



PARISH NEWSLETTER



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The Holy Year: Jubilee 2025 "Called to be pilgrims of hope"



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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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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Confession:
by appointment

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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 14th December 2025

Responsorial Psalm – Come, Lord, and save us.

3rd Sunday of Advent – Year A

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

SATURDAY 13/12/2025	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass 3 rd week of Advent Offered For: People of the Parish
SUNDAY 14/12/2025	08:00 Holy Family 3 rd week of Advent Offered For: Fenby-Taylor Family 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Offered for: Frank and Margaret Janes RIP (Foundation Mass). 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: Mary Butcher RIP
TUESDAY 16/12/2025	09:30 St Mary Magdalen: Exposition, Adoration and Rosary 10:00 Holy Family Mass and Adoration from 9.20am Offered For: Rev Fr. Simon Simmonds RIP
WEDNESDAY 17/12/2025	09:30 St Mark's Offered For: Ron Chatfield RIP
THURSDAY 18/12/2025	10:00 St Mary Magdalen Offered For: Anita Crawford RIP
FRIDAY 19/12/2025	12:15 St Mark's Offered For: Fr. Luke's Int for Birthday
SATURDAY 20/12/2025	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass 3 rd week of Advent Offered For: George Smith RIP
SUNDAY 21/12/2025	08:00 Holy Family 4 th Sunday of Advent Offered For: People of the Parish 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Offered for: Marlene Hannaway RIP 11:15 St Mark's 4pm Carol Service Offered For: Lynn Sellers RIP
Ipswich Polish Catholic Mission	<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>

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 due to start in January.**

Confessions for Christmas at St Pancras Church

Friday 19th 9am – 10 am & 6pm -7pm
Saturday 20th 9am -10 am & 4:45pm – 5:45 pm
Monday 22nd 9am – 10 am & 6pm – 7pm
Tuesday 23rd 7:30 am – 8 am & 6pm – 7pm
Wednesday 24th 9am – 10 am & 5pm – 6pm
No Confessions on Christmas Day

Confessions at St Mark's

Saturday 20th December: 10 am – 12 noon & 5pm – 5: 20 pm

Confessions are heard every week at 5pm at St Mark's and also can be heard by appointment.

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
14th December

For The
Dependent
Priest Fund

Envelopes to be
distributed in
church



Teaching Pamphlets
and devotional
materials available
at the back of
Church and on
digital download by
Fr Luke – Free of
Charge

IMPORTANT DATES AND NOTICES IN SUMMARY:

Monday 8th December at St Mark's Solemnity of Immaculate Conception 7pm.
(Adoration from 6pm and Rosary at 6:30, Mass at 7pm)

Saturday 13th December at St Mark's Nativity Festival 10-1 pm

Sunday 21st December at St Mark's: Advent Carol Service at 4pm

Tuesday 23rd December at St Mark's Christmas Craft n' pray for families 10am-12.

24th December, Christmas Eve:

5:30 pm St Mark's (Family Mass)

8pm at Holy Family

10 pm St Mary Magdalen

11:30 pm for Midnight at St Mark's

Christmas Day: 9:45am Mary Magdalen and 11:15am at St Mark's

St. Pancras Catholic Primary School need new governors for the Local Governing Body at the School. You do NOT require any specific experience, and people from all walks of life are encouraged to consider this opportunity to serve in a vital role focussed on the needs of the young people in the School. If you would like to find out more, please email the Parish Office or contact the School Office on 01473 742074.

100 CLUB at St Mark's The November draw took place on 30th November after mass. The first prize of £89.10 was won by number 46, second prize of £48.60 won by number 55 and the third prize of £24.30 won by number 175. The parish was also presented with a cheque for £992.75 which was the money collected over the last 6 months. Details about the 100 club can be obtained from the website by simply scanning the QR code alongside or by picking up an entry form from the back of the church. Further information can be obtained from David Ford either by telephone on 01206 298939 or by email to dford0554@aol.com

Holy Family Forum - The next forum for Holy Family will be on Sunday 1st February, in the church immediately after the 8:00 mass. The agenda will be on the notice board at the back of the church. Parishioners will be able to raise issues by adding them to the agenda by writing a title on the agenda with their name and must be willing to present it on the day.

