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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



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Safeguarding

Confession:
Before weekday Mass
and by appointment

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
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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 12th January 2025.

News for St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – Bless the Lord, O my soul. My God, how great you are!	
1st Week of the Year – Year C	
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:	
SATURDAY 11/1/25	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Baptism of the Lord Offered For: The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 12/1/25	09:00 Holy Family Baptism of the Lord Offered For: Viv Szitasi 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: David Edwards RIP
TUESDAY 14/1/25	10:00 Holy Family Feria Offered For: Mr. & Mrs Tom Goymour
WEDNESDAY 15/1/25	9:30 am St. Mark's Feria Offered For: Giona Botchega RIP
THURSDAY 16/1/25	NO MASS at St. Mark's St. Fursey 10:00 at St. Mary Magdalens
FRIDAY 17/1/25	12:15 pm St. Mark's St. Anthony Offered For: Alec Jackson RIP
SATURDAY 18/1/25	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: Gloria & Julian Wong
SUNDAY 19/1/25	09:00 Holy Family 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: Anne & Edmund Smitheram 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: The People of the Parish

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

New Carpet at St Mark's
 A new carpet covering the
 sanctuary and center aisle
 of the Church is now in
 place paid for in part by
 generous donations from
 parishioners. Please do
 not blow out candles (use
 snuffers) or carry lit wax
 candles/tapers over the
 carpet. Thank you. The
 carpet is due to be treated
 with a protective layer on
 Tuesday.

Musicians and Singers: Would you like to be involved in building a music ministry at St Mark's, to praise God with both traditional hymns and contemporary music? This is an important part of our weekly liturgy, so if you play any instrument or sing or have any other involvement in music please do get in touch.

100 CLUB – This club raises funds for the Parish and hold a monthly prize draw. 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



2025 Medjugorje Parish Pilgrimage dates 16th to 23rd September. £829.00 when sharing a room. For further details contact chrismceweneb@gmail.com

Men's Retreat at Stonyhurst - 31 March – 5 April 2025. A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached by the Benedictine Monks of St Joseph's Abbey, France. Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men and of engaging them through a shortened version of the Ignatian Exercises. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. Priests are welcome to attend and concelebrate or celebrate their own Mass.
 For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

As part of the Jubilee 2025, the Diocese will be leading a Youth pilgrimage to Rome, joining with hundreds of thousands of young people from all over the world. There are a limited number of places left with bookings accepted on a first come first served basis. If you will be age 16 – 30 next summer 2025, come and join us, but book now! See www.rcdea.org.uk/youth for more details.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Saturday 18th January which is also the eve of St Mary le Tower being re-designated Ipswich Minster. As a way of marking both events **a service of Ecumenical Vespers on Saturday 18th at 4pm will take place.** It is quite possibly the first time Vespers has been said in St Mary le Tower for around 500 years. Fr Tom Mumford, Vicar of the le Tower, will officiate at the service, with the choir of St Mary le

Tower singing. The cantoring will be led by Fr Luke who will also preach. At the conclusion of the service, Fr Luke and Fr Tom will jointly give the blessing, before we enter a time of vigil and silent prayer for those who wish to attend.

With “**Crown Him**” concluding the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Ipswich, this this will be a good way to start. All are most warmly welcome to attend.

Crown Him: Saturday 25th January and will be held at Burlington Baptist Church, London Road, IP1 2EZ. There is limited on site parking but quite a bit of street parking. Come at 6:30pm for refreshments and talk to representatives of Christian organisations around Ipswich who will be having exhibition stands. The celebration begins at 7.30pm and should conclude by 9.30pm. This will feature significant content from young people around the town for encouragement and prayer. There will also be a declaration of blessing over Ipswich through His church.

Christian Unity at Brantham: A unity service will be held on Sunday 19th January at St Michael’s Church. More information to follow

What is the Jubilee? The Jubilee is a Catholic holy year that takes place throughout the whole Church every 25 years. The 2025 Jubilee began on December 24, 2024 and will end on January 6, 2026. The theme for the 2025 Jubilee is “Pilgrims of Hope”. The Jubilee is a time of spiritual renewal, reconciliation, and conversion. It’s a significant event for Catholics around the world, but also draws interest from other religious communities and people of goodwill. More information on how our parish will celebrate to follow...

