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Eucharistic Adoration:
St Mark's
Friday 11:40 – 12:10

Holy Family
Tuesday 9:20 – 9:50

Prayer Group:
Mondays 7:00 – 8:30pm
Praise, Worship
scripture & reflection

Confession
St Mark: 5pm Saturday
and by appointment

Children's Liturgy:
11 am 1st, 3rd and 5th
Sundays of each month

**Evening Praise and
Worship – 2nd Sunday of
Each month at 6:30 pm**



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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 Chaplain to the Ipswich Hospital: Awaiting new appointment. If you or a family member are going into hospital, please advise either Fr Paul or Fr Luke.

Sunday 21st April 2024.

News for St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.		4th week of Easter – Year B
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:		
SATURDAY 20/4/24	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: The People of the Parish	4th Sunday of Easter
SUNDAY 21/4/24	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: Michael Galloway RIP 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Mary Butcher RIP	4th Sunday of Easter
TUESDAY 23/4/24	10:00 Holy Family Offered For: Mary Bird	St. George 16:30 Reception of Body Julia Quigley
WEDNESDAY 24/4/24	11:00 am Funeral Mass Julia Quigley	Easter Feria
THURSDAY 25/4/24	Feast of St Mark 19:00 at St Mark's Offered For: John & Betty Stubbs	St. Mark
FRIDAY 26/4/24	No Mass Today	Easter Feria
SATURDAY 27/4/24	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: The People of the Parish	5th Sunday of Easter
SUNDAY 28/4/24	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: Noreen Castle 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Pearl Murphy RIP	5th Sunday of Easter

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

**This Sunday we
welcome**

Fr .Gladson OSA

**who is covering whilst
Fr Luke delivers retreat
talks for the Healing Day
at Clare Priory**

**This weekend is
designated as the
World Day of Prayer
for Vocations. With
a second**

A Message from Bishop Peter

We are blessed in our diocesan family with three seminarians, a student for the priesthood residing in South Africa, and a possible candidate for entry to formation in September of this year. There is also an encouraging number of other men discerning a potential vocation to the priesthood, so it is all the more vital for the future of the diocese to enable adequate financial support for the training of priests. The cost of training our diocesan students for the current year will amount to £92,418. I urge you to be as generous as possible in supporting the annual second collection, which last year raised approximately £20,000. **There will be a second collection after Mass for the Diocesan Priests Training Fund Or take an envelope home and return it next week' Donations can also be made through the diocesan website: www.rcdea.org.uk/vocations**

COFFEE MORNING – This Thursday, 25th April. A warm welcome awaits you at Paddock Gate, White Horse Road, East Bergholt CO7 6TR from 10.30 to 12

Parish BBQ – on April 28th following the 11am Mass at St. Mark's there will be a Parish BBQ and Family Day in the Parish Garden. Sign up is on ChurchSuite, or alternatively sign up and purchase Tickets at £5 per family or individual on sale after all Masses this weekend. **If you have already signed up via ChurchSuite then you don't need to do sign up again or do anything else other than pay on the day.**

COME, CREATOR SPIRIT, COME: After 50 days of Easter we come to the birthday of the Church at Pentecost. Come and join us on Saturday 18th May, here at St Mark's, to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit with song, prayer, talks and creative workshops - writing/poetry, art and music. Our visiting speaker is Catholic poet and Bard, Sarah De Nordwall, who has been entertaining and inspiring people across the world to 'unleash their creative potential and find their poetic voice'. Ben Goymour, Artist, will also be running an art workshop Starts 10.00am and ends with the 5.30pm parish Vigil Mass for Pentecost. Bring a packed lunch. Drinks provided. Donations on the day.

Two Retreats at Clare Priory – A Residential Retreat from 23rd to 26th April Reflective walking around Clare and A Quite Day of Prayer and Reflection on 17th July. For more information or to book contact Kathy on 01787 277326 or email clarepriory@clarepriory.net

ALPHA COURSE – The next course begins at St Mark's on Wednesday 8th May 7.30 - 9.00pm running for 11 weeks. Although this course was originally designed to bring unbelievers to faith, the excellent teaching gives many interesting insights that help us grow in our knowledge and understanding of our Christian faith, enabling us to share that faith more effectively with others. Please sign up at the back of the church as we need to know numbers for the

Thursday is St Mark's Day and is a Solemnity for the Parish, Mass will be offered at St Marks at 7pm
Please come and celebrate the parish on this our Patron Feast

hot meal served at the beginning of each session. We will be running the course again in St Mary Magdalen's and St Mark's in the autumn. For more information about Alpha: alpha.org.uk

ALPHA CELEBRATION MEAL- for participants of the previous Alpha Courses: Wednesday 24th April. 7.30 - 9.00pm at St Mark's. Please contact the office at St Mark's by Sunday 21st April to confirm you are coming and if you are bringing a guest/s.

