



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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
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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

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Parish Priest:
Fr Luke Goymour VF

Confession:
by appointment

Parish School:
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Headteacher: Jo Berry and
Ross McGill
Safeguarding
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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 3rd May 2026

Responsorial Psalm:

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.

5th week of Easter – Year A

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

SATURDAY 02/05/2026	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: Margaret Congdon RIP	5th Sunday of Easter
SUNDAY 03/05/2026	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: Tom Brown RIP 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass Offered For: The health of Diodela Herrera 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: People of the Parish	5th Sunday of Easter
TUESDAY 05/05/2026	09:30 St Mary Magdalen: Adoration and Rosary 10:00 Holy Family: Mass and Adoration from 9:20am Offered For: Mr & Mrs Tom Goymour	Easter Feria
WEDNESDAY 06/05/2026	NO MASS TODAY	Easter Feria
THURSDAY 07/05/2026	09:20 Holy Family: Adoration and Rosary (Throughout May) NO MASS TODAY	Easter Feria
FRIDAY 08/05/2026	12:15 St Mark's Offered For: Pam Coates	Easter Feria
SATURDAY - 09/05/2026	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: People of the Parish	5th week of Easter
SUNDAY 10/05/2026	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: The Ginty Family 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass Offered For: Repose of the soul of Jorge Herrera RIP 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: Derry Clark RIP	6th Sunday of Easter
Ipswich Polish Catholic Mission	<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 and we'll send one over. Thank you for helping us keep our parish family connected and cared for.

**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**

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

**“Thank you
all for your
kindness and
generosity
to me over
Easter, God
bless you”
From Fr Luke**

Our Lady of Grace Ipswich: May (together with October) is traditionally dedicated to Our Lady. Here in Ipswich this devotion has a particular resonance, as our town is under the patronage of Our Lady of Grace of Ipswich. In Nettuno, Italy - where the original statue now resides -the month of May begins with great festivities in her honour. As we enter this Marian month, I would like to draw your attention to several important parish and diocesan events and warmly encourage you to take part where you can. Please see ChurchSuite and the back of the newsletter for details.

Sunday Lunch at St Mark's - Last Sunday (26/4/26) eight parishioners had Sunday lunch together at the Chantry cafe across the road from the St. Mark's. We all enjoyed the food and each other's company and plan to make it a regular event. We have agreed on the last Sunday of each month and would be happy for more of you to join us. Everyone is welcome but please try to let us know by the Sunday before, if possible, so that we can tell the cafe how many to expect. Please contact Jennie Newing on 07721 314892 or Pat West on 07594 250839.

Prayer Ministry available to all at St Mark's: Going forward on the 1st Sunday of the month. Trained people will be available to pray with you, for healing and peace for any situation you are dealing with at home, work or school. Please and make a note in your calendar or diary.

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) On Sunday 10th May the President of the Ipswich SVP will give a short talk at all 3 churches after mass, to explain what we do. The hospitality teams will also hand out SVP donation envelopes to help us raise funds specifically to provide a care package of provisions for our parishioners in hospital. If you are a UK taxpayer, please complete the Gift Aid section, we can then claim 25p for every £1 donated at no extra cost to you. If you are keen to get involved to help others, please join us. Our next meeting will be Thursday 21st May at 10:45am at St Mary Magdalen after the 10am mass.

Eucharistic Congress Principal Mass, at the Corn Exchange, Ipswich Sunday 13th September, 11am
Fr Luke will be leading the mass. It will be held at The Corn Exchange, King Street, Ipswich IP1 1DH at 11am. This will be the closing principal mass in Ipswich and across all parishes following a week of prayer centred on Jesus in the Eucharist. Bishop Peter and Bishop Alan will be in attendance. All Catholic parishes in East Anglia are invited and seats are limited. To avoid disappointment please register you are coming on ChurchSuite or on the website at <https://eucharisticcongressipswich.org/>

St Mark's 100 CLUB – This club raises funds for the Parish and hold a monthly prize draw where three cash prizes are won. Details about the 100 Club can be obtained from the parish website by simply scanning the QR code alongside or pick up a leaflet and entry form from the back of the church. You can also obtain further information from David Ford either by telephoning on 01206 298939 or sending an email to dford0554@aol.com.