The White Flower Appeal: The society for the protection of unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal on the weekend of the 18th and 19th of January. SPUC Exists to radically transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable. To accomplish this mission, SPUC is positioning initiatives in politics, education, legislation, and culture. Through these efforts we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life to our society. This years appeal postcards called on the government to adhere to the United nations convention on the rights of the child. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC and so defend unborn babies and their mothers.

CAFOD - A Year of Hope: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development 2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD’s Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop’s Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD’s Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD’s Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online. All welcome. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

Marriage Help – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse? Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom ... *27 February to 2 March 2025* . Email: info@retrouvaille.org.uk Call or text 0788 7296983 www.retrouvaille.org.uk

George Smith’s funeral service will be on Tuesday 28 January at 11.45am at Ipswich Crematorium, Cemetery Lane, Ipswich, IP14 2TQ. Paul and Steven Smith, George’s sons have said everyone is welcome to the service and back to the house for refreshments afterwards. The address is: [260 Tuddenham Road, IP4 3BH](https://www.google.com/maps/place/260+Tuddenham+Road,+Ipswich+IP4+3BH) The service will be webcast, if anyone would prefer to participate in that way.

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News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

The Baptism of the Lord – 12th January, 2025. Readings: Liturgical Year C. Services during the coming week – 1st Week of the Year, Liturgical Year I

Sunday 12 th January	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish, Reader: A Smith, offertory: Moore Family Eucharistic Ministers: C Moore, K Cork.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass. Reader: J Iannelli, Offertory: Fox Family Eucharistic Ministers: M Geisel, R Shorten. M Long.
	12 noon	Holy Mass, celebrated in Polish for the Ipswich Polish Catholic Community.
<i>Please join us in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass for tea and coffee, served this week by Nigel and Dorothy</i>		
Monday 13 th January	Feria	No Mass Today
Tuesday 14 th January	Feria	10:00 am Holy Mass offered for all members of the Vieira Family – living and dead.
Wednesday 15 th January	Feria	10:30 am Requiem Mass for Leslie Jermy RIP
Thursday 16 th January	St Fursey	10:00 am Holy Mass offered for the Kelly Family.
Friday 17 th January	St Anthony	10:00 am Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Ralph Vieira RIP, followed by Exposition, a chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction.
Sunday 19th January - The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish, Reader: C Riches, offertory: Cork Family Eucharistic Ministers: K Cork, C Moore.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the godchildren (Rosemary Pease). Reader: A James, Offertory: M Mayhew/M Geisel, Eucharistic Ministers: R Shorten. M Long, W Lobo.

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. It can also be read and referenced online on the parish web site – just scan the QR code to take you to 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. It can also be read and referenced online on the parish web site – just scan the QR code to take you to it.



St Mary Magdalen 150 Club: The delayed December prize draw, including the third quarter bonus prizes, will be made today in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass. Why not join us in the Garden Room after Mass for a cup of coffee, socialise with your fellow parishioners and witness the draw for yourself?

Alpha Course: The Alpha Course continues this week with session 10, entitled *Why and How Should I Tell Others?*, will be held at 12:30 in the Garden Room at St Mary Magdalen church, and be repeated at 7:30 pm in the evening in St Mark's church hall on Wednesday 15th January.

Help with Removal of decorations at Church: Linis would like some help to take down the decorations in church on Monday 13/1 at 10.30. The church will also be cleaned at the same time. Please do come and lend a hand.

The Sick of the Parish: We ask your continuing prayers for Patrick Doran, Celia Moore, 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.*

Our Own Dear Departed: Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of our faithful departed and especially for Margaret Howes (1998), Kevin Finegan (2009), Patrick Mullan (2024), Martha Bacon (1970), Marie Thulliez (1970), Eleanor Ivey (1983), Marjorie Reddington (1985), Mary Titterington and Ruth Frost (1974) 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.

Diocesan wide consultation on future of the Diocese

If you are on our Churchsuite email database, you will have received an email with questions and materials for reflection to help us plan for the future of our parishes and diocese. Some (limited) hard copies are available at the back of our churches as well. Please send written responses to the parish office (at St Mark's) by 25th January or email your responses to feedback@stmarksparish.org.uk