



# PARISH NEWSLETTER



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**Parish Priest:**  
Fr Luke Goymour VF

**Parish School:**  
St Mark's School  
**Headteacher:**  
Dr Michael Keller

**Parish Secretary:**  
Mrs Pat West available  
Tuesday 11 am – 1 pm  
[office@stmarksparish.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarksparish.org.uk)

**Parish Safeguarding Rep:**  
**Mrs Joanna McCall**  
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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

## ST MARK

WITH HOLY FAMILY BRANTHAM

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The parish of St Mark includes St Mark's church in Ipswich  
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**Parish Priest:**  
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**Assistant Priest:**  
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**Confession:**  
5:30pm Saturday  
and by appointment

**Parish School:**  
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**Headteacher:**  
Mrs Lucille Martin

**Safeguarding**

**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  
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](mailto:hospitalchaplain@stmarksparish.org.uk)

**Sunday 22<sup>ND</sup> December 2024 to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Christmas Two-Week Edition**

## News for St Mark's Catholic Parish

<b>Responsorial Psalm – Bring us back O God; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent – Year C</b>	
<b>MASS &amp; PRAYER TIMES:</b>	
<b>SATURDAY 21/12/24</b>	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b></span> Offered For: Bian Rowan
<b>SUNDAY 22/12/24</b>	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b></span> Offered For: The People of the Parish <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Lynn Sellers RIP <b>16:00 CAROLS BY CANDELLIGHT at St Mark's</b>
<b>TUESDAY 24/12/24</b>	<b>17:30 St Mark's (First Mass of Christmas, family Mass)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Christmas Eve</b></span> <b>20:00 at Holy Family, Brantham:</b> Majorie Benson RIP <b>Midnight Mass (11:30 Carols and Readings) at St Marks</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 25/12/24</b>	<b>09:00 at Holy Family:</b> People of the Parish <span style="float: right;"><b>Christmas Day</b></span> <b>11:00 St Mark's</b>
<b>THURSDAY 26/12/24</b>	<b>NO MASS today</b>
<b>FRIDAY 27/12/24</b>	<b>NO MASS today</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	
<b>Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord</b> <b>Sunday within the Octave of Christmas - Year C</b>	
<b>SATURDAY 28/12/24</b>	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>The Holy Family</b></span> Offered For: The People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 29/12/24</b>	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>The Holy Family</b></span> Offered For: Phyllis Byrne RIP <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Alexander & Mary Margreat
<b>TUESDAY 31/12/24</b>	<b>10:00 Holy Family</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>7<sup>th</sup> day within the Octave of the Nativity</b></span> Offered For: John O'Mahoney RIP
<b>WEDNESDAY 1/1/25</b>	<b>11:00 St. Mark's</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b></span> Offered For: Private Intention
<b>THURSDAY 2/1/25</b>	<b>NO MASS AT St. Mark's</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>SS. Basil &amp; Gregory</b></span> <b>10:00 St. Mary Magdalene</b>
<b>FRIDAY 3/1/25</b>	<b>12:15 St. Mark's</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Christmas Feria</b></span> Offered for: Vincent Fernandes & Ainsley Carr RIP
<b>SATURDAY 4/1/25</b>	<b>17:30 St. Mark's</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b></span> Offered For: Mr & Mrs A. Thurston RIP
<b>SUNDAY 5/1/25</b>	<b>9:00 Holy Family</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b></span> Offered For: The People of the Parish <b>11:00 St. Mark'</b> Offered for: Sir Jude Ozor RIP

### 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***

**Please remember to  
pick up your raffle  
Prizes  
Before  
22<sup>nd</sup> December.  
Anything that  
remains will be  
removed after the  
Carol Service**

### Christmas Offering

In the Diocese of East Anglia the Christmas and Easter offerings go to the priest and form the main part of his annual salary. If you would like to give to Fr Luke you can give directly or in the usual way through the offertory plate, or make a bank transfer to the parish and mark it "Fr Luke".  
 Thank you

**Get your own personal copy of Our Lady of Grace or the Divine Mercy!** Copies (approx. 73cm x 40 cm) of the our paintings 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](http://bengoymour.com/stmarks)

**Epiphany (5<sup>th</sup> January)** After the 11 am Mass on the 5<sup>th</sup> January we will celebrate Epiphany, with a bring and share lunch, celebrating especially the different nationalities and cultures of our parish. Please bring a dish and share in the hall after Mass.

