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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**  
**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  
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:** Barclays  
**Account Name:**  
St Mary Magdalen  
Roman Catholic Parish  
**Account number:** 70777323  
**Sort code:** 20-44-51

**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 – <b>Here I am Lord. I come to do your will</b>		2nd WEEK OF THE YEAR – Year B
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:		
<b>SATURDAY</b> 13/1/24	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> Offered For: John Harris RIP	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 14/1/24	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: Angela Murphy <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <b>PEACE DAY</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 16/1/24	<b>10:00 am Holy Family</b> Offered for: Ron Carpenter RIP	<b>St. Fursey</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 17/1/24	<b>9:30 am St. Mark's</b> Offered for: Beryl Edwards RIP	<b>St. Anthony</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 18/1/24	<b>NO MASS at St. Mark's</b> 10:00 at St. Mary Magdalens	<b>Feria</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 19/1/24	<b>8:00 am St. Mark's (No Adoration today)</b> Offered for: Michael Hosford	<b>Feria</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 20/1/24	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 21/1/24	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: Chris Moss <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Josephine Ammirato RIP	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

### Christian Unity Week:

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Crown Him!** Door Open at 6:30 pm, event at 7:30 pm at Colchester Baptist Church

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Holy Family, Brantham hosting Unity Service at 3pm.** Please come and pray for Christian Unity and meet other brothers and sisters from other churches.

### Parish Mission Coming Soon!



**This Weekend we welcome Fr Chris Dobson. Fr Luke is celebrating the Masses at St Mary Magdalens, and since Fr Paul is on holiday in Vietnam, Fr Chris is kindly supplying for us.**

**Baptism:** Next weekend we baptise baby Noah at the 11 am Mass

**Pax Christi remind us** that Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January is Peace Sunday. Please pray for Peace in the troubled areas of the World. To find out more about their work visit their website at <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday/>

**A Prayer for Peace** – O God of peace, who are peace itself and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and that those in conflict may forget evil and be healed.

**World Leprosy Day** - On Sunday 28th January 2024. The John Bradburne Memorial Society (JBMS) endeavours to continue and uphold the legacy of John Bradburne, 'Servant of God' who was a Franciscan layman, who cared for the leprosy patients living at the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre in Zimbabwe for the last 10 years of his life until he was murdered. JBMS helps to provide essential items to the community at Mutemwa. Leprosy is a curable disease, but unfortunately the stigma and lack of education associated with the disease, means people do not get treated early enough to prevent the development of disabilities. Together with your kind support and prayers we continue our promise to uphold John Bradburne's legacy in supporting those living at Mutemwa with leprosy. To donate visit their website [www.johnbradburne.com](http://www.johnbradburne.com)

**The Big Lent Walk** - Cafod invite you to take part in this event during Lent. To find out more visit their website at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

**At the Repository** - Calendars and diaries are still available (now reduced) from the repository at the back of the church. Please put the money in the red box on the wall beside the repository.

**Please note Friday Mass at 8:00 am as Fr Luke must attend a meeting.**

**Medjugorje 2024** – The pilgrimage to Medjugorje this year is from 19<sup>th</sup> September to 26<sup>th</sup> September. The details are as the successful pilgrimage last year and the price is the same, £779 per person for a shared room.

For information contact Chris McEwen on [chrismceweneb@gmail.com](mailto:chrismceweneb@gmail.com) or 07967 568852

**Divine Mercy** - Copies of the painting, which was installed and blessed in December are available as prayer cards at the back of church. To see more work by the artist, Ben Goymour, Go to <https://www.bengoymour.com/>

**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

**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.

**100 CLUB** – Pick up an application form to join or take a further number at the back of the church or contact Graeme Forsyth at [mgforsyth@outlook.com](mailto:mgforsyth@outlook.com) or on 01206 399049. Or visit the Parish Website



**Help Your Marriage** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 8 - 11 February 2024 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Parish Mission 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024** – The Sisters from the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham will be coming to Ipswich to run a parish Mission for the first week of Lent. **The Mission will be based at St Mark's** but will have some events at both **Holy Family and St Mary Magdalens** as well. More info to follow, follow the QR code on page two to be taken to the mission schedule.

## News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

<i>The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year B Services during the coming week – Second Week of the Year, Year II</i>		
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for the People of the Parish. Reader: R Cork, Offertory: Cork Family
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Fr Martin Orme RIP. Reader A Smith, Offertory: Cleary Family, Eucharistic Minister: E Cleary.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Lissamma Mathew RIP. Reader: M Pakes, Offertory: Fox Family, Eucharistic Minister: M Long.
<i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass prepared and served by Nigel &amp; Rosemary</i>		
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Feria	
	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Feria	
	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	St Francis de Sales	
	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	The Conversion of St Paul	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the Vieira Family.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Saints Timothy and Titus	
	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for the people of the parish.

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**Today's Gospel:** Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptised by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist. We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus - the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper. We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus and immediately Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him *Peter*, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels. In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael. Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus? *Courtesy Loyola Press*

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**Diocesan Year Book:** The Diocesan Year Book 2024 has now been published, and copies are available in the church porch priced at £3 per copy. A digital copy of the Year Book is also available on the parish web site, from where it can be downloaded or referred to as required. To find the Yearbook on line, simply scan the QR code.



**The Alpha Course:** The Alpha course continues this week with the seventh session taking place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January, at 12:30 pm in the St Mary Magdalen Garden Room and at 7:30 pm at St Mark's church hall.

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**First Holy Communion 2024:** The instruction classes for this year's First Holy Communion candidates will begin on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February when the class will be held at St Mark's church, Hawthorne Drive, and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February when the class will be held at St Mary Magdalen church. The full schedule of dates for the remaining classes can be found on the parish web site.

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**Social Committee:** There will be a meeting of the parish social committee on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 2:00 pm in the Garden Room. The meeting is open to all, so please do come along if you can.

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**Parish Mission:** The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham are leading a Parish Mission in Ipswich on 18<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> February. The mission is based at St Marks' but there will be some events at St Mary Magdalens and Holy Family. All are invited to participate and to come to as much or as little as you like.

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**Parish 150 Club:** The January prize draw of the parish 150 Club will be made on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January in the Garden Room after the 10:00 am Mass. We are always on the lookout for additional members and there is plenty of room for new joiners. If you are not a member, why not sign up today and help support your parish. 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.



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

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**Our Own Dear Departed:** Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of our faithful departed and especially for Kevin Finegan (2009), Martha Bacon (1970), Marie Thulliez (1970), Eleanor Ivemy (1983), Marjorie Reddington (1985), Mary Titterington, Ruth Frost (1974), James Walsh (1958), Luigi Buglione (1990), Henry Teuma (2018), Adriana Tucciarone (2021), Michael Mongan (2018) and Monica Ford (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*