



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

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*Diocesan Jubilee 50 Years of the Diocese of East Anglia*



## ST MARK

WITH HOLY FAMILY BRANTHAM

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The parish of St Mark includes St Mark's church in Ipswich and the church of the Holy Family in Brantham (CO11 1TB)

**Parish Priest:**  
Fr Luke Goymour VF

**Parish School:**  
St Mark's School  
**Headteacher:**  
Dr Michael Keller

**Parish Secretary:**  
Mrs Sharon Cullum available  
Thursday 12 am – 2 pm  
office@stmarksparish.org.uk

**Parish Safeguarding Rep:**  
**Mrs Joanna McCall**  
psr@stmarksparish.org.uk

**Bank: 20-44-51 A/c No.**  
**60791342**  
St. Marks RC Parish

**Eucharistic Adoration:**  
**St Mark's**

Wed & Thurs 6:30 - 7:30 am  
Friday 11:40 - 12:10\*

**Holy Family**  
Tuesday 9:20 – 9:50\*

**Prayer Group:**  
Mondays 6:30 – 8:00pm  
Praise, Worship  
scripture & reflection

**Confession**  
St Mark: 5pm Saturday  
and by appointment

**Children's Liturgy:**  
At 11:15 am Mass every  
Sunday

**Kids Church:** Last Sunday  
of the Month in Term Time  
after 11:15 Mass



## ST MARY MAGDALEN

The Presbytery, T 01473 741975  
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Ipswich, Suffolk W marymagdalens.org  
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E parishpriest@marymagdalens.org

**Parish Priest:**  
Fr Luke Goymour VF

**Confession:**  
by appointment

**Parish School:**  
St Pancras Catholic Primary  
Stratford Road  
Ipswich  
IP1 6EF  
T 01473 742074

**Headteacher:** Jo Berry and  
Ross McGill  
**Safeguarding**  
safeguarding@marymagdalens.org

**Eucharistic Adoration:**  
Tuesdays at 9:30 am with  
Rosary

**Offerings:**  
Please consider setting up a  
standing order in favour of the  
parish instead of a weekly  
cash offering. If you can Gift  
Aid your donation, please  
complete a form which you  
can find in the church [porch].

**Bank:**  
A/c: St Mary Magdalen Roman  
Catholic Parish  
Sort Code: 20-44-51  
A/c Number: 70777323

**Catholic Lay Chaplain to the Ipswich Hospital:** Mrs Rachael Tearle, if you or a family member requires a visit, sacraments and support whilst in hospital please notify her by email: hospitalchaplain@stmarksparish.org.uk

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

## Responsorial Psalm:

With the LORD there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.

5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent - Year A

## Weekly Mass Schedule at St Mary Magdalen, St Mark's and Holy Family Churches

<b>SATURDAY</b> 21/03/2026	<b>17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass</b> Offered For: Marjorie Kearney RIP	4 <sup>th</sup> week of Lent
<b>SUNDAY</b> 22/03/2026	<b>8:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: People of the Parish <b>09:45 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass</b> Offered For: Priest's intentions <b>11:15 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Pamela Jones RIP	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent
<b>TUESDAY</b> 24/03/2026	<b>09:30 St Mary Magdalen: Exposition, Adoration and Rosary</b> <b>09:15 Holy Family: Stations of the Cross, Mass</b> Offered For: Kathy Pollard and Family	Lent Feria
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 25/03/2026	<b>09:30 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Kynaston Family	The Annunciation of the LORD, Solemnity
<b>THURSDAY</b> 26/03/2026	<b>09:00 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass</b> *note time change <b>09:15 Holy Family: Stations of the Cross, Rosary</b>	Lent Feria
<b>FRIDAY</b> 27/03/2026	<b>12:15 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Ann Cookson RIP	Lent Feria
<b>SATURDAY</b> 28/03/2026	<b>17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass</b> Offered For: Howard Becho RIP	5 <sup>th</sup> week of Lent
<b>SUNDAY</b> 29/03/2026	<b>08:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: James and Yva Meadway <b>09:45 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass</b> Offered For: Repose of the soul of Martin Curry RIP (Foundation Mass) <b>11:15 St Mark's</b> Offered For: People of the Parish	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the LORD
<b>Ipswich Polish Catholic Mission</b>	<i>Mass in Polish is celebrated at St Mary Magdalen Church typically: Sat 6pm, Sun 12 noon. Monday 10 am, Wednesday and Friday 7pm, see their website for full schedule, including First Friday devotions.</i>	

