



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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:
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Parish Secretary:
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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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Parish Priest:
Fr Luke Goymour VF

Confession:
by appointment

Parish School:
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Headteacher: Jo Berry and
Ross McGill
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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 1st February 2026

Responsorial Psalm – Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

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

SATURDAY 31/01/2026	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: Deceased Rambayon Family
SUNDAY 01/02/2026	08:00 Holy Family 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: Marjorie Benson RIP 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Offered For: Repose of the soul of Marco Antonio Borda Lopez RIP 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: People of the Parish
MONDAY 02/02/2026	13:00 St Mark's Mass for Presentation of the Lord Offered For: Sheila Curry
TUESDAY 03/02/2026	9:30 St Mary Magdalen: Exposition, Adoration and Rosary Feria
WEDNESDAY 04/02/2026	No Mass on these days Fr Luke is away
THURSDAY 05/02/2026	
FRIDAY 06/02/2026	
SATURDAY 07/02/2026	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: People of the Parish
SUNDAY 08/02/2026	08:00 Holy Family 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: Brian Wagstaffe RIP 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Offered For: Repose of the soul of Richard Fox RIP 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: Annette Murphy RIP

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 starting this month.**



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

Short reflections, eternal truths

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

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 this weekend for Racial Injustice

*Please pray daily for the renewal of our parishes and remember Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place weekly at **6:30 am – 7:30 am** at **St Mark's** on **Wednesday** and **Thursdays** for this intention.*

Youth Alpha - We invite all young people aged year 8 and above to join us for Youth Alpha. It is a wonderful opportunity to ask questions and have discussions with people your own age. This will be on Tuesdays at St Mary Magdalene's Church between 6pm and 7:30pm starting on the 3rd of February. If you would like to join us or have any questions please sign up on ChurchSuite or email jess@stmarksparish.org.uk

Youth pancake social - We invite all young people of high school age to a shrove Tuesday social gathering on the 17th of February at 6pm to 8pm at St Mary Magdalene's Church.

Holy Family & St Mark's 100 CLUB – This club raises funds for the Parish and hold a monthly prize draw where three cash prizes are won. 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



FIND – St Mark's - If you would like to become more involved with FIND? If so visit www.findipswich.org.uk Current needs are : Fresh fruit and vegetables, Jam, Biscuits, Hot Chocolate, Squash, UHT Milk, Tea, Shampoo Cereal, Nappies size 5 & 6. Tinned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Paprika pringles and bags for parcels i.e. bags for life, carrier bags. Your donations will be delivered to FIND, Please place them in the box under the table at the back of church. Thank you very much.

Retrouvaille - Is a programme for married couples looking for support in their marriage but based on Christian foundations and principles. The next course is on 12th - 15th February. You can sign up or find out more on their website <https://retrouvaille.org.uk/next-programme/>

Holy Family & St Mark's - Please collect used postage stamps for our local Hospice - 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.

Alpha Course testimony from Juandem on the St Mark's 2025/26 course: I was at first unsure of what to expect from joining the Alpha Course but for the past about eight weeks or so this has proven to be a very uplifting experience for my spirit. Holy Spirit Saturday has been the highlight so far for me. I really felt something quite special that day and I believe there has been a shift within me. If you are perhaps just thinking about this, I urge you to sign up and with an open heart and mind, allow God to reveal himself to you in whatever way He chooses. Next course starts in April details to follow....

Catholic East Anglia: The February edition of Catholic East Anglia, the Diocesan newspaper, is now available. The publication is free – please do take a copy from the back of church table or porch and catch up on the various news from parishes around the Diocese.

Bible Study Group: The Bible study group has restarted and takes place each Thursday evening in the Garden Room at 7:15 pm. Please do come along and bring your bible with you – if you don't have one then come along anyway as there will be spares available.

Diocesan Year Book: Now available in the church porch are the new editions of the Diocesan Year Book for 2026. These are priced at £5 per copy. The annual Yearbook contains a comprehensive, up-to-date guide to the Diocese of East Anglia. It can also be read and referenced online here on the parish web site - scan the QR code to take you directly to it.



St Mary Magdalen Parish Forum Meeting on 25 January– Message from Lucy Pakes Thanks to everyone who attended and contributed so positively to the recent parish forum meetings. I'll be taking the ideas forward for discussion by the parish senior leadership team, so watch this space over the next few weeks and months. In the meantime, thanks again for your positivity and enthusiasm, and remember to introduce yourselves at mass to a few people you don't know each week! God bless.

Rosary: Rosary session continues on Tuesday morning. If you have not yet joined us, why not start now? 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.

The Shepherd's Voice: The Shepherd's Voice is a series of short pamphlets and reflections by Fr Luke Goymour on a number of different faith topics. These pamphlets are available at the back of church or can be read on line on the parish web site – the QR code will take you to the correct page. There are currently the six titles in the series (more to be added): *What Happens When We Die?*, *There's Something About Mary*, *All Saints*, *Sin and Confession*, *The Holy Catholic Church* and *The Rosary*.



St Mary Magdalen Ladies Tea 'n' Chat: The ladies group will be meeting on the usual last Friday this month, from January 30th 2026 at 2:30 pm in the Garden Room.

St Mary Magdalen Parish 150 Club: The January prize draw, which is due today being the last Sunday of the month, will be delayed due to holiday absence, and will instead take place on Sunday 8th February after Mass. As we approach the end of the Club year, which is 31st March, thoughts turn to renewing subscriptions for the next year which starts in April. We have sadly lost a number of our generous subscribers during this last year and we desperately need new members to sign up to maintain the membership levels – we need 17 new subscriptions just to maintain this year's membership. If you are not a member, please do give serious thought to joining so you can help out your parish financially in this additional way, and maybe win a prize too!

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 for 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 Alfred Sheppard, Elizabeth Powell, Theresa Akehurst (1994), Pietro Gilardi (1998), Gwendoline Nicholas (2010), Annie Kearny (1975), Cecil Everitt (1995), Cecilia Molyneux (2000), William Clancy (1979), Andrew Flynn (1999), Imelda Foulger (1996), Jeanie Walker (2007), Ivy Long (1977), Darren Platts (2012), Charles Vieira (1996), Eileen Knight (1997), John Metcalfe (2007) and Hilda Chaisty (2012) whose anniversaries occur about this time. A full list of parish anniversaries can be found on the parish web site.

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.

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