



# 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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**Parish Secretary:**  
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**Eucharistic Adoration:**

St Mark's  
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**  
Every Sunday at  
11am Mass



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**Parish Priest:**  
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**Confession:**  
5:30pm Saturday  
and by appointment

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**Headteacher:**  
Mrs Lucille Martin

**Safeguarding**

**Confession:**  
5:30pm Saturday  
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 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

## News for St Mark's Catholic Parish

<b>Responsorial Psalm – Proclaim the wonders of the Lord Among all the peoples</b>		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year – Year C</b>		
<b>MASS &amp; PRAYER TIMES:</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>18/1/25</b>	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> Offered For: Gloria & Julian Wong	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>19/1/25</b>	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: Anne & Edmund Smitheram <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>TUESDAY</b> <b>21/1/25</b>	<b>10:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: Mr. & Mrs. Greg Fenby-Taylor	<b>St. Agnes</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>22/1/25</b>	<b>10:30 am St. Mark's</b> Funeral Mass: Shelia Barnes RIP	<b>Feria</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>23/1/25</b>	<b>NO MASS at St. Mark's</b> 10:00 at St. Mary Magdalens	<b>Feria</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>24/1/25</b>	<b>12:15 pm St. Mark's</b> Offered For:	<b>St. John Bosco</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>25/1/25</b>	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> Offered For: Patricia Hampshire RIP	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>26/1/25</b>	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: The intentions of the Agendia family	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

**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**

**WHITE FLOWER  
APPEAL**  
 (Society for Protection of  
 Unborn Children SPUC)  
**at all Masses  
this weekend**

**Wednesday is Shelia  
Barnes Requiem  
Mass, please pray for  
the happy repose of  
her soul.**

**Do you have a gift for music?** St Mark's is building a music ministry to praise God through both traditional hymns and contemporary music, and we need your help! Music is a vital part of our weekly liturgy, and your talent—whether singing, playing an instrument, or contributing in other ways—could make a real difference. Please get in touch and be part of this meaningful and inspiring ministry.

**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](mailto:dford0554@aol.com)



**2025 Medjugorje Parish Pilgrimage** dates 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September. £829.00 when sharing a room. For further details contact [chrismceweneb@gmail.com](mailto:chrismceweneb@gmail.com)

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> January at St Michael's Church CO11 1PZ at 3:30 pm, all welcome.

**What is the Jubilee?** The Jubilee is a Catholic Holy Year celebrated by the entire Church every 25 years—a time of grace, renewal, and profound spiritual significance. The 2025 Jubilee, with the inspiring theme "Pilgrims of Hope," began on December 24, 2024, and will conclude on January 6, 2026. This sacred year invites Catholics worldwide to deepen their faith through spiritual renewal, reconciliation, and conversion, while also drawing interest from other religious communities and people of goodwill. Stay tuned for more details on how our parish will join in celebrating this momentous occasion.

**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](mailto: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](#) The service will be webcast, if anyone would prefer to participate in that way.

**ST. MARK’S SCHOOL** - are excited to announce the addition of a toddler group to our school community, called Curious Cubs. This group is designed to provide a fun, supportive environment for our younger learners and their families. It will offer a range of activities focused on early development and socialisation. The sessions will take place from Monday 3rd February between 9 and 10.30am at St Mark’s School.

**AND** - Judo classes for students in Years 4, 5, and 6! These sessions will provide students with the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of Judo, including discipline, respect, and teamwork, all while having fun and staying active. The sessions take place every Wednesday between 6 and 7 pm. For more information or to sign up, please contact the school office. **THEY ARE ALSO SEEKING** - a Midday Supervisor to join our team and help support our students during their lunchtime. This is an important role in ensuring that our children are safe, well-supported, and enjoying their break in a positive and supervised environment. For more information or to sign up, please contact the school office.

## News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

**The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2025. Readings: Liturgical Year C.  
Services during the coming week – 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year, Liturgical Year I**

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	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.
	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 Rosemary &amp; Michael</i>		
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Feria	<b>No Mass Today</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	St Agnes	<b>No Mass Today</b>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Feria	<b>No Mass Today</b>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Feria	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	St Francis de Sales	<b>No Mass Today</b>
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January - The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish, Reader: F Vieira, offertory: Cleary Family Eucharistic Ministers: C Moore, K Cork.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Adolf von Fragstein RIP. Reader: M Pakes Offertory: Pakes Family, Eucharistic Ministers: M Long, W Lobo, A James.

**Fr Paul:** Fr Paul is away from tomorrow, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January, until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. During this time, cover will be arranged for the Sunday Masses but there will only be two weekday Masses – celebrated by Fr Luke on Thursdays 23<sup>rd</sup> January and 6<sup>th</sup> February.

**Leslie Jermy RIP:** Les’ family writes “the family of Lesie Jermy would like to thank all of those in the parish who joined us for Les’ funeral Mass on Wednesday. We know Les would have been very touched to know they were there”.

**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, was made last Sunday in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass. The prize winners were Mrs A Payne, Mr & Mrs M Mayston, Mr K Joy, Mrs A Bardwell, Mr & Mrs R Cork, Mrs A Prentice and Mr A Ford. Full details of the prize-winners and prizes can be found on the church notice board, or you can read them on the parish web site – scan the QR code to take you straight there.



**Alpha Course:** For those who are booked on the Alpha Course continues this week with session 11, entitled *Does God Heal Today?*, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

**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 Leslie Jermy, whose requiem was held on Wednesday last, and Michael Mongan (2018), Monica Ford (2021), Helen Frost (2005), Thomas Gordon (1997), Giuseppe Miceli (2010), Ivy Scaife (2011), Josephine Horne (1990), William Irvine and Derek Gilbert (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.*

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> January or email your responses to [feedback@stmarksparish.org.uk](mailto:feedback@stmarksparish.org.uk)



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