



PARISH NEWSLETTER



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EAST ANGLIA

Diocesan Jubilee 50 Years of the Diocese of East Anglia



Parish Priest:
Fr Luke Goymour VF

Eucharistic Adoration:
St Mark's

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

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

Holy Family
Tuesday 9:20 – 9:50*

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

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

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

Confession
St Mark: 5pm Saturday
and by appointment

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

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 MARK

WITH HOLY FAMILY BRANTHAM

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Ipswich, Suffolk W stmarksparish.org.uk
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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)



ST MARY MAGDALEN

The Presbytery, T 01473 741975
468 Norwich Road,
Ipswich, Suffolk W marymagdalens.org
IP1 6JS @marymagdalens
E parishpriest@marymagdalens.org

Parish Priest:
Fr Luke Goymour VF

Eucharistic Adoration:
Tuesdays at 9:30 am with
Rosary

Confession:
by appointment

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].

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

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

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 17th May 2026

Responsorial Psalm:

I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness in the land of the living.

7th week of Easter – Year A

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

SATURDAY 16/05/2026	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: People of the Parish	7th Sunday of Easter
SUNDAY 17/05/2026	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: Edmund & Anne Smitheram 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass Offered For: Priests Intentions 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: People of the Parish	7th Sunday of Easter
TUESDAY 19/05/2026	09:30 St Mary Magdalen Adoration and Rosary	
WEDNESDAY 20/05/2026	NO MASSES TUESDAY TO FRIDAY - FR LUKE IS AWAY ON DIOCESAN BUSINESS.	
THURSDAY 21/05/2026		
FRIDAY 22/05/2026		NO EARLY MORNING ADORATION AT St MARK'S ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
SATURDAY - 23/05/2026	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: People of the Parish	Pentecost Sunday
SUNDAY 24/05/2026	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: Family of Grace O'Connor RIP 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass Offered For: Repose of the soul of Lissamma Joseph RIP 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: Austin and Oma Adigwe	Pentecost Sunday
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, after all Masses this weekend
In aid of
The Catholic Communication

Parish Rosary Rally
Starts on Sunday 24th
ends 30th May

See back of newsletter for full schedule of events!

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

Michael Sellers RIP Funeral Mass: Will be held at St Mark's Church on Friday 19th June at 11am. The church service will then be followed by a service at Seven Hills Crematorium at 12:45pm.

Lions Pantry at St Mark's: Thank you to those who have kindly set up a direct debit for the pantry. Please can you check you are signed up for Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer. Forms are available at the back of church. Please, if you are able any donations either financial or of items i.e. breakfast cereal, baked beans and Instant pasta, rice are very popular.

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.

Sisters of St Peter Claver visit: The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will be at St Mark's Parish the weekend of 30th & 31st May 2026 to appeal on behalf of the Sisters Missions Committee of England and Wales. They work in solidarity with missionaries around the world, especially in regions where the Church is poor and resources are limited. Through prayer and practical support, they help sustain missionary work in pastoral ministry, education and healthcare. We thank you for your generosity and ask you to keep the missionaries and their work in your prayers.

Diocese's Retreat Day for Women 2026: Organised by the Diocese, the highly popular *Retreat Day for Women* will be repeated on a second date on **Saturday 6th June**, with talks given by the sisters of the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham at their home in Dereham, Norfolk. Join us as we explore ways of growing in our relationship with Christ. The day will explore some of Saint Edith Stein's ideas of what it means to be a woman and the unity God desires to bring us to, as well as how to carry the crosses of daily life. The day will include two talks, time for discussion and fellowship, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as well as a cream tea. Places are limited! Booking essential! Booking Form and all information found here: www.rcdea.org.uk/east-anglia-diocese-announces-retreat-day-for-women/ Please direct all enquiries to mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk

Youth Adults event 23rd May, St Mary's Church, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich: The 'Door of Grace Young Adult Gathering' is supported by the Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries (AFCM), it will be led by 2 St Pancras Church parishioners, who are experienced in separate young adult activities. Time is: 1-5pm, Age range 18 + with no upper age limit. The day will consist of the following: Mass at 1pm, Adoration and Confession, Games, Talk supported by national organisation AFCM. If you are interested, please contact: lauraisaacs80@yahoo.com

Sunday Lunch at St Mark's: If you would like to join us after mass at the next Sunday lunch on 31st May. Please let Jennie or Pat know you intend to come along so they can tell the café how many diners to can expect. If you prefer to text their contact details are 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.

Eucharistic Congress Ipswich - Principal Mass, Sunday 13 September: The Eucharistic Congress Ipswich takes place across a week of prayer, teaching, and worship hosted by parishes across Ipswich, on 6th –13th September 2026. The week closes with the Principal Mass for the Ipswich Deanery, celebrated by the Bishop at the Ipswich Corn Exchange at 11.00am on Sunday 13 September. This is the Mass for the whole town of Ipswich that Sunday — Catholics across the Deanery are encouraged to attend in place of their usual parish Mass. Seating is limited. Advance booking is essential. **Book your place and find out more at 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.

Bible Group at St Mary Magdalen: The Bible Study group sessions resume this week on Thursday 21st May. Following recent feedback, there will be two sessions – a morning session which would normally immediately follow the 10:00 am morning Mass as well as the normal evening session at 7:15 pm. As there is no morning Mass this

week, the Bible Study group session will start at 10:30. 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: The delayed April prize draw of the 150 Club was made last Sunday. Congratulations to the winners Mrs A Prentice, Miss T Cleary, Mrs V Davison and Mr T Butcher. Full details of the prizes can be found on the church notice board and on the parish web site. Sadly, the recent appeal for new members resulted in little response and there remains plenty of room for new subscribers. If you 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 Sick of the Parish: Last Sunday, Molly Mayhew was taken into Ipswich hospital where she currently remains. We ask your prayers especially for Molly, that she make a full recovery, and also 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 Florence Dooley (1975), Philip Ford (1966), Patrick Kiely, John Faure (2017), John Morley (1981), Frederick Bolt (1978), Elizabeth Sefton (2012), Mary Chaisty (1978), Maria Hewitt (2003), Mary Poll (1996) and Veronica Nicholson (2008) 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.

Parish Rosary Rally

Sunday 24th to Saturday 30th May

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.

Mass will be in the Parish at St Mark's only. Monday 25th to Friday 29th May. 6pm Adoration and Rosary followed by Mass at 7pm, each night.

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*