



# 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:**  
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

**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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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 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
 May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent - Year A

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

<b>SATURDAY</b> 28/02/2026	<b>17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass</b> Offered For: People of the Parish	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 01/03/2026	<b>08:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: Primo B Octang RIP <b>09:45 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass</b> Offered For: Repose of the soul of Jamie Campbell RIP (Foundation Mass) <b>11:15 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Peter Spurgin RIP	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 03/03/2026	<b>09:30 St Mary Magdalen:</b> Exposition, Adoration and Rosary <b>13:00 St Mary Magdalen:</b> Funeral for Oonagh Gleeson RIP <b>09:15 Holy Family:</b> Stations of the Cross, Mass Offered For: Sarah Pollard	<b>Lent Feria</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 04/03/2026	<b>09:30 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Pamela Jones RIP	<b>Lent Feria</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 05/03/2026	<b>10:00 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass</b>  <b>09:15 Holy Family:</b> Stations of the Cross, Rosary	<b>Lent Feria</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 06/03/2026	<b>12:15 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Pamela Jones RIP <b>19:00 St Mark's:</b> Stations of the Cross	<b>WORLD DAY OF PRAYER</b> <b>Lent Feria</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 07/03/2026	<b>17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass</b> Offered For: Sr Nuala of Jesus and Mary	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 08/03/2026	<b>08:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: People of the Parish <b>09:45 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass</b> Offered For: Repose of the soul of Leslie Robinson RIP (Foundation Mass) <b>11:15 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Anthony and Irene Bergin	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
<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>	

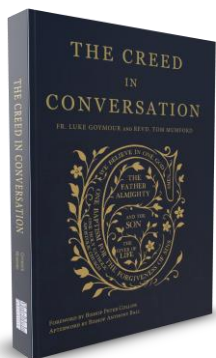
**Sunday Homilies**  
 can be *listened to again* on *Spotify* and on all major **Podcast platforms** just search:  
**Fr Luke's Homilies**

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

**Second collection this weekend in aid of CAFOD on 1<sup>st</sup> March & St Mark's Easter Flowers second collection next weekend 7/8 March**

*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.*

Save the Date: **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March at Ipswich Minster Evensong at 3:30 pm** with Fr Luke preaching and the **Book Launch of a new book co-authored by Fr Luke and Rev Tom Mumford "The Creed in Conversation"** documenting the shared discussions on the creed that took place at St Mark's and Ipswich Minster last year. *Foreword written by Bishop Peter Collins and Afterword written By Bishop Anthony Ball*



**Eucharistic Congress Ipswich:** The Eucharistic Congress Ipswich takes place across a week of prayer, teaching, and worship hosted by parishes around Ipswich. The main gathering is on Sunday 13 September 2026 at the Ipswich Corn Exchange, bringing Catholics from across Ipswich and the Diocese together for one shared celebration centred on Jesus Christ present in the Eucharist. The Sunday gathering includes Holy Mass celebrated by the Bishop, prayer, and teaching. Find out more and register at [eucharisticcongressipswich.org](http://eucharisticcongressipswich.org)

**Ipswich Deanery Youth Day - 14th March at St. Mary Magdalene's Church Hall, Ipswich.** Inviting young people Year 7 to Young Adults for a special day will include Inspiring talks, prayer, games and delicious food! For more information and to download a parental consent form, please see [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth) or the QR on the orange poster in all 3 church's.

**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](mailto:dford0554@aol.com)



**Alpha Course: You're invited** to come along to one of the next Alpha courses in the parish, either in the evening at St Mark's, Wednesdays, starting 29th April 7.30-9.00pm, or at Holy Family, Brantham, Thursdays, 2.30-4.00pm starting 30th April. Both courses run for 11 weeks with a break at half term and a day's retreat on Saturday 20th June. For a full set of session dates, for both courses, and to sign up, please visit our parish website. This course is for everyone, wherever you are on your journey of faith or of no faith at all. You simply need to be curious to know more and open to what God has to offer. As Valentina, a guest on the recent courses discovered:

"I thought Alpha was a course only for those starting in the faith so, being a catechist, I didn't expect it to have much impact and to teach me so much. It's good to be humbled by God. I'm looking forward to doing it again in the future."

**St Mark's Parish Treasurer Michael Cowell on Standing Orders** – As part of simplifying parish finances we plan to eventually close the old Nat West account. Following our request in October many of you have already moved your standing orders to the Barclays account, thank you all. We would be grateful if you would check you are paying into the Barclays account, if not, contact your bank or update via online banking.

**FIND – St Mark's** - If you would like to become more involved with FIND? If so visit [www.findipswich.org.uk](http://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.

**CAFOD Lenten Fast Day:** Friday was this year's CAFOD Lenten Fast Day. Today there will be a special collection for CAFOD. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope from the table in the church porch to bless others with your support. You can also donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030 to donate by phone. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

**Bible Study Group:** The Bible Study Group has just embarked on a new book - St Paul's letter to the Romans. New people are welcome at any time to come along and join in, but this time would be very appropriate with the start of both a new book and the season of Lent. The Bible study group continues 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. We also want to gauge interest in having a day time study group session as some people do not like coming out in the evening - especially during the cold, dark winter nights. If you would be interested in a daytime session, please email the organisers to express your interest [readers@marymagdalens.org](mailto:readers@marymagdalens.org) or speak in person to Martin Pakes (07918 174651).

**St Mary Magdalen Parish Treasurer on 2025 accounts:** Chris Croker writes: The accounts show that the parish made a headline surplus of £8.7k but this masks the true position as external painting of the presbytery and the hall totalling £9.1k planned for 2025 slipped and will now be carried out in 2026. The hall was a key contributor to our finances with income for the year totalling £19k, a record high due of course to Linis's sterling efforts. The nett contribution from the hall was £5k after taking into account kitchen, roof and toilet redesign works. The 2025 accounts are now available to view in the narthex.

**St Mary Magdalen Rosary:** Adoration and Rosary sessions continue 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.

**St Mary Magdalen 150 Club** February prize draw will be made today, in the Garden Room after Mass. 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 level. 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! Complete a paper form which can be found in the church porch.

**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 Daphne Westbrook, William Fleming (1993), Donald Ludlow (1994) Thomas Kearney (1995), Florence Pratt (1976), Ellen Armes (2018), Jamie Campbell (2021), Audrey Gould (2000), James O’Mara (1983), Mary Irvine, Edward Millar (1998) Josephine Ratcliff (1999), Patrick McDermott-Roe (2010), Francis Doyle (1986), Catherine Coyle, Francis Coyle, Edward “Ted” Razzell (2013) Joseph Hynes (2017), Archbishop Peter Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bishop of East Anglia (2010) and Daniel Kennan 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*

**Lent starts this week with Ash Wednesday! What are you going to do this Lent to enter into this Holy Season**

**Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**, Masses at 9:30am at St Marks, 12 noon at Holy Family and 6pm at St Mary Magdalen

**Friday evenings in Lent** starting 20<sup>th</sup> February at 19:00 Stations of the Cross at **St Marks**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:15 am** Stations of the cross, followed by Mass on Tuesday and Rosary on Thursday at **Holy Family, Brantham**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February** 10am – 1:30pm: Lent Retreat Morning with the Marians – Mass, Adoration and Confessions at St Mark’s (bring share lunch social afterwards.)

**5<sup>th</sup> March Deanery Station Mass** at St Mary’s Woodbridge Rd with the Bishop. Confessions and adoration from 6pm, Mass at 7pm, light supper at 8pm

**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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