



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EAST ANGLIA

*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  
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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

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**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  
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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 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

## Responsorial Psalm:

To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

9<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year – Year A

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

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| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>30/05/2026          | <b>17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass</b><br>Offered For: Gabriele Mattei RIP  | <b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>         |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>31/05/2026            | <b>08:00 Holy Family</b><br>Offered For: Michael Wilkins RIP<br><b>09:45 St Mary Magdalen</b><br>Offered For: Repose of the soul of Peter Kavanagh RIP (Foundation Mass)<br><b>11:15 St Mark's</b><br>Offered For: People of the Parish | <b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>         |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>02/06/2026           | <b>9:30 St Mary Magdalen:</b> Exposition, Adoration and Rosary<br><b>10:00 Holy Family:</b> Mass and Adoration from 9:20am<br>Offered For: Andy & Moire Bevis   | <b>Feria</b>                         |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>03/06/2026         | <b>06:30 St Mark's:</b> Adoration until 07:30am<br><b>12:15 St Mark's</b><br>Offered For: Marist Sisters  | <b>Ss Charles Lwanga &amp; Comps</b> |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>04/06/2026          | <b>06:30 St Mark's:</b> Adoration until 07:30am<br><b>10:00 St Mary Magdalen</b><br>Offered For: Priest's Intentions  | <b>Feria</b>                         |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>05/06/2026            | <b>12:15 St Mark's</b><br>Offered For: Brian Mooney RIP   | <b>St Boniface BM</b>                |
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>06/06/2026          | <b>17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass</b><br>Offered For: People of the Parish   | <b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b>                |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>07/06/2026            | <b>08:00 Holy Family</b><br>Offered For: Trevor Benson<br><b>09:45 St Mary Magdalen</b><br>Offered For: Priest's Intentions<br><b>11:15 St Mark's</b><br>Offered For: Lauren Grant  | <b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b>                |
| <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>                          |                                      |

## 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 – see our Parish Mission Prayer at the back of the newsletter.

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.

### ***New to the Parish?***

**ChurchSuite is 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:

- Email the Parish Office and we'll send you an invite.
- Alternatively, 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.
- Thank you for helping us keep our parish family connected and cared for.

**Deacon Matthew:** This weekend we welcome Rev. Matthew Alan to the parish. Deacon Matthew is a seminarian in his last year for our diocese and will be on placement here with Fr Luke to finish his training for priestly ordination. Please introduce yourselves and make him feel welcome.

**Sisters of St Peter Claver visit this weekend:** We welcome the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver this weekend 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.

**Kids Church:** As this weekend is half term there will not be kids Church after mass this week.

**Catholic School Vacancy:** Head of School required for St Edmunds and St Joseph's Catholic Primary Schools, please see diocesan website for more details: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/schools/school-vacancies/>

**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.

**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/](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/east-anglia-diocese-announces-retreat-day-for-women/) Please direct all enquiries to [mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk)

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage only a few seats left.** 16<sup>TH</sup> September – 23 September 7 nights £849 per person based on 2 sharing, single person supplement £210, direct from Stanstead, 10kg bags included includes transfers, 20kg checked in can be added for £60 return. 7 nights accommodation at Hotel Leone. Half board, full religious programme. Please use the QR code or link to contact Joe Walsh Tours for further details and to book or Tel: Reservations: 0808 1890468 or link <https://joewalshstours.co.uk/private-groups/medjugorje-pilgrimage-fr-luke-goymour/>



**Prayer Ministry available to all at St Mark's:** Going forward on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> –13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:dford0554@aol.com).



**Bible Group at St Mary Magdalen:** The Bible Study group sessions continue this week on Thursday 4th June with a session that will immediately follow 10:00 Mass, followed by a second session at 7:15 in the evening – both sessions being in the Garden Room. 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.

**Adoration and Rosary at St Mary Magdalen:** After last week's special program of events for the Rosary Rally, this week we revert to the normal time for Adoration and Rosary which will be at 9:30 am on Tuesday 2nd June. This is open to all – why not come along and join us in the church at 10:00 am?

**Rosemary Shorten RIP:** It was with great sadness that we learned this week of the death of Rosemary Shorten, widely known as Rosie, who passed away peacefully at home during the night on Monday surrounded by her family, having endured a long and difficult battle with cancer. Please remember Rosemary in your prayers and pray also for her family and friends who mourn her passing. Funeral arrangements will be announced as soon as they are known. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**Parish 150 Club at St Mary Magdalen:** The May prize draw will take place today, Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May, after Mass in the Garden Room. There is plenty of room for new members, and 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 to it.



**Building Works at Mary Magdalen:** Work is currently under way to change the door arrangements at the rear of the church. A recent fire risk assessment by Diocesan consultants, highlighted that there is no acceptable second means of escape for emergency evacuations. To address this, changes are being made to the door to the left of the altar and to the back door to the garden, so this can form an escape route. Works should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

**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 Henry Head (1924), Graham “Ken” Bainbridge (2018), Joan Elliott (1980), Freda Casartelli (1985), Ronald Bailey (2008), Frank Janes (1979), Terence Billesberry (2011), Louise de Lorenzi (1995), Patrick Allpress (2020), Christopher Ward (1958), James Fitzgerald (1999), Margaret McArdle (2015), Anna Nelli (2022), Bridget Quigley, Ron Goodchild, Edith Ragoonaden (2017), Michael Obolensky (1995) and Mary Rolfe (2004) 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.*

**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*