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Parish School:
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Eucharistic Adoration:

St Mark's
Friday 11:40 – 12:10

Holy Family
Tuesday 9:20 – 9:50

Prayer Group:
Mondays 7:00 – 8:30pm
Praise, Worship
scripture & reflection

Confession
St Mark: 5pm Saturday
and by appointment

Children's Liturgy:
Every Sunday at 11 am
Mass



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Confession:
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and by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration:
Fridays after 10:00 Mass
Exposition, a Chaplet of
Divine Mercy and
Benediction

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:
Account name: St Mary
Magdalen Roman
Catholic Parish
Sort Code: 20-44-51
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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 8th December 2024.

News for St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – What great deed the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.		
2nd week of Advent – Year C		
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:		
SATURDAY 7/12/24	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: The People of the Parish	2nd Sunday of Advent
SUNDAY 8/12/24	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: Greg & Anna Fenby Taylor 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Dolly & Ivan Saunder RIP	2nd Sunday of Advent
TUESDAY 10/12/24	10:00 Holy Family Offered For: Payton Taylor	Bis. Henry Heath & John Robinson
WEDNESDAY 11/12/24	9:30 am St. Mark's Offered For: Fr, Bineesh	Advent Feria
THURSDAY 12/12/24	NO MASS at St. Mark's 10:00 at St. Mary Magdalens	Advent Feria
FRIDAY 13/12/24	12:15 pm St. Mark's Offered For: Lorna Cooper	St. Lucy
SATURDAY 14/12/24	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: Rich Nicholls	3rd Sunday of Advent
SUNDAY 15/12/24	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: The People of the Parish 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Sr. Mary Enda Creegan	3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday Homilies
can be listened to again at:
<https://anchor.fm/fr-luke-goymour> And on all major
Podcast platforms just
search:
Fr Luke's Homilies

**Christmas cards,
calendars and diaries
are now available from
the repository at the
back of the church.
Please put the money in
the red box on the wall
beside the repository.**

**Limited Edition
Christmas Cards of
Our lady of Ipswich.
Packs of 10 Luxury
Christmas Cards of
Our Lady of Ipswich
are available from St
Mark's for £10 Get
them while you can!**

**Nativity Festival:
RAFFLE TICKETS
ON SALE**

**Second Collection for
Dependent Priest Next
Weekend**

Our Lady of Ipswich: St Mark's has received a new painting of Our Lady of Ipswich. It will be blessed at a special Mass for the Immaculate Conception on Monday 9th December at 7pm. All welcome, please do come along!

Christmas Nativity Festival – Our first Nativity Exhibition will be a wonderful celebration for families. As well as the beautiful Nativity scenes shared by our parishioners we will have craft tables, cake sales, raffle prizes, interactive games and a visit from St Nicholas, for the children. **We need your support** please, can you provide Christmas gifts for adults and children for raffle prizes? e.g. bottles, new toys, gift sets, selection boxes. For the cake sale Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings, any small cakes and cookies. Do you make jam, chutney, preserves we can also sell. Most of all we look forward to seeing you on the day.

The festival will take place on **Saturday 14 December from 10-1pm**. We invite you to share your nativity scene with a note on its history, it could be new, passed down through the family and represent your culture. We want to celebrate the Christmas story with you. Please bring them to church from 1st December, please also make sure to include your name and contact details. They can be collected from Sunday 15 December.

Please take Some Flyers and put them through your neighbours' doors.

Pilgrimage to Rome to celebrate the Jubilee of Youth - As part of the Jubilee 2025, the Diocese will be leading a pilgrimage to Rome, joining with thousands of young people from all over the world. If you will be age 16 – 30 next summer 2025. See www.rcdea.org.uk/youth for more details.

Musicians and Singers: Would you like to be involved in building a music ministry at St Mark's, to praise God with both traditional hymns and contemporary music? This is an important part of our weekly liturgy, so if you play any instrument or sing or have any other involvement in music please do get in touch: simon@stmarksparish.org.uk

100 CLUB – This club raises funds for the Parish and hold a monthly prize draw. 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

Gift Aid - A claim for April 2023-24 Gift Aid will be made shortly, it is essential all donors were paying UK income or Capital Gains Tax in an amount equal to the claim. Unless I am informed to the contrary



I'll be claiming tax on your behalf. Please advise of any changes to your name, address or postcode to ensure the Diocese records are correct, there is no need for a new GAD to be completed. If you would like gift aid envelopes, please email sharoncullum247@yahoo.co.uk

2025 Medjugorje Parish Pilgrimage dates 16th to 23rd September. £829.00 when sharing a room. For further details contact chrismceweneb@gmail.com

Advent Jesse Tree Activity for children and families This Advent, we're excited to offer a family-friendly activity inspired by the popular Jesse Tree tradition. Each day, we'll send out a Bible reading along with a small coloring piece that can be cut out and hung on a tree. To receive these daily readings and coloring sheets, please make sure you're signed up on ChurchSuite!

Sunday Advent Kids Craft Sessions To kick off each week of Advent, we'll hold a half-hour craft and learning session after the 11 am Mass at St. Mark's every Sunday. These sessions are for children to help them learn about Advent and get ready for the week's Jesse Tree resources. Whether you're a family or a parishioner interested in these activities, please sign up on ChurchSuite to receive the materials and updates. We look forward to journeying through Advent together!

Men's Retreat at Stonyhurst - 31 March – 5 April 2025. A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached by the Benedictine Monks of St Joseph's Abbey, France. Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men and of engaging them through a shortened version of the Ignatian Exercises. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. Priests are welcome to attend and concelebrate or celebrate their own Mass.

