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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 Masses

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 15th December 2024.

News for St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – Shout aloud and sing praise, for great in your midst is the Holy one of Israel		
3rd week of Advent – Year C		
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:		
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
TUESDAY 17/12/24	10:00 Holy Family Offered For: Theresa O'Reilly RIP	Advent Feria
WEDNESDAY 18/12/24	9:30 am St. Mark's Offered For: Lorna Cooper 12.00 noon: Funeral Mass for David Edwards	Advent Feria
THURSDAY 19/12/24	NO MASS at St. Mark's 10:00 at St. Mary Magdalens	Advent Feria
FRIDAY 20/12/24	12:15 pm St. Mark's Offered For: Lorna Cooper	Advent Feria
SATURDAY 21/12/24	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: Brian Rowan	4th Sunday of Advent
SUNDAY 22/12/24	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: The People of the Parish 11:00 St Mark's 4 pm Carol Service Offered For: Lynn Sellers RIP	4th 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!

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

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

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!

Thanks to all who celebrated with us for the Immaculate conception to welcome the New Image of Our Lady of Ipswich, in memory of Pauline Harris who left a generous legacy for the painting.

Second Collection for Dependent Priests' Fund this Weekend

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



Carols by Candlelight, 4pm Next Sunday at St Mark's

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/>

Get your own personal copy of Our Lady of Grace or the Divine Mercy! Copies (approx. 73cm x 40 cm) of the painting of Our Lady of Grace and the Divine Mercy are available as framed canvas prints from the artist and retail at £120. These are made to order and can be purchased from bengoymour.com/stmarks

Portuguese Language Confessions Fr Erico Falcao will be at St Pancras to hear Portuguese language confessions on Thursday 19th December from 5pm – 7pm

News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

The Third Sunday in Advent: Gaudete Sunday – 15th December 2024. Readings: Liturgical Year C. Services during the coming week – Third Week of Advent, Liturgical Year I

Sunday 15 th December	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
<i>Please join us in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass for tea and coffee, prepared and served by Nigel & Val</i>		
Monday 16 th December	Advent Feria	No Mass Today
Tuesday 17 th December	Advent Feria	10:00 am Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Agnes Humble RIP (Foundation Mass).
Wednesday 18 th December	Advent Feria	12 noon Holy Mass.
Thursday 19 th December	Advent Feria	10:00 am Holy Mass offered for all members of the Vieira Family, living and dead.
Friday 20 th December	Advent Feria	10:00 am Holy Mass followed by Exposition, a chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction.
Sunday 22nd - The Fourth Sunday in Advent		
	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish. Reader: F Vieira, Offertory: Moore Family Eucharistic Minister: K Cork.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Richard Fox RIP. Reader: N Fox, Offertory: Fox Family, Eucharistic Ministers: W Lobo, A James, J Poll

Today's Gospel: This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles. In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel. When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans. *Courtesy Loyola Press*

Advent Wreath – Gaudete Sunday: Certain Sundays throughout the liturgical year have taken their names from the first word in Latin of the Introit, the entrance antiphon at Mass. *Gaudete Sunday* is one of these. The name comes from Philippians 4:4-5 *Gaudete in Domino semper* – Rejoice in the Lord always. *Gaudete Sunday* is a joyous celebration. Although it takes place during the penitential period of Advent, *Gaudete Sunday* serves as a mid-point break from the austere practices to rejoice in the nearness of Jesus' return. Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season, so the priest normally wears purple vestments, but on *Gaudete Sunday*, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. Similarly, today, the pink or rose-coloured candle of our Advent Wreath is lit. This pink candle is customarily called the Shepherds Candle and it represents joy:

“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.’”

Dependent Priests Fund: 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 taken at both Masses today – 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.

Christmas Mass Times: On Tuesday 24th December, there will be weekday morning Mass as usual at 10:00. On Tuesday evening at 10:00 pm the Mass of Christmas Night will be celebrated and on Wednesday December 25th, there will be the Mass of Christmas Day at 10:00 am. Please note that there will be no 8:00 am Mass on Christmas morning. Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation on which all Catholics are required to attend Mass, and the 10:00 am weekday Mass on Tuesday 24th December will not satisfy this obligation.

Catholic East Anglia: The December edition of Catholic East Anglia, the free Diocesan newspaper, is out now and available in the church porch. This is a joint edition covering both December and January. Please take a copy home and read it.

Diocesan Year Books: Also available in the church porch this weekend are the new editions of the Diocesan Yearbook for 2025 priced at £3.50 per copy. The annual Yearbook contains a comprehensive, up-to-date guide to the Diocese of East Anglia. It carries all necessary contact information, curia, departments and commissions, parishes, Mass times, clergy and religious, schools, hospital, diary dates, societies and organisations, a retreat centre guide and the authoritative Diocesan Calendar for 2025. It will also be available on the parish website for online reference early in the new year.

St Mary Magdalen 150 Club: 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 takes a break now for the Christmas holiday and will resume with session 8 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 Edward Richardson (1962), William Schemensky (1983), Thomas Baldwin (1994), Peter Tierney (2010), Daniel Connolly (2021), William Hoey (1965), Johannah Parlone (1971), Isabella Stiff (2005), Karen Sutton (2021), Douglas Eno (1977), Agnes Humble (1999), Frederick Lowry-Corry (2006), Kathleen McCullar (1963), John Woodstock (1990), Valerie Jenkins (2017), Giuseppe Nelli (2011), Jean Ward née Marchant (2021), Elvira Cucurrullo (1974), Fr Alfred S Bull, former parish priest (1980), Bernice Chaisty (2015), Richard Fox (2019), Ron Green (2022), Richard Miller (1971), Eric Mountford (2004) and Deacon Clive Brooks (2022) 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:

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 10 - 12

Christmas Masses at St Mary Magdalen: Christmas Eve 10 pm

Christmas Day 10 am

St Mark's Christmas Eve: 5:30 (Children's Mass) 8pm at Holy Family and (Polish Mass 10 PM) 11:30 pm for Midnight at St Mark's

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