FIND – St Mark's Send their thanks to everyone for their generosity. To make Christmas better for a lot of families they would appreciate donations of: Boxes of chocolates and tubs of sweets. Tins of biscuits, Christmas desserts (e.g. Christmas cake, puddings, mince pies) Chutney and pickles, stuffing and gravy mixes, savoury snacks. Gift ideas are Vouchers, with the receipt attached, Toys and gifts for children 0-17 years. Christmas wrapping paper and Sellotape, gifts and toiletries for adults. The box for your offerings sits is under the table at the back of St. Mark's church.

Used postage stamps at St Mark's and Holy Family - Please collect used postage stamps 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.

St Mary Magdalen's Parish Forum meeting invitation: an opportunity to explore how we can become 'a community of disciples, attentive to the needs of those who come through our doors, and even those who don't'. Now that we are getting to know each other as a wider Parish group, here is an open invitation to meet and discuss how we can make our parish mission prayer a reality. Everyone is welcome to attend and there is a choice of sessions: Tuesday 16th December between 7.00 pm and 8.00 p.m. or Thursday 18th December between 11:00am and 12:pm. Both sessions will be held in the Garden Room at St Mary Magdalen's Church. The sessions will be facilitated by parishioner, Lucy Pakes (recently retired from doing this sort of thing professionally). Tea and coffee will be available at both sessions and there may even be cake...! No need to book in advance, just come along with an open mind and a prayerful heart!

St Mary Magdalen - Deep cleaning of the church will take place on Saturday 20/12 at 0845. Everyone is welcome to contribute.

Christmas Offering: A reminder that the collection taken at each of our two Masses of Christmas will form the traditional personal gift from the parish community to our priest, Fr Luke.

Ladies Tea 'n' Chat at St Mary Magdalen: The ladies group will not be meeting on the usual last Friday this month as it will be Boxing Day. Normal service will resume with the meeting on January 30th 2026.

Parish 150 Club: The December prize draw of the 150 Club, including the third quarter bonus prizes, will be made after Mass on 28th December.

Advent Wreath – Gaudete Sunday: Some Sundays are named after the first Latin word of the Mass's Introit, such as *Gaudete* Sunday, taken from Philippians 4:4-5, meaning "Rejoice in the Lord always." Occurring midway through Advent, *Gaudete* Sunday is marked by joy amid a usually penitential season. On this day, rose vestments may replace purple, and the pink or rose candle—called the Shepherds Candle, symbolizing joy—is lit to celebrate the approaching birth of Jesus.

Bible Study Group at St Mary Magdalen: The Bible study group will meet this week in the Garden Room at 7:15 pm on Thursday 18th December. New members are always welcome – just come along on the night and bring your bible with you. There will be spares available if you forget.

Alpha Course: The Alpha course continues on Wednesday this week, 17th December with the sixth session entitled *How and Why Should I Read the Bible?*. The session will be held at 12:30 lunchtime in the Garden Room at St Mary Magdalen church repeated in the evening at 7:30 pm at St Mark's.

Rosary at St Mary Magdalen: The new Adoration and Rosary session on Tuesday mornings is picking up well with new faces joining us each week. 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.

Joan Moss RIP: One of our past parishioners passed away this week in Ipswich Hospital, known to many of you. Joan Moss, who was a regular at St Mary Magdalens until her health failed, passed away on Thursday morning. Please remember her in your prayers, and also the friends and family that mourn her passing.

The Sick of the Parish of St Mary Magdalen : We ask your prayers this week for Mrs Di Mascio, known to many of you, who is gravely ill in Ipswich Hospital, and 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 Dear Departed: Of your charity, please pray for Marie Quinn (1976), Betty Smythe (1985), Ellie McDonagh (1995), Joan Baron (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), Karen Sutton (2021), Douglas Eno (1977), Agnes Humble (1999), Frederick Lowry-Corry (2006), Kathleen McCullar (1963), John Woodstock (1990), Valerie Jenkins (2017), Giuseppe Nelli (2011), Jean Ward née Marchant (2021), Elvira Cucurrullo (1974), Fr Alfred S Bull, former parish priest (1980), Bernice Chaisty (2015), Richard Fox (2019) and Ron Green (2022) 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.

Please pray this prayer often and remember Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place weekly at 6:30 am at St Mark's on Wednesday and Thursdays for this intention