**Stay Connected with Our Parish Family! We use ChurchSuite as our only parish database — it's how we keep in touch with you, support you pastorally, and make sure you're updated with everything happening across St Mark's, Holy Family Brantham, and St Mary Magdalen.**

**If you haven't yet signed up, please take a moment to do so:**

- Visit <https://churchsuite.com>
- Search for St Mark, Holy Family & St Mary Magdalen Parishes
- Create your account and please keep emails enabled — this isn't marketing; it's simply how Fr Luke and the parish team stay in contact with you.
- Alternatively, if you'd prefer a direct link, just email to [operations@stmarksparish.org.uk](mailto:operations@stmarksparish.org.uk) and we'll send one over.

## Sunday Homilies

can be **listened to again** on *Spotify* and on all major Podcast platforms just search:  
**Fr Luke's Homilies**

Adoration and Rosary at St Mary Madalen Parish. **Tuesday** at 9:30 am

**Second collection on Good Friday**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> April**  
**in aid of**  
**The Holy Land Shrines**

*Please pray daily for the renewal of our parishes and remember Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place weekly at 6:30 am – 7:30 am at St Mark's on Wednesday and Thursdays for this intention.*

**St Marks Parish Forum:** We welcome parishioners from St Marks to a Parish Forum this Sunday on the 22nd March, straight after 11:15 Sunday Mass.

**Gift Aid envelopes St Mark's:** Over the next few weekends boxes will be handed to parishioners who normally use them and/or in St Mark's they will be left near the hall for collection. If you do not receive your box or if you are a UK tax payer and want to use the envelopes, please email the Parish office.

**Eucharistic Congress Ipswich:** The Eucharistic Congress will involve multiple event between 6<sup>th</sup> September to 13<sup>th</sup> September centred on Jesus Christ present in the Eucharist and bringing Catholics across together. Information can be found at <https://eucharisticcongressipswich.org/> until we know more schedule specifics we kindly ask you to reserve the date in diaries and calendars, especially the Sunday Mass on 13th which will need to be booked for as there is limited space.

**Inviting ALL young people in Year 8 upwards to the Ignite Festival 2nd – 3rd May 2026:** Come and experience your faith in a dynamic way at the Ignite Festival! The weekend will include inspiring talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff! Followed by the opportunity to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Bank Holiday Monday May 4th. See [www.ignitefestival.co.uk](http://www.ignitefestival.co.uk) for more information. Book before March 30th for Early Bird Prices!

**The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)** is a group of parish volunteers who support people in need through friendship, practical help and compassion. Our next meeting will be at Holy Family, 10am on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**Please collect used postage stamps for our local Hospice, St Mark's and Holy Family - ALL YEAR,** not just at Christmas and place them in the box at the rear of the church to help support the outstanding work of our local Hospice. Please cut around the stamp leaving just a small border.

**Families in Need (FIND) at St Mark's:** We rely heavily on food and money donations from the local community, financial donations can be made online, by bank transfer or cheque. Items in need are: long grain rice, long life whole milk, toiletries for men, women and children, tinned veg, meat, fruit/desserts, coffee, sugar, jam, soup, pet food, fresh veg, fruit, cheese and butter. Thank you for your continued support. The box for your offerings is under the table at the back of St. Mark's.

**Mary's Meals:** Need our help with the Crisis in Haiti visit [marysmeals.org.uk](http://marysmeals.org.uk) for 0800 698 1212 for more information.

**Joe Di Mascio RIP:** Many of you will remember Giuseppe Di Mascio, known to everyone as Joe, who was an active parishioner and Eucharistic Minister at St Mary Magdalen for many years. Sadly Joe passed away in Ipswich Hospital on 7<sup>th</sup> March aged 82, joining his wife Joan, who herself only passed away in December, in the Lord's love and care. His funeral service will be held at St Mary Magdalen church on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30, followed by interment at Ipswich Lawn Cemetery. Please remember Joe in your prayers and also pray for the family and friends he leaves behind.

**Parish 150 Club Mary Magdalen:** The final draw of the Club year, the March prize draw, will be made in the Garden Room after Mass on Easter Sunday morning, 5<sup>th</sup> April. We have sadly lost several of our generous subscribers and we desperately need 17 new subscriptions just to maintain this year's membership level. If you are not a member, please do give serious thought to joining so you can help your parish financially in this additional way, and maybe win a prize too! Last Sunday somebody rang and kindly left a message about increasing their membership level. Unfortunately, that person did not leave their name, so we have no idea who it was. Can you please make yourself known?