**John Stubbs RIP:** The funeral Mass for John Stubbs will be on Monday 30<sup>th</sup>, 10 am at Holy Family celebrated by Fr Christopher Smith.

**Christmas "Craft n' Pray" Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> at St Marks** Christmas games and activities for children and families 10-12, all welcome.

**Nativity Festival** Huge thanks to all who helped with the Nativity Festival

**Ecumenical Vespers** – 4pm Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan at St Mary le Tower to mark the beginning of Christian Unity Week and the St Mary le Tower becoming a Minster, Fr Luke to preach, more info to follow...

## News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

### **The Fourth Sunday in Advent – 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024. Readings: Liturgical Year C. Services during the coming week – The Fourth Week of Advent, Liturgical Year I**

Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	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
<i>Please join us in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass for tea and coffee, prepared and served by Molly &amp; Rosemary</i>	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Advent Feria <b>No Mass Today</b>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Feria 10:00 am Holy Mass. The Nativity of the Lord 10:00 pm Mass of Christmas Midnight offered for the people of the parish. Eucharistic Ministers: W Lobo, R Shorten
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	The Nativity of the Lord 10:00 am Mass of Christmas Day offered for the people of the parish. Eucharistic Ministers: T Snell, M Geisel
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	St Stephen, the First Martyr 10:00 am Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Charles Vieira RIP.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	St John, Apostle and Evangelist 10:00 am Holy Mass followed by Exposition, a chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction.

### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph – 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Readings: Liturgical Year C. Services during the coming week – The Octave of Christmas, Liturgical Year I**

Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	8:00 am Holy Mass offered for all members of the Vieira Family, living and dead, Reader: J Cleary, Eucharistic Minister: K Cork.
	10:00 am Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish. Reader: A James, Offertory: M Mayhew/M Geisel Eucharistic Ministers: A James, J Poll, M Geisel
<i>Please join us in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass for tea and coffee, prepared and served by Dorothy &amp; Michael</i>	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas <b>No Mass Today</b>
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas 10:00 am Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Charles Vieira RIP.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	Mary, The Holy Mother of God 10:00 am Holy Mass
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen 10:00 am Holy Mass
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Christmas Feria 10:00 am Holy Mass followed by Exposition, a chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction.
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January - The Epiphany</b>	
	8:00 am Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish, Reader: C Moore, offertory: Cleary Family Eucharistic Ministers: K Cork, C Moore.
	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.

**Christmas Flowers:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, the flower team will be preparing the church decorations for Christmas from 9:00 am. If you have some time to offer for the benefit of the church, please come along and lend a hand.

**Christmas Mass Times:** On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup> December will not satisfy this obligation.

**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.

**Christmas Offering:** The collection taken at this week's two Christmas Masses will form the traditional personal gift from the parish community to our priest, Fr Paul.

**Friday Within the Octave of Christmas:** Next Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> December, falls within the Octave of Christmas and as such the Friday Abstinence is dispensed.

**Ladies Tea 'n' Chat:** The ladies of the parish would normally meet on the last Friday of each month for their tea and chat session, however this month, because of the Christmas holiday season, there will not be a meeting. The next meeting will be on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2025.

**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 are the new editions of the Diocesan Year Book for 2025 priced at £3.50 per copy. The annual Yearbook contains a comprehensive, up-to-date guide to the Diocese of East Anglia.

## **Christmas in our Two Parishes**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at St Mark's: Advent Carol Service at 4pm**  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at St Mark's Christmas Craft n' pray for families 10 – 12**

### **Christmas Eve:**

**St Mark's 5:30 (Children's Mass)**  
**and (Polish Mass 10 PM at St Mark's)**  
**Holy Family Brantham 8 pm**  
**St Mary Magdalen 10 pm**

**11:30 pm for Midnight Mass at St Mark's**

### **Christmas Day**

**9 am at Holy Family**  
**10 am at St Mary Magdalen**  
**11 am St Mark's**

### **St Stephen's Day (Boxing Day)**

**10 am at St Mary Magdalen**

### **New Years Day (Mary Mother of God)**

**10 am at St Mary Magdalen**  
**11 am at St Mark's**

*Fr Luke and Fr Paul wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas*