For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

Please Pray: For the repose of the soul of John Stubbs who died last Tuesday and David Edwards whose Funeral will be at St Mark's, 12 noon on 18th December

News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

The Second Sunday in Advent – 8th December 2024. Readings: Liturgical Year C. Services during the coming week – Second Week of Advent, Liturgical Year I

Sunday 8 th December	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish, Reader: A Smith, Eucharistic Minister: K Cork
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Valerian Lobo RIP. Reader: M Pakes, Offertory: Pakes Family, Eucharistic Ministers: M Geisel, R Shorten, W Lobo
<i>Please join us in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass for tea and coffee, prepared and served by Julie & Michael</i>		
Monday 9 th December		The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary No Mass Today
Tuesday 10 th December	10:00 am	Blessed Henry Heath, John Robinson and Companions Holy Mass.
Wednesday 11 th December	12 noon	Advent Feria Holy Mass offered for Ralph and Adriana Turner (Foundation Mass).
Thursday 12 th December	10:00 am	Advent Feria Holy Mass offered for Monica Ogden (Foundation Mass).
Friday 13 th December	10:00 am	St Lucy Holy Mass offered for all members of the Vieira Family, living and dead, followed by Exposition, a chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction.
Sunday 15th December - The Third Sunday in Advent		
	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Charles Vieira RIP. Reader: C Riches, Offertory: Cleary Family, Eucharistic Minister: K Cork.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish. Reader: J Iannelli, Offertory: Fox Family, Eucharistic Ministers: R Shorten, W Lobo, A James

Today's Gospel: This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptises for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation. The three Synoptic Gospels attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus and these stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's

Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry. In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events and lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives and are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did. *Courtesy Loyola Press*

Advent Wreath: Today, the second Sunday of Advent, we light the second purple candle on our Advent wreath. This candle typically represents love - some traditions call this the "Bethlehem Candle," symbolising Christ's manger:

"This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."


Next Week: The Dependent Priests Fund is a charity run by priests of the diocese, but independent of the diocese itself, to support priests in mainly medical, but also in general need. There will be a retiring collection for this cause next Sunday, 15th December – collectors please note. Please Gift Aid your donations if you can, but note that, as this is a charity independent of the diocese, it has a separate charity registration number and as such the special Gift Aid envelopes provided must be used and not the printed Diocesan ones.

Sunday 15th December: Please note there are two events booked in the parish hall next Sunday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The car park is likely to be very busy, so please take extra care – you will be guided to park safely.

Fr Luke's Induction: Thank you to all those who helped, both in advance and on the day, for Fr Luke's induction on Tuesday last week. This was a memorable occasion for us all and marks a significant step in the evolving spiritual and pastoral environment of our parish.

Nativity Festival: Next Saturday, 14th December, there will be a Nativity Festival held in St Mark's church hall between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. There will be some unique Nativity displays, crafts, games, treats, cake stall, St Nick's Grotto, refreshments and more. There is no charge for this event so please do come along and support it, and spread the word.

Church Cleaning: There will be a special pre-Christmas church clean on Friday 13th December between 2:30 and 3:30 pm. If you can spare an hour to help it would be very much appreciated – just come along on the day.

St Mary Magdalen 150 Club: The November prize draw of the parish 150 Club was made last Sunday in the Garden Room. The winners were Mr N Beckstead, Mrs A Prentice, Mrs V Davison and Mr & Mrs M Saunders. Full details of the prizes can be found in the church porch and on the parish web site – the QR code will take you straight there. Owing to holiday absence, the December prize draw, including the third quarter bonus prizes, will be delayed slightly and will take place on Sunday 12th January in the Garden Room after the 10:00 am Mass. 

Alpha Course: The Alpha Course continues this week with session 7 on Wednesday 11th December at 12:30 pm in the Garden Room at St Mary Magdalen church which is repeated at 7:30 pm in St Mark's church hall. This week's session is entitled *How Does God Guide Us?* Following this session, the Alpha course takes a three week break for the Christmas holiday period – the next session will be on Wednesday 8th January.

The Sick of the Parish: We ask your continuing prayers for Patrick Doran, Celia Moore, 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 the repose of the souls of our faithful departed and especially for Dermot O'Connell (1998), Ernest Allum (1968), Casimir Carlton (1995), Margaret Wright (1986), James Finn (1962), Fr Gerard P Conlon, former parish priest (1966), Gwendoline Lockwood (2001), Peggy Sallabank (2011), Marie Quinn (1976), Betty Smythe (1985), Ellie McDonagh (1995) and Joan Baron (2005) whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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

Important Dates and Notices in Summary:

Monday 9th December at St Mark's 7 pm Solemnity of Immaculate Conception, Blessing of New Image of Our Lady of Ipswich

Saturday 14th December at St Mark's Nativity Festival 10-1 pm

Sunday 22nd December at St Mark's: Advent Carol Service at 4pm

Monday 23rd December at St Mark's Christmas Craft n' pray for families

Christmas Masses at St Mary Magdalen: Christmas Eve 10 pm Christmas Day 10 am

St Mark's Christmas Eve: 5:30, 8pm at Holy Family and 11:30 pm for Midnight at St Mark's

Christmas Day 9 am at Holy Family and 11 am at St Mark's

From last weekend we started to use the new Lectionary with English Standard Version of the Bible, and we reintroduced the option of receiving Holy Communion under both kinds. (from the chalice)