



# PARISH NEWSLETTER



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EAST ANGLIA  
*The Holy Year: Jubilee 2025 "Called to be pilgrims of hope"*



## 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:**  
Fr Luke Goymour VF

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

**Parish Secretary:**  
Mrs Sharon Cullum available  
Thursday 12 am – 2 pm  
office@stmarksparish.org.uk

**Parish Safeguarding Rep:**  
**Mrs Joanna McCall**  
psr@stmarksparish.org.uk

**Bank: 20-44-51 A/c No.**  
**60791342**  
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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E parishpriest@marymagdalens.org

**Parish Priest:**  
Fr Luke Goymour VF

**Confession:**  
by appointment

**Parish School:**  
St Pancras Catholic Primary  
Stratford Road  
Ipswich  
IP1 6EF  
T 01473 742074

**Headteacher:** Jo Berry and  
Ross McGill  
**Safeguarding**  
safeguarding@marymagdalens.org

**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 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Responsorial Psalm – In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Year A

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

<b>SATURDAY</b> 6/12/2025	<b>17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass</b> Offered For: People of the Parish	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of Advent
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7/12/2025	<b>08:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: Pamela Davidson RIP <b>09:45 St Mary Magdalen</b> Offered for: Ralph and Adriana Turner (Foundation Mass). <b>11:15 St Mark's</b> Offered For: John Mensah RIP	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of Advent
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9/12/2025	<b>09:30 St Mary Magdalen: Exposition, Adoration and Rosary</b> <b>10:00 Holy Family Mass and Adoration from 9.20am</b> Offered For: Beryl Edwards RIP	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10/12/2025	<b>12 noon St Mark's Funeral Mass for Mary Gillett</b>	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 11/12/2025	<b>10:00 St Mary Magdalen</b> (Funeral at 12 Noon at St Marks for Martin Togher) Offered For: The soul of Monica Ogden RIP (Foundation Mass)	
<b>FRIDAY</b> 12/12/2025	<b>12:15 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Rev Fr Pat Reynolds RIP	
<b>SATURDAY</b> 13/12/2025	<b>17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass</b> Offered For: People of the Parish	3 <sup>rd</sup> week of Advent
<b>SUNDAY</b> 14/12/2025	<b>08:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: The Fenby Taylor Family <b>09:45 St Mary Magdalen</b> <b>11:15 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Mary Butcher RIP	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
<b>Ipswich Polish Catholic Mission</b>	<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>	

## Sunday Homilies

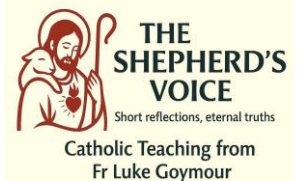
can be *listened to again* on *Spotify* and on all major Podcast platforms just search:  
**Fr Luke's Homilies**

Adoration and  
**Rosary** at St  
Mary Madalen  
Parish. *Tuesday at*  
*9:30 am*

**Second collection  
next week**

*For*

**The Dependent  
Priest Fund**  
**14<sup>th</sup> December**

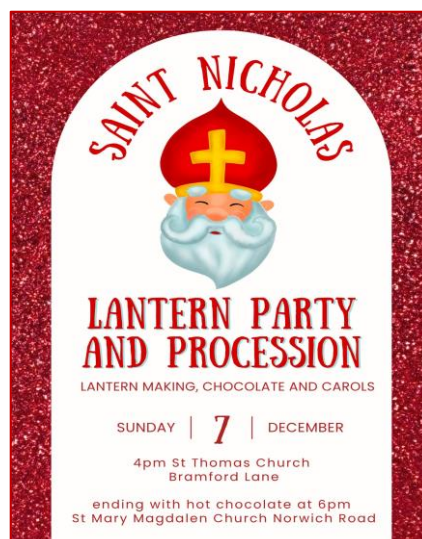


Catholic Teaching from  
Fr Luke Goymour

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

**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 due to start in January.**

**Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Mass: Solemn Mass for Immaculate conception** at St Marks at 7pm. With guest preacher and release of a new booklet on Our Lady of Ipswich



**Nativity Festival:**  
13<sup>th</sup> December @  
St Marks. We  
need YOU! See  
over page for more  
information

## IMPORTANT DATES AND NOTICES IN SUMMARY:

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at St Mark's Solemnity of Immaculate Conception 7pm.**  
(Adoration from 6pm and Rosary at 6:30, Mass at 7pm)

