otherwise called in the Saxon *Romefeoh* (the fee due to Rome), was originally a tribute - or rather an alms - given by Ina, King of the West Saxons, on his pilgrimage to Rome in 725.

A SIMILAR COLLECTION was also raised by Offa, King of the Mercians, throughout his dominions, in 794. However, it was said to be not a tribute to the pope, but to be intended for the upkeep of the English School or College at Rome. It was called Peter-pence because a penny from every house was collected on 1st August, the feast day of *St. Peter ad Vincula*.

IN THE FIRST year of his Pontificate, Pope Benedict XVI stressed the proper meaning of this offering: "*Peter's Pence*' is the most characteristic expression of the participation of all the faithful in the Bishop of Rome's charitable initiatives in favour of the universal Church. The gesture has not only a practical value, but also a strong symbolic one, as a sign of communion with the Pope and attention to the needs of one's brethren; and, therefore, your service possesses a refined ecclesial character". (Address to the Members of the St Peter Circle," 25 February 2006).

2nd Collection **NEXT** weekend for *Peter's Pence*

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.

Thanks to those gave time and energy at the maintenance afternoon yesterday. The results of all the work done are delightfully obvious.

Please check your post-box regularly for communications.