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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:
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St Mark's School
Headteacher:
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St. Marks RC Parish A/C

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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Confession:
by appointment

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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 11th January 2026

Responsorial Psalm – The LORD will bless his people with peace.

Baptism of the Lord - Feast Year A

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

SATURDAY 10/01/2026	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: People of the Parish	Baptism of the Lord - Feast
SUNDAY 11/01/2026	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: Fenby-Taylor Family 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Offered for: Magdalen and Leslie Jermy RIP. 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: David Bowers RIP	Baptism of the Lord - Feast
TUESDAY 13/01/2026	09:30 St Mary Magdalen: Exposition, Adoration and Rosary 10:00 Holy Family Mass and Adoration from 9.20am Offered For: Tony Lee	
WEDNESDAY 14/01/2026	09:30 St Mark's Offered For: Pamela Jones RIP	
THURSDAY 15/01/2026	10:00 St Mary Magdalen Offered For: Eric List RIP (Foundation Mass)	
FRIDAY 16/01/2026	NO MASS TODAY at St Mark's Funeral Requiem Mass to be held for Pamela Jones at St Mary's Church, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich 16 th January at 10:30am	
SATURDAY 17/01/2026	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: People of the Parish	
SUNDAY 18/01/2026	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: Deceased member of the Cowell and Oldfield family 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Offered for: John, Annick and Stephen Smith RIP (Foundation Mass) 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: John Mensah RIP	
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>	

Young person of Confirmation Age? (School Yr 8) Please collect and return forms from the back of the Church to express your interest. **Confirmation classes starting this month.**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone for your kindness and generosity over Christmas, especially for the Christmas offering, cards and gifts. I am also deeply grateful to all who contributed to our Christmas liturgies in any way, and to everyone who helped with the decorations. Our churches looked truly beautiful. Thank you.

Fr Luke

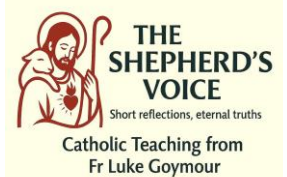
**Sunday
Homilies**

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

Confession

**St Mark's every
Saturday at 5pm
prior to 5:30pm
mass or by
appointment**



**Teaching Pamphlets
and devotional
materials available
at the back of
Church and on
digital download by
Fr Luke – Free of
Charge**

The Baptism of the Lord: Today is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, The Baptism of the Lord which commemorates Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan River, a pivotal event marking the start of Jesus' public ministry and revealing Him as the Son of God. This Feast which marks the end of the Christmas Season in the Church's liturgical calendar.

Nativity Festival – Thank you to those who helped with, supported and/or attended our 2nd Nativity Festival. It was a beautiful occasion allowing us to reach out to the local parish and invite them to celebrate the Holy Family with us. Over 150 people came through our doors and although this was not a fund raiser, we did receive a total of £425.90 which is fantastic, thank you all.

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.



Holy Family Forum - The next forum for Holy Family will be on Sunday 1st February, in the church immediately after the 8:00 mass. The agenda will be on the notice board at the back of the church. Parishioners will be able to raise issues by adding them to the agenda by writing a title on the agenda with their name and must be willing to present it on the day.

FIND – St Mark's - Would like to thank everyone for their generosity in 2025 especially during these challenging times. During December we delivered 700+ emergency food parcels in December. Approx 500 extra Christmas hampers were sent this year to 630 adults and 670 children, 11 dogs 2 cats! If you would like to become more involved with FIND visit us at www.findipswich.org.uk Current needs are : tea bags, coffee, cooking oil, tinned Tomatoes, long life milk, soup, cereal, tinned fruit. Your donations will be delivered to FIND please place them in the box under the table at the back of church.

Mary's Meals – Want to become a volunteer? Call 0800 698 1212 or email marysmeals.org.uk. You can help us share information about Mary's Meals and updates on our work in your church or faith community by a becoming a faith representative.

Christmas Post: The letter rack in the church porch at St Mary Mgadalens and the table outside the Hall at St Marks still contains a number of cards left for parishioners. Please do check the rack today and take any cards that have been left for you because in previous years, we have sadly had to dispose of several cards that were never collected by the intended recipients.

Bible Study Group: The Bible study group has restarted after the break for the Christmas period, and will take place each Thursday evening in the Garden Room at 7:15 pm. Please do come along and bring your bible with you – if you don't have one then come along anyway as there will be spares available.

Diocesan Year Book: Now available in the church porch are the new editions of the Diocesan Year Book for 2026. These are priced at £5 per copy. The annual Yearbook contains a comprehensive, up-to-date guide to the Diocese of East Anglia. It can also be read and referenced online here on the parish web site - scan the QR code to take you directly to it.



