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St Mark
Fridays 11:40-12:10

Holy Family
Tuesday – 09:20 - 09:50

PRAYER GROUPS:
St Mark
1st and 3rd & 5th Monday
6:00pm: Adoration
7:00pm – Praise, worship,
scripture, reflection in Hall

CONFESSIONS:
St Mark Saturdays: 17:00
and by appointment

Children's Liturgy:
at 11 am on 1st, 3rd and
5th Sundays of the month.



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Offerings:
Please consider setting up a
standing order in favour of the
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the church porch.

Bank: Barclays
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Roman Catholic Parish
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Catholic chaplain to the Ipswich hospitals: Awaiting new appointment. Please contact either Fr Paul, Fr Luke or one of the other Ipswich priests if you or a family member are going in to hospital.

News for St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. <p style="text-align: right;">2nd Sunday of Advent – Year B</p>	
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:	
SATURDAY 9/12/23	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass 2nd Sunday of Advent Offered For: Patricia Waller RIP
SUNDAY 10/12/23	09:00 Holy Family 2nd Sunday of Advent Offered For: The People of the Parish 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: James Bukohwo Erhuero
TUESDAY 12/12/23	10:00 am Holy Family Advent Feria Offered for: Beryl Edwards RIP
WEDNESDAY 13/12/23	9:30 am St. Mark's St. Lucy Offered for: Private Intention (Gloria)
THURSDAY 14/12/23	NO MASS at St. Mark's St. John of the Cross 10:00 at St. Mary Magdalens
FRIDAY 15/12/23	12:15 pm St. Mark's Advent Feria Offered for: Beryl Edwards RIP
SATURDAY 16/12/23	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass 3rd Sunday of Advent Offered For: The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 17/12/23	09:00 Holy Family 3rd Sunday of Advent Offered For: 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Lynn Sellers RIP

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**Alpha Continues this
Wednesday 12:30 at
St Mary Magdalen
and 19:30 at St Mark's**

Bambinelli Sunday
Bring your **Baby Jesus**
figures from your crib
on **Sunday 17th**
December and Fr Luke
will bless them at the
**9am Mass at Holy
Family 11 am Mass at
St Mark's**

At the Repository - 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.

East Anglia Children's Hospices There will be a Christmas Card for Charity wall again this year. Give a card to your friends in the Parish and support EACH at the same time. Your cards will be put on the wall beside the leaflet table at the back of the church. Just put your donation for EACH in the box and hang up your card. Thank you.

FIND, thanks us for our continuing generosity -

Their current needs are crisp , squash, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, steak, mince, peas , carrots, and rice pudding. Also Pasta sauce . **AND** **For Christmas by 9th December** please... The suggestions are VOUCHERS FROM Supermarkets, Primark, M&S and toy shops. Tins /tubes of sweets and biscuits. Lego sets for all ages.

Donations of money is acceptable too

Medjugorje 2024 – The pilgrimage to Medjugorje next year is from 19th September to 26th September. The details are as the successful pilgrimage earlier this year and the price is the same, £779 per person for a shared room. For information contact Chris McEwen on chrismceweneb@gmail.com or 07967 568852

Support a Young Person on a Volunteer trip to South Africa: Iona MacQueen (formerly of our diocese) writes: *"I am going on a charity volunteer trip to South Africa. I will be working with children in townships from broken homes and living in poverty. I am so passionate about giving these young people opportunities and spreading God's love, hope and Joy. If you would like to help me, go, you can donate to the following website to help my trip – I would be so grateful!* www.fundmytravel.com/campaign/Kc2XDm1a4d

St. Albans – are seeking to recruit a School Chaplain. For further details visit the school website <https://www.st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk/vacancies>

Christmas Craft n' Pray 10 – 12 on Friday 22nd December at St Mark's: Faith, Food and Fun for all the family!

There will be a second collection this weekend for the dependent priest fund, **and next weekend 16/17th December, a second collection will be taken for Christmas flowers. Thank you.**

Christmas gifts and giving – visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts to buy gifts to help people improve their lives..... and marysmeals.org.uk to help feed the hungry – any donations made to them will be doubled by a generous benefactor.

Advance notice: Christmas Mass Times: Sunday 24th (morning Masses as usual for Sunday as the 4th Sunday of Advent, Sunday obligation remains) **5:30 pm** Children and Family Mass at St Marks. 8pm Mass of Christmas Night at Holy Family Brantham, Monday 25th December: Christmas Day 9 am Holy Family, Brantham 11 am St Marks.