**Gift Aid Envelopes St Mary Magdalen:** Would all those parishioners who normally make their weekly offering using Gift Aid envelopes please note that their new 2026/27 envelopes are now available for collection from the Narthex. If you can't find your envelope in the box please write your name on the sheet provided for this purpose and it will be made available for collection next week. If you don't currently have a Gift Aid envelope with which to make your cash offertory but would like one, please also write your name on the list and it will be arranged for you. If anyone who has already signed up to giving by Gift Aid has changed their address during the last year or did not pay sufficient income or capital gains tax to cover the tax reclaimable on their offerings then please notify Chis Croker, Treasurer and Gift Aid Coordinator.

**Ladies Tea 'n' Chat:** Friday of this week, 27<sup>th</sup> March, is the last Friday of the month and as such is the regular day for the ladies of the parish to meet for their tea 'n' chat session in the Garden Room starting at 2:30 pm. These are open sessions open to all parishioners, including friends from Holy Family and St Marks. Why not come along and meet some of your fellow parishioners in a relaxed and friendly environment and enjoy a social gathering over a cuppa? Open to all, just turn up.

**St Mary Magdalen: The Sick of the Parish:** We ask for your continuing prayers for Anna de Dona, Charles, Patrick Doran, Jim Spence, Margaret Ward (née Curry) and all our brothers and sisters who are unwell, afflicted, housebound or distressed. *Lord, comfort and relieve them according to their needs, and grant them the love and consolation of your Spirit. Amen.*

**St Mary Magdalen - Our Own Dear Departed:** Of your charity, please pray for Wilfred Murray (1959), Patrick Kearney (1970), Pamela Spencer (1985), Antonio Casarelli (1979), Maureen Westrup née Long (2006), Roger Mayhew (2020), Michael Cleary (1954), Frances D'Arcy (1966), Aubrey Delaney (1985), James Faul (1996), William McCarthy (2003), Joseph Lappetito (2010), Linda Kirk (2021) and Karen Murphy (1961) *May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

### **Holy Week Schedule – Walk With the Lord Through His Passion**

Join us throughout Holy Week as we enter into the mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection across our three Churches.

**Palm Sunday - 29 March – Holy Week begins, Masses as usual.**

**Tuesday Of Holy Week 31 March**

- 11:30 am – Chrism Mass, St John the Baptist Cathedral, Norwich

**Spy Wednesday – 1 April**

- 6:30–7:30 am – Adoration, St Mark's
- 9:30 am – Mass, St Mary Magdalen

**Maundy Thursday – 2 April**

- 6:30–7:30 am – Adoration, St Mark's
- 7:30 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper, St Mark's

**Good Friday – 3 April**

- 9:45 am – Ecumenical Walk of Witness, Ipswich (starting at Museum Street Methodist Church)
- 11:00 am – The Seven Last Words, Holy Family, Brantham
- 12 Noon – Stations of the Cross at St Mary Magdalen's
- 3:00 pm – Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, St Mark's

**Holy Saturday – 4 April**

- 9:30 am – Office of Readings & Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalen
  - 8:00 pm – The Easter Vigil, St Mark's
- The great celebration of the Lord's Resurrection — Easter begins!*

**Easter Sunday**

- Usual Sunday Masses:
- 8:00 am – Holy Family, Brantham
- 9:45 am – St Mary Magdalen
- 11:15 am – St Mark's

*Let's walk together with Christ through these sacred days and rejoice in the hope of the Resurrection.*

### **Remember to pray for the Mission of our Parishes:**

God our Father,

we give you thanks and praise for calling us to share in the fullness of life and love that Jesus won for us.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon our parish community.

Changed by your Spirit, may we become a community of disciples, attentive to the needs of all who come through our doors, and even those who don't.

We pray for your blessing upon every person in our parish community, and on all who live in and around our parish.

May they know your love, your presence, and your power in their lives.

For all who are struggling at this moment, we ask that you enter their lives and lift them.

May our parish become a place of adoration,

where the hungry are fed, the sick are healed, the bereaved are comforted, and all are made whole.

Softener our hearts to your will.

Make us open to what you desire to do in and through our parish, and give us the courage and strength to follow your call.

We make this prayer in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

*Please pray this prayer often and remember Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place weekly at 6:30 am at St Mark's on Wednesday and Thursdays for this intention*