IGNITE Youth Mission Team (age 18-30) Applications open until June 2026: There will be changes from September 2026, Ignite team members will also be 'apprentices' You will receive training, leading to a nationally recognised qualification. Live at home rather than a shared team house, continue to work in schools and parishes with a greater emphasis on supporting youth ministry in your local area and be paid a salary in line with the government wage. Posters are placed in all 3 churches please use the QR code for more information.

Weekday Mass at Mary Magdalen: Please note there will be no Mass on Thursday this week, 7th May, as Fr Luke is away on Diocesan business.

Bible Group at St Mary Magdalen: Please note there will be no Bible Study group this week, 7th May, or next week, 14th May. Sessions will resume on Thursday 21st May when there will be two sessions – a morning session immediately following the 10:00 am morning Mass as well as the normal evening session at 7:15 pm. Bible group meetings are open to all – just come along and bring your bible with you. Spares will be available if you don't have one.

Rosary at St Mary Magdalen: Rosary and Adoration will take place on Tuesday. This is open to all – why not come along and join us in the church at 9:30am?

Parish 150 Club at St Mary Magdalen: Many thanks to all subscribers who have paid their subscription payment for the new year. However, we have 46 numbers which remain, at the time of writing, as unpaid. If you have not paid your subscription, could you please do so as a priority? For people in the parish that are not members and who would like to join, there are paper application forms in the church porch and an on-line application form on the parish website – scan the QR code to take you straight there. The April prize draw will be deferred for two weeks and will be held on 10th May, to allow more time for the as yet unpaid subscriptions to be received.



Parish Helpers Fair at St Mary Magdalen: A huge thank you to everyone who supported last weeks Parish Helpers Fair, either by helping set up, speaking to people about the various activities, providing cakes or clearing up afterwards. It was a wonderful example of the parish coming together and there was a real buzz during the event. A

special thank you to everyone who volunteered for any of the activities available. We'll be in touch over the next few weeks with the next steps.

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.*

Our Own Dear Departed: Of your charity, please pray for Margaret McInerney (2019), Catherine M Head (2008), Sybil Turnbull (2019), Patrick McManus (1986), Manuel Giner, Ronald Blake (2005), Canon Augustine Peacock, founder of parish (1956), John Beeby (1985), Peter McWalter and Peter Samudovsky (2020) whose anniversaries occur about this time. A full list of parish anniversaries can be found on the parish web site.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham
— Bank Holiday Monday 4th May**
This coming Bank Holiday Monday is the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, an invitation extended to the whole Diocese. A number of parishioners will be attending, and you would be very welcome to join us.

Programme:

- 10:30–11:30 Confessions
- 11:30 Welcome and Reception of Banners
- 12:00 Pilgrim Mass
- 14:15 Procession
- 15:45 Prayers and Benediction in the Abbey Grounds

Parish Rosary Rally Sunday 24th to Saturday 30th May

Preached Rosary and Adoration and Mass each evening at St Marks throughout the week.

Pentecost BBQ on Sunday 24th May at St Mark's. Holy Family and St Mary Magdalen's are warmly invited to join us for Rosary and the BBQ.

Our Lady of Ipswich Deanery Pilgrimage Walk to St Pancras for Mass, Saturday 30th May

- *Departing St Mark's at 10:30*
- *Departing St Mary Magdalen's at 10:45*
We will pray the Rosary as we walk.
- *Arriving for Mass in honour of Our Lady of Ipswich at St Pancras at 12:15.*

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.

Soften 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