Well done to St Mark's school, staff and students for the excellent CSI (Catholic School Inspection) result: The full report can be read on the school website. <https://stmarkscatholicprimary.co.uk/inspection-reports/> (CSI 2023)

"**St. Mark's Catholic Primary School** currently has space in their Reception class. If you would like to apply for a place please complete an ADM1 form and a Supplementary Information Form and you can find both of these here: <https://stmarkscatholicprimary.co.uk/admission/> Please return the forms to the school, and do contact the school if you have any queries on 01473 601748 or via email to admin@st-marks.suffolk.sch.uk"

Divine Mercy - Copies of the painting, which was installed and blessed last Sunday are available as prayer cards this weekend. To see more work by the artist, Ben Goymour, Go to <https://www.bengoymour.com/>

Thank you: The Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December was a brilliant combination of St Marks church, Holy Family and St Marks school working together to produce a lovely community event. The fundraising and social committee would like to say thank you to everyone who helped and work so hard, giving up their time on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Thank you to everyone who donated something, baked cakes, bought raffle tickets and supported us in anyway.

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News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

The Second Sunday of Advent – 10th December 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year B Services during the coming week – Second Week of Advent, Year II

Saturday 9 th December	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent, offered for the People of the Parish, Reader: I Suttle, Offertory: Hennon Family.
Sunday 10 th December	8:00 am 10:00 am	Holy Mass, open intention. Reader: J Cleary, Offertory: Moore Family, Eucharistic Minister: E Cleary. Holy Mass, open intention. Reader: T Barker, Offertory: Pakes Family, Eucharistic Minister: M Geisel
<i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass prepared and served by Molly & Val</i>		
Monday 11 th December	Advent Feria No Mass Today	
Tuesday 12 th December	Advent Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for Monica Ogden (Foundation Mass)
Wednesday 13 th December	St Lucy 12 noon	Holy Mass, offered for Ralph and Adriana Turner (Foundation Mass)
Thursday 14 th December	St John of the Cross 10:00 am	Holy Mass
Friday 15 th December	Advent Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass followed by Exposition and a Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday 16 th December	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent, offered for the people of the parish.

Today's Gospel: Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth, but instead begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us. Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi,

Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptised. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John. Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptising, and they each emphasise the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him. In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptised with water, but that the one who is to come will baptise with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent and we, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus. *Courtesy Loyola Press*

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:

"This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Dependent Priests Fund: The Dependent Priests Fund is a charity run by priests of the diocese, but independent of the diocese, to support priests in mainly medical, but also in general need. There will be a retiring collection taken for this cause after each Mass this weekend – 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.

Parish 150 Club: The November prize draw of the parish 150 Club was due to be made on Sunday 26th November. Owing to holiday absences, this draw has been postponed and will instead be made after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday 17th December. There is plenty of room for new subscribers – why not sign up today and your numbers can then be entered in the next prize draw? Application forms are available in the church porch or, even quicker, you can sign up on-line on the parish web site – just scan the QR code.



Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Singalong on Saturday 2nd December. We hope that you enjoyed it. Thank you to the Martlesham Ukulele Group for providing the accompaniment to your singing, you were wonderful. A big thank you to everyone involved in decorating the hall, serving the drinks and mince pies, for providing raffle prizes, selling tickets and for helping with the clearing up after the event. You have raised just over £300. Merry Christmas. Keep an eye on the notice board for the next Social function.

Christmas Mass times Advance Notice: Sunday 24th December: Morning Masses as usual for Sunday 4th Sunday of Advent (celebrated by Fr Luke on monthly visit) Sunday 24th 10 pm Mass of Christmas Night, Monday 25th December Mass of Christmas Day 10 am (both Celebrated by Fr Paul, please note, no 8 am Mass on Christmas Day)

Ida James RIP: Please pray for the Repose of the soul of Ida James, who sadly went home to God last Wednesday. Her funeral will be at St Mary Magdalens on Tuesday 9th Jan at 10:00 am. Please pray for Ida's family and all who mourn.

The Sick of the Parish: We ask your prayers for Patrick Doran, 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, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for James Finn (1962), Fr Gerard P Conlon, former parish priest (1966), Gwendoline Lockwood (2001), Peggy Sallabank (2011), Marie Quinn (1976), Betty Smythe (1985), Ellie McDonagh (1995), Joan Barron (2005), Edward Richardson (1962), William Schemensky (1983), Thomas Baldwin (1994), Peter Tierney (2010), Daniel Connolly (2021), William Hoey (1965), Johannah Parlone (1971), Isabella Stiff (2005) and Karen Sutton (2021) 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

Church cleaning Saturday 16/12 starting at 0900. Flower arrangements Friday 22/12 from 1 pm. Help needed on this day. Experience not necessary, only enthusiasm and Spirit.