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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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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.

Sunday 21st January, Third Week of The Year: Word of God Sunday & week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Yr B

News for St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – Lord make me know your ways		
3rd WEEK OF THE YEAR – Year B		
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:		
SATURDAY 20/1/24	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: The People of the Parish	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 21/1/24	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: Chris Moss 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Josephine Ammirato	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
TUESDAY 23/1/24	10:00 am Holy Family Offered for: Edmund & Anne Smitheron	Feria
WEDNESDAY 24/1/24	9:30 am St. Mark's Offered for: Priests' intentions	St. Francis de Sales
THURSDAY 25/1/24	NO MASS at St. Mark's 10:00 at St. Mary Magdalens	The conversion of St. Paul
FRIDAY 26/1/24	12:15 pm St. Mark's (adoration from 11:40) Offered for: Priest's intentions	SS. Timothy & Titus
SATURDAY 27/1/24	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: Lilly Brolly RIP	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 28/1/24	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: Betty & John Stubbs 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: The People of the Parish	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time RACIAL JUSTICE DAY

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

Sun 21st 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!



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

Coffee morning - This Thursday the 25th January. A warm welcome awaits you at Paddock Gate White Horse Road East Bergholt CO7 6TR 10.30 till 12.00

The Fundraising & Social Committee will be meeting up after mass on Sunday 28th January at St Mark's church. The agenda is to obtain feedback on last years Christmas Fayre so we may improve and prepare for this year. Also, to share ideas for other future events. Everyone is welcome to join.

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

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

First Holy Communion 2024: The instruction classes for this year's First Holy Communion candidates will begin on Friday 2nd February when the class will be held at St Mark's church, Hawthorne Drive, and Saturday 3rd February when the class will be held at St Mary Magdalen church.

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.

Medjugorje 2024 – The pilgrimage to Medjugorje this year is from 19th September to 26th 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 or 07967 568852

Readers needed for the Saturday Vigil Mass. Please contact Brian Riley baskwdbr@yahoo.com or 07866 581556

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 crisps, squash, tinned potatoes, 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 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 - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Parish Mission 18th - 25th 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

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21st January 2024: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year B Services during the coming week – Third Week of the Year, Year II <i>Today we welcome Fr Chris Dobson who will be celebrating the three weekend Masses with us.</i>		
Saturday 20 th January	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of the 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for repose of the souls of Anastacio & Adoracion Fajardo RIP. Reader: I Suttle, Offertory: Hennon Family
Sunday 21 st January	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for repose of the souls of John, Annick and Stephen Smith RIP (Foundation Mass). Reader F Vieira, Offertory: Moore Family, Eucharistic Minister: C Moore.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish. Reader: J Iannelli, Offertory: Long Family, Eucharistic Minister: J Poll.
<i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass prepared and served by Julie & Dorothy</i>		
Monday 22 nd January	Feria	
	No Mass Today	
Tuesday 23 rd January	Feria	
	No Mass Today	
Wednesday 24 th January	St Francis de Sales	
	No Mass Today	
Thursday 25 th January	The Conversion of St Paul	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the Vieira Family.
Friday 26 th January	Saints Timothy and Titus	
	No Mass Today	
Saturday 27 th January	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for the repose of the soul of Conrado Fajardo RIP.

Today's Gospel: Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. In Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark which does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth but instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the

desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry. As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance, and yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfilment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching. In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen - Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat. Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfilment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom? *Courtesy Loyola Press*

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.



Ladies Tea & Chat: The ladies of the parish will meet on Friday 26th in the Garden Room at 2:30 pm for the monthly tea and chat session. This is a friendly, open session and all the ladies in the parish are invited to come along, meet others and make friends within the parish.

Craft Session: It has been suggested that we might start a craft group within the parish. Such a group would probably meet on a monthly basis in the afternoon or possibly an evening during the week. If you would be interested in such a venture, or would like to hear more information about this idea and the sorts of crafts that might be covered, then please contact Jean McSorley on 01473 462740 or by email to jkmcsorley@hotmail.com

The Alpha Course: The Alpha course continues this week with the eighth session taking place on Wednesday 24th January, at 12:30 pm in the St Mary Magdalen Garden Room and at 7:30 pm at St Mark's church hall.

Fr Paul away: Fr Paul is away until the end of the month. This weekend and next weekend, we welcome back Fr Chris Dobson who will be supplying for us.

First Holy Communion 2024: The instruction classes for this year's First Holy Communion candidates will begin on Friday 2nd February when the class will be held at St Mark's church, Hawthorne Drive, and Saturday 3rd 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.

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

The Chosen ? ? Watch this space...

Parish 150 Club: The January prize draw of the parish 150 Club will be made on Sunday 28th 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.*

Our Own Dear Departed:

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of our faithful departed and especially for Helen Frost (2005), Thomas Gordon (1997), Giuseppe Miceli (2010), Ivy Scaife (2011), Josephine Horne (1990), William Irvine, Derek Gilbert (2021), Margaret Long (1959), Anna Graham-Picket (1963), Sarah Kelly (1976), John McRae (1984), John Hughes (2007), Mary Corrigan (2015), Anna Ryan (2021), Margaret Long (1959), Anna Graham-Picket (1963), Sarah Kelly (1976), John McRae (1984), John Hughes (2007), Mary Corrigan (2015), Anna Ryan (2021), Edward Coyle, Edward Ennis (1997) and Kitty Finn (1999) 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.