



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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:
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St Mark's School
Headteacher:
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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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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 15th February 2026

Responsorial Psalm:
Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

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

SATURDAY 14/02/2026	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: Michael Galloway RIP	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 15/02/2026	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: Giovanna Robub 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass Offered For: Priests Intentions 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: People of the Parish St Mark's	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
TUESDAY 17/02/2026	09:30 St Mary Magdalen: Exposition, Adoration and Rosary 10:00 Holy Family: Mass and Stations of the cross from 9:15am Offered For: Mrs & Mrs T Goymour	Feria
WEDNESDAY 18/02/2026	09:30 St Mark's ASH WEDNESDAY – Fast & Abstinence Offered For: Jennie Newing 12:00: Holy Family 18:00: St Mary Magdalen	
THURSDAY 19/02/2026	10:00: St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass 9:15: Holy Family Stations of the Cross and Rosary	Lent Feria
FRIDAY 20/02/2026	9:30 St Mark's No Adoration this day Offered For: Kieran Kelly RIP (Note Mass time change today)* 19:00 St Mark's: Stations of the Cross	Lent Feria
SATURDAY 21/02/2026	10 am – retreat morning at St Marks, Mass and Confessions 17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: People of the Parish	1st Sunday of Lent
SUNDAY 22/02/2026	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: Rodney Frances RIP 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass Offered For: Priests Intentions 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: Mary Gillett RIP	1st Sunday of Lent
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>	

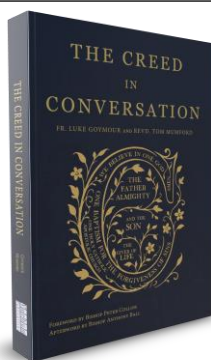
Sunday Homilies
 can be *listened to again* on *Spotify* and on all major Podcast platforms just search:
Fr Luke's Homilies

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

Lent Retreat Morning with , Mass, Talk Reconciliation, and Adoration
Sat 21st Feb
St Mark's
10am -1:30 pm
 with the **Marian Fathers'** (Marians of the Immaculate Conception)

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 1st 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*



Easter Flowers St Mark's - Second collection is weekend of 7th March. If you would like to contribute and prefer to pay by bank transfer, please reference: Flowers. Using the bank information on the front of the newsletter please.

Inviting Young people Year 7 to Young Adults for a special Ipswich Deanery Youth Day - 14th March.
Held at St. Mary Magdalene's Church Hall, Ipswich. The 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 or the QR on the orange poster in all 3 church's.

Next Alpha Courses: After celebrating a joyful meal on Wednesday evening to mark the end of three faith-inspiring Alpha courses, we're looking forward to setting out on the journey again at the end of April. Will you join us for the adventure? For the first time there will be a daytime course at Holy Family taking place on Thursday afternoons, 2.30-4.00pm beginning 30th April. There will be limited places on this course so book early not to be disappointed. The evening course will take place, as usual, at St Mark's on Wednesdays, 7.30-9.00pm beginning 29th April. For a full set of session dates, for both courses, and to sign up, please visit the parish website.



Message from 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 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.

Ash Wednesday - By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return. Genesis 3:19 Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting - the practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolise the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer, fasting and abstinence which marks the beginning of Lent, a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. Mass on Ash Wednesday will be at 6:00 pm at which ashes will be distributed, and whilst not a Holyday of Obligation, it is good to attend Mass on this day to mark the beginning of this penitential season and begin preparations for Easter in the right way.

Bible Study Group: The Bible study group has restarted and takes place 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.

Diocesan Year Book: Now available in the church porch are the new editions of the Diocesan Year Book for 2026. These are priced at £5 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 here on the parish web site - scan the QR code to take you directly to it.



St Mary Magdalen Parish Forum Following the recent parish forum meetings, a summary report of the discussions, comments, ideas and suggestions that were put forward has been prepared and you should find a copy in this newsletter.

Parish Council – Mary Magdalen: We are very grateful to Lucy Pakes for facilitating these meetings and putting the report together. Please do take it home and read it carefully. We would ask that you reflect on the forum notes and ask yourself "what can I do to contribute to the development of our parish and our community?" We all have a part to play – we cannot leave it to just the "few".

The Shepherd's Voice: The Shepherd's Voice is a series of short pamphlets and reflections by Fr Luke Goymour on a number of different faith topics. These pamphlets are available at the back of church or can be read on line on the parish web site – the QR code will take you to the correct page. There are currently the six titles in the series (more to be added): *What Happens When We Die?*, *There's Something About Mary*, *All Saints*, *Sin and Confession*, *The Holy Catholic Church* and *The Rosary* and the new one *How God Speaks*.



St Mary Magdalen Parish 150 Club: The delayed January prize draw took place in the Garden Room last Sunday. Congratulations to our winners: Miss G Tallent, Mr & Mrs M Pakes, Mrs V Davison and Mrs C Long. Full details are on the church porch notice board and the parish website.

As we approach the end of the Club year on 31 March, it's time to renew subscriptions for the year starting in April. We have sadly lost several generous members this year and need 17 new subscriptions just to maintain our numbers. If you're not yet a member, please consider joining to support the parish—and you might even win a prize. You can sign up using the QR code or by completing a paper form from 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 Victoria Pagnillo (1976), Mary Cuffe (1991), Willie Long, Harry McAuliffe (2006), Maureen Mulligan (1961), Mary Sparrow (1974), Margaret Doolin, Cynthia Woollard (2002), Wilhelmina Firmin (2024), Peter Grimwood (1982), Kathleen Smy (2000), Kate Brown (1976), Margaret Hutchinson, Frederick Adams (1994), Anne Gambo (2012) and Felix Hennon (2018) 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 18th February, Masses at 9:30am at St Marks, 12 noon at Holy Family and 6pm at St Mary Magdalen

Friday evenings in Lent starting 20th 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 21st February 10am – 1:30pm: Lent Retreat Morning with the Marians – Mass, Adoration and Confessions at St Mark's (bring share lunch social afterwards.)

5th 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.

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