



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:
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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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Fr Luke Goymour VF

Confession:
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Headteacher: Jo Berry and
Ross McGill
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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 26th April 2026

Responsorial Psalm:

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

4th week of Easter – Year A

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

SATURDAY 25/04/2026	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: People of the Parish	4th Sunday of Easter
SUNDAY 26/04/2026	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: Mr & Mrs Ryan Ginty 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass Offered For: Repose of the souls of Joan and Giuseppe Di Mascio RIP 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: Pearl Murphy	4th Sunday of Easter
TUESDAY 28/04/2026	09:30 St Mary Magdalen: Adoration and Rosary 10:00 Holy Family: *NO MASS* Adoration and Rosary	Easter Feria
WEDNESDAY 29/04/2026	09:30 St Mark's Offered For: Lorna Angele Cooper RIP	St Catherine of Siena
THURSDAY 30/04/2026	10:00 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass Offered For: Repose of the soul of Elsie Lacey RIP (Foundation Mass)	Easter Feria
FRIDAY 01/05/2026	12:15 St Mark's Offered For: Peter Spurgin	Easter Feria
SATURDAY - 02/05/2026	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: Margaret Congdon RIP	4th week 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
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

**SECOND
COLLECTION** *this weekend*

*In aid of
Diocesan Priest's
Training Fund*

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***

Prayer Ministry available to all at St Mark's: This will be offered immediately after mass this Sunday and 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 stay in church so our team can find and help you.

Parish Forum at Holy Family Sunday 26th April: To be held immediately after mass on Sunday.

Alpha Course Invitations:

Today is your last chance to sign up for one of the Alpha courses due to start next week. Choose between evenings at St Mark's 7.30-9.00pm, beginning Wednesday 29th April or afternoons at Holy Family 2.30-4.00pm, beginning Thursday 30th April. A full list of session times and dates and further details are available on our website stmarksparish.org.uk/alpha or you can pick up a list at the back of the church. We are looking forward to welcoming you with a hot meal/afternoon tea and to share some great teaching and faith moving conversations. Sign up using the QR code or go to our website or add your name to the list at the back of the church.



Free Community Pantry at St Mark's: The Lion's Pantry has been well supported in terms of giving and receiving! Thank you all so much for embracing and sharing this gift throughout our parish community.

How it works: Take food if you need it, leave food if you can, respect others by taking only what you need, This works because people give and people receive. **How you can help** - You can support the pantry in two ways. **1.**

Donate food, you can leave items directly in the shed outside the church hall. Useful items include Tinned food, beans, soup, vegetables, Pasta, rice, noodles, Tea, coffee, long-life milk, Cereals and snacks, Toiletries. Please make sure food is sealed and in date. **2. Give financially**, bank details at the front of the newsletter, please quote Pantry. Money helps us keep the pantry stocked when donations run low. Every £10 can provide several meals. Regular giving helps keep the shelves full week after week. Further details are on St Mark's website at <https://stmarksparish.org.uk/the-lions-pantry>.

FIND at St Mark's: Message from Jan Cavanagh: For the time being FIND food bank donations will be going to our Lion's Pantry at St Mark's. Anyone who wants to suggest an alternative way please contact Jan her details are on ChurchSuite. If you wish to make financial gifts to FIND their bank details are on their website www.findipswich.org.uk

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.

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.

Bible Group at St Mary Magdalen's: Bible group will continue this Thursday, 16th April at 7:15 pm in the Garden Room. This is 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's: 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?

St Mary Magdalen's Parish 150 Club: The 150 Club accounts for last year have now been audited and signed off. The summary for the year is: Income £3,924, expenses £20, prizes £1,540, proceeds to parish funds £2,364. These numbers are down on last year due to a drip in subscriptions and as things stand next year's numbers will be lower still. Some of our subscribers have moved out of the parish during the past 12 months, and sadly several have passed away - we need 23 new subscriptions just to maintain last year's membership level which was itself down on the previous year. We desperately need new subscribers to help fill the gap if the income to the parish is to be maintained. 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.



St Mary Magdalen Parish Forum – Next Steps: Following the recent Parish Forum Meeting, we have arranged a Parish Helpers Fair, to follow up on the many suggestions made at the Forum. The Parish Helpers Fair will take place in the Church Hall on Sunday 26th April, immediately after the 9:45 a.m. Mass. Coffee and tea after Mass will be served in the Hall instead of the Garden Room for this week only, which will also give you an opportunity to admire the

newly refurbished Hall kitchen! So, if you'd like to see some activities at Mass that we don't currently offer, such as Children's Church or choir / other music during Mass, do come along and share your ideas with some of the people involved. If you've ever wondered about becoming an altar server, a special minister or a reader at Mass, but didn't know who to ask, this is also the event to find out more and maybe even offer to get involved. We could also do with more people joining the team welcoming people at the start of Mass or serving tea and coffee afterwards. Each table at the Fair will cover a different parish activity, with volunteers who are currently involved in that activity or willing to take new ideas forward, so this is a chance to come along and chat, thank people for their service and add your thoughts and suggestions for them to take to take forward. Even if you don't want to get directly involved or have any ideas to share, do come along anyway and let's make this a lovely social event for the parish - if there are any keen bakers out there, please bring something along to share! If you'd like to know more before the event itself, do speak to Lucy or Martin Pakes after the 9.45 a.m. Mass.

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 Pegg (2024), Martin Mongan (1961), Joan Haznos (1993), James Ratcliffe (1992), Cezarina Meyer (1980), Doris Carvey (1998), Mary Dodson (1983), Charles Freddy & Ashard (1985), Marion Hyland (1992), George Rymell (1992) and Salvatore Falcucci (2014) whose anniversaries occurred about this time. A full list of parish anniversaries can be found on the parish web site. 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.*

**The Ipswich Eucharistic Congress – Save
The Date 6-13th September
“A historic moment for our town and the
for the diocese”**

Eucharistic Congress Ipswich: The Eucharistic Congress will involve multiple events between 6th September to 13th September centred on Jesus Christ present in the Eucharist and bringing Catholics across together. Information can be found at <https://eucharisticcongressipswich.org/>
The Sunday Mass on 13th at the Corn Exchange will be the main Mass in Ipswich that day! Please go online now and book your place as space is limited and it helps with planning. There is no cost for this event!

More information to follow very soon.

**Parish Rosary Rally
Sun 24th – Sat 30th May**

Pentecost BBQ on the Sunday

Preached Rosary and Adoration and Mass
each evening at St Marks

**Sat 30th Our Lady of Ipswich
Deanery Pilgrimage Walk to St Pancras
for Mass**

More details to follow

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