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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
11am Mass



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Confession:
Before Weekday Mass

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
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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 5th January 2025

News for St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – All the Nations of the earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord. 2 nd week of Christmas – Year C		
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:		
SATURDAY 4/1/25	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: Mr & Mrs A Thurston RIP	The Epiphany of the Lord
SUNDAY 5/1/25	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: The People of the Parish 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Sir Jude Ozor	The Epiphany of the Lord
TUESDAY 7/1/25	10:00 Holy Family Offered For: Fr. Luke Goymour	Christmas Feria
WEDNESDAY 8/1/25	9:30 am St. Mark's Offered For: John Harris RIP	Christmas Feria
THURSDAY 9/1/25	NO MASS at St. Mark's	Christmas Feria
FRIDAY 10/1/25	12:15 pm St. Mark's Offered For: John Stubbs RIP	Christmas Feria
SATURDAY 11/1/25	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: The People of the Parish	1st week of the Year
SUNDAY 12/1/25	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: Viv Szitasi 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: David Edwards RIP	1st week of the Year

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

**Epiphany
Celebration!**
**Bring and share
Meal after today's
11 am Mass**

All welcome

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.

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



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

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/>

As part of the Jubilee 2025, the Diocese will be leading a Youth pilgrimage to Rome, joining with hundreds of thousands of young people from all over the world. There are a limited number of places left with bookings accepted on a first come first served basis. If you will be age 16 – 30 next summer 2025, come and join us, but book now! See www.rcdea.org.uk/youth for more details.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Saturday 18th January which is also the eve of St Mary le Tower being re-designated Ipswich Minster. As a way of marking both events **a service of Ecumenical Vespers on Saturday 18th at 4pm will take place.** It is quite possibly the first time Vespers has been said in St Mary le Tower for around 500 years. Fr Tom Mumford, Vicar of the le Tower, will officiate at the service, with the choir of St Mary le Tower singing. The cantering will be led by Fr Luke who will also preach. At the conclusion of the service, Fr Luke and Fr Tom will jointly give the blessing, before we enter a time of vigil and silent prayer for those who wish to attend.

With “Crown Him” concluding the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Ipswich, this this will be a good way to start. All are most warmly welcome to attend.

What is the Jubilee? The Jubilee is a Catholic holy year that takes place throughout the whole Church every 25 years. The 2025 Jubilee began on December 24, 2024 and will end on January 6, 2026. The theme for the 2025 Jubilee is "Pilgrims of Hope". The Jubilee is a time of spiritual renewal, reconciliation, and conversion. It's a significant event for Catholics around the world, but also draws interest from other religious communities and people of goodwill. More information on how our parish will celebrate to follow...

The White Flower Appeal: The society for the protection of unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal on the weekend of the 18th and 19th of January. SPUC Exists to radically transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable. To accomplish this mission, SPUC is positioning initiatives in politics, education, legislation, and culture. Through these efforts we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life to our society. This years appeal postcards called on the government to adhere to the United nations convention on the rights of the child. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC and so defend unborn babies and their mothers.



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Fr Luke and Fr Paul thank you all for your generosity to us over the Christmas period. Wishing you all a very Happy and Blessed New Year!

News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

The Epiphany of the Lord – 5th January, 2025. Readings: Liturgical Year C. Services during the coming week – Second Week of Christmas, Liturgical Year I

	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish. Reader: C Moore, Offertory: Cleary Family, Eucharistic Ministers: K Cork, C Moore
Sunday 5 th January	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for Canon Mathew George (Foundation Mass). Reader: M Pakes, Offertory: Pakes Family, Eucharistic Ministers: J Poll, M Geisel, R Shorten
	12 noon	Holy Mass, celebrated in Polish for the Ipswich Polish Catholic Community. <i>Please join us in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass for tea and coffee, prepared and served by Julie & Val</i>
Monday 6 th January	Christmas Feria	No Mass Today
Tuesday 7 th January	Christmas Feria	10:00 am No Mass Today
Wednesday 8 th January	Christmas Feria	No Mass Today
Thursday 9 th January	Christmas Feria	10:00 am No Mass Today
Friday 10 th January	Christmas Feria	10:00 am No Mass Today
Sunday 12th January - The Baptism of the Lord		
	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish, Reader: A Smith, offertory: Moore Family Eucharistic Ministers: C Moore, K Cork.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass. Reader: J Iannelli, Offertory: Fox Family Eucharistic Ministers: M Geisel, R Shorten. M Long.

Today's Gospel: "The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod..." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel. We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts, but the Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a saviour. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus." *Courtesy Loyola Press*

Fr Paul: Fr Paul is away this week, so there will be no weekday Masses this week.

The Ipswich Polish Catholic Community: Due to growing congregation sizes, the Ipswich Polish Catholic Community have outgrown the facilities available to them at St Mary's, Woodbridge Road, and we are pleased to be able to welcome them to St Mary Magdalen church for their Sunday Mass which is celebrated at 12 noon. With effect from today, they will celebrate weekly Mass in our church, enjoy tea and coffee in the Garden Room afterwards and once a month will use the church hall for catechism classes. As a parish, this will not affect our Mass times but will make greater use of the facilities for their intended purpose and generate a valuable regular source of income for us.

Christmas Post: The letter rack in the church porch is being used by many people to leave Christmas cards for fellow parishioners. Please check the rack before you leave church and take any cards addressed to you as, in previous years, we have sadly had to dispose of several cards that were never collected by the intended recipients.

Leslie Jermy RIP: Les Jermy's funeral Mass will take place Wednesday 15th January at 10:30, please pray for the repose of his soul, and for his Magdalen, Hannah and Rebecca.

St Mary Magdalen 150 Club: The delayed December prize draw, including the third quarter bonus prizes, will be made in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass next Sunday, 12th January. Why not join us in the Garden Room after Mass for a cup of coffee, socialise with your fellow parishioners and witness the draw for yourself?

Alpha Course: The Alpha Course resumes this week after the Christmas break. Session 8, entitled *How Can I Resist Evil?* will be held at 12:30 in the Garden Room at St Mary Magdalen church, and be repeated at 7:30 pm in the evening in St Mark's church hall 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 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) and Peter Eaton (2015) 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.