St Mary Magdalen Parish Forum: On Sunday 25th January, following Mass, there will be one more opportunity to explore together how we can become *a community of disciples, attentive to the needs of those who come through our doors, and even those who don't.* Now that we are getting to know each other as a wider Parish group, this is an open invitation to meet and discuss how we can make our parish mission prayer a reality. Everyone is welcome to the session which will take place immediately after Mass. The session will be held in the Garden Room at St Mary Magdalen's Church and will be facilitated by parishioner, Lucy Pakes. Tea and coffee will be available at the session and there may even be cake! No need to book in advance, just come along after Mass with an open mind and a prayerful heart!

Rosary: After the break last week for the Epiphany, the Adoration and Rosary session continues on Tuesday morning. If you have not yet joined us, why not start now? Why don't you come along too and spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament? If numbers permit, we adjourn to the Garden Room afterwards for a cup of coffee! Do join us at 9:30 am.

The Shepherd's Voice: The Shepherd's Voice is a series of short pamphlets and reflections by Fr Luke Goymour on a number of different faith topics. These pamphlets are available at the back of church or can be read on line on the parish web site – the QR code will take you to the correct page. There are currently the six titles in the series (more to be added): *What Happens When We Die?*, *There's Something About Mary*, *All Saints*, *Sin and Confession*, *The Holy Catholic Church* and *The Rosary*.



St Mary Magdalen Ladies Tea 'n' Chat: The ladies group will be meeting on the usual last Friday this month, January 30th 2026 at 2:30 pm in the Garden Room.

St Mary Magdalen Parish 150 Club: The December prize draw of the 150 Club, including the third quarter bonus prizes, was made after Mass on Sunday 28th December. Congratulations to the winners Mrs M Ogden RIP, Mr J Tallent, Mr & Mrs T Smith, Mr A Ford, Mr & Mrs H Shovlin, Mrs P B Young and Mr & Mrs M Pakes. In accordance with the wishes of Mrs Ogden, her prize has been donated to the parish for which we are grateful. Full details of the prize-winners can be found on the church porch notice board and on the parish web site – scan the QR code to take you directly to it.



Mrs Joan Di Mascio RIP: Many of you will remember Joan Di Mascio, a regular for many years at St Mary Magdalen with her husband Joe. Joan sadly passed away in Ipswich hospital on 18th December. Her funeral will be held at St Mary Magdalen church on Thursday 22nd January at 10:30 am. Please remember Joan in your prayers and remember also her family and friends who mourn her passing.

St Pancras RC Primary School: As part of an ongoing process to strengthen the ties between school and parish, the Headteacher at St Pancras, Mr McGill, has extended an open invitation to all members of the parish to pop along to the school on Friday mornings to join in their assembly. Each Friday at 9:05 am they hold assembly, at which various performance presentations are made to some of the children. Any person wishing to pop along will be very welcome.

Can You Help?: We are still looking for someone who can help us with the fitting of a small piece of new carpet in the priest's sacristy. Can you help? Are you, or do you know, a carpet fitter who could spare a couple of hours to fit a new piece of carpet about 9 square metres? If you can help please speak to Fr Luke or send an email to contact@marymagdalens.org.

Catholic East Anglia: The December/January edition of Catholic East Anglia, the Diocesan newspaper, is available in the church porch. This publication is free of charge if all the printed copies have gone, this can also be read online on the parish web site – just scan the QR code to take you straight to it.



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 Margaret Limpenny (1992), John Woodward (2015), Martha Ndow-Grace (2021), Margaret Potter (1989), Rachael Abbott (2002), Patrick Cooper (2014), Casilda Janssen (1973), Edith Brame (1999), Dorothy Harris (1970), Andrew Kervin (1975), Michael Carroll (1993), William McCormack (2000), Stephen Spooner (1962), Leslie Payne (2001), Nora Heffernan (2012), Richard Miller (1962), Catherine Barrett (1973), William King (2001), John Galloway, Joseph Thompson (1959), Jaqueline Farland (2023), Albert Richardson (1969), Eleanor Chandler (1983), Hugh Rodger (1997), Vera Johnston (1979), Timothy Downey (1997), Regina "Queenie" Scott (2004), Godfrey Schofield (2007), Rosiana Evans (2021), Albert Thaine (1977), Rita Aldis (2009), William Taylor (2015), Peter Eaton (2015), Margaret Howes (1998), Kevin Finegan (2009), Patrick Mullan (2024), Martha Bacon (1970), Marie Thulliez (1970), Eleanor Ivemy (1983), Marjorie Reddington (1985), Mary Titterington and Ruth Frost (1974) 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