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December at St Mark's Nativity Festival 10-1 pm**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at St Mark's: Advent Carol Service at 4pm**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at St Mark's Christmas Craft n' pray for families 10am-12.**

**24<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Eve:**

**5:30 pm St Mark's (Family Mass)**

**8pm at Holy Family**

**10 pm St Mary Magdalen**

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

**Christmas Day: 9:45am Mary Magdalen and 11:15am at St Mark's**

**St. Pancras Catholic Primary School** need new governors for the Local Governing Body at the School. You do not require any specific experience, and people from all walks of life are encouraged to consider this opportunity to serve in a vital role focussed on the needs of the young people in the School. If you would like to find out more, please email the Parish Office or contact the School Office on 01473 742074.

**100 CLUB at St Mark's** The November draw took place on 30<sup>th</sup> November after mass. The first prize of £89.10 was won by number 46, second prize of £48.60 won by number 55 and the third prize of £24.30 won by number 175. The parish was also presented with a cheque for £992.75 which was the money collected over the last 6 months. Details about the 100 club can be obtained from the website by simply scanning the QR code alongside or by picking up an entry form from the back of the church. Further information can be obtained from David Ford either by telephone on 01206 298939 or by email to [dford0554@aol.com](mailto:dford0554@aol.com)

**Holy Family Forum** - The next forum for Holy Family will be on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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** Sends thanks to everyone for their generosity. To make Christmas better for a lot of families they would appreciate donations of: Boxes of chocolates and tubs of sweets. Tins of biscuits, Christmas desserts (e.g. Christmas cake, puddings, mince pies) Chutney and pickles, stuffing and gravy mixes, savoury snacks. Gift ideas are Vouchers, with the receipt attached, Toys and gifts for children 0-17 years. Christmas wrapping paper and Sellotape, gifts and toiletries for adults. The box for your offerings sits under the table at the back of St. Mark's church.

**Nativity Festival at St Mark's** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, please bring your nativity scenes along before Saturday and make sure to **include your name and contact details**. They can be collected next day.

**Used postage stamps at St Mark's and Holy Family** - Please collect used postage stamps ALL YEAR, not just at Christmas and place them in the box at the rear of the church to help support the outstanding work of our local Hospice. Please cut around the stamp leaving just a small border.

**St Mary Magdalen** - Deep cleaning of the church will take place on Saturday 20/12 at 0845. Everyone is welcome to contribute.

**The Alpha Course 2025/26** - Alpha Course: The Alpha course continues on Wednesday this week, 10<sup>th</sup> December with the fifth session entitled Why and How Do I Pray? The session will be held at 12:30 lunchtime in the Garden Room at St Mary Magdalen church repeated in the evening at 7:30 pm at St Mark's.



**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. You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

**Bible Study Group at St Mary Magdalen:** The Bible study group will meet this week in the Garden Room at 7:15 pm on Thursday 4th December. New members are always welcome – just come along on the night and bring your bible with you. There will be spares available if you forget.

**Rosary at St Mary Magdalen:** The new Adoration and Rosary session on Tuesday mornings is picking up well with new faces joining us each week. 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.

**CAFOD World Gifts:** On the table in the church porch, you will find copies of CAFOD's 2025 World Gifts catalogue, offering a range of Christmas gifts and products you can purchase which will aid communities and individuals around the world who are a lot worse off than we are in this country. Gifts can be purchased online, by telephone or by completing the freepost order form at the back of each catalogue. Full details can also be found on the parish web site.

**St Mary Magdalen 150 Club:** Full details of the prizes and prize-winners can be found on the porch notice board and also on the parish web site. The Club has space for new members and we urge every parishioner to sign up for this fund-raising venture – if you are not a member already, why not sign up today? Membership forms are available in the church porch or you can sign-up online on the parish web site – the QR code will take you to the correct page.



**Can You Help?** The carpet in the priest's sacristy is looking rather tired and worn. We have a new piece of carpet but need somebody to fit it. 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](mailto:contact@marymagdalens.org).

**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.

**St Mary Magdalen: The Sick of the Parish** - We ask 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 please pray Gertrude Quinn (1984), Ernest Allum (1968), Casimir Carlton (1995), Dermot O'Connell (1998), Margaret Wright (1986), James Finn (1962), Fr Gerard P Conlon, former parish priest (1966), Gwendoline Lockwood (2001) and Peggy Sallabank (2011) whose anniversaries occur about this time. A full list of those whose anniversaries occur about this time Can be found on the parish website.

*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*