Inviting ALL young people in Year 8 upwards to the Ignite Festival 4th – 5th May Come and experience your faith in a new and dynamic way at the Ignite Festival. The weekend will include inspiring talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff! Followed by joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Bank Holiday Monday May 6th. See www.ignitefestival.co.uk for more information.

Mary's Meals -would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency* no matter how old or obscure. In 2 weekend's time there will be envelopes at the back of church for you to take home and put all your foreign coins and notes into. Clear out your drawers and have a look under the sofa. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign coins and notes you can help feed the next hungry child. Mary's Meals feeds in over 18 countries. Because of our low costs we can do this for as little as £19.15 per child per year! They will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender

ChurchSuite –If you haven't had an email from Fr Luke asking you to sign up, please email the Parish office - office@stmarksparish.org.uk so that we can email you out a link and you can be added to the system

News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

Fourth Sunday of Easter – 21st April 2024: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year B		
Services during the coming week – Fourth Week of Easter, Year II		
Saturday 20 th April	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Easter, offered for the people of the parish. Reader: R Cork, Offertory: Cork Family.
Sunday 21 st April	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for all members of the Vieira Family, living and dead. Reader: F Vieira, Eucharistic Minister: E Cleary.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for George & Gladys Collins (Foundation Mass). Reader: T Barker, Offertory: M Mayhew/M Geisel, Eucharistic Minister: J Poll
<i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass, this week served by Nigel & Val</i>		
Monday 22 nd April	Easter Feria	No Mass Today
Tuesday 23 rd April		St George, Patron Saint of England
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Elsie Lacey RIP (Foundation Mass).
Wednesday 24 th April	Easter Feria	
	12 noon	Holy Mass offered for Fr Martin Chambers.
Thursday 25 th April		St Mark, Evangelist
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Albertina Vieira RIP.
Friday 26 th April	Easter Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for all members of the Vieira Family, living and dead, followed by Exposition, a chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction.
Saturday 27 th April	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Easter, offered for the people of the parish. Reader: I Suttle, Offertory: Hennon Family.
	Sunday 28 th April	8:00 am
10:00 am		Holy Mass, open intention. Reader: M Pakes, Offertory: Pakes Family, Eucharistic Minister: M Geisel.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Today, is Vocations Sunday, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It marks the 61st Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, a day when we are called to fulfil the Lord's instruction to *Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest.* (Mt 9:38, Lk 10:2). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries: priesthood and diaconate, consecrated life in all its forms: male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity, secular institutes and to the missionary life. There is a special message from Pope Francis to mark this day - *Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace* which can be read on the parish web site. To support vocations in our Diocese, there will be a second collection after all Masses this weekend for the Diocesan Priests' Training Fund.

International Evening: Next Saturday, April 27th, there will be an International Evening held in the parish hall, starting at 7:00 pm. This event will allow you to partake of food provided from the many nationalities in our parish congregation. Tickets, costing £12 for adults and £5 for children (under 10s free), will be on sale after Masses this weekend, or alternatively you can call 07722 871188. Tickets must be purchased in advance to allow numbers to be reckoned for catering purposes. The parish hall is not licensed for the sale of alcohol, so you will need to bring with you any drinks you want to consume on the night, together with your own glasses. The evening will also feature music and dancing and should be a great night to socialise with your fellow parishioners, and celebrate the multicultural nature of our parish community.

Catholic East Anglia: The May edition of the Diocesan newspaper, Catholic East Anglia, is available in the church porch. This is a free publication – please do take a copy home with you. Amongst other items, this edition contains a report on Easter celebrations across the Diocese, recollections of missionary service from our own Fr Pat Cleary, a report on the visit of a Papal Nuncio to Cambridge, Bishop Alan's 80th birthday celebration and an article reflecting on the constitutions of the Second Vatican Council. It will also be available to read on-line on the parish web site.

Alpha Course: A new Alpha course will commence soon. This will be held in St Mark's church hall on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. The course is an eleven-week programme with each session beginning with a shared meal, followed by a talk and then a group discussion. Alpha is held in an open, friendly and relaxed environment and is designed to allow members to explore the basics of the Christian faith without any pressure and is recommended for us all. The first session will be on 8th May, and a sign-up sheet for this is available in the porch.

Parish Garden: With the warmer summer weather on its way (!), our thoughts turn to the wonderful garden that the parish is blessed to have available. Chrissie and Paul Riches work tirelessly to maintain this for us and do a fantastic job for which we should all be very grateful. We want to encourage greater use of this tranquil space, and to that end if anybody has, or knows of, any garden benches that are, or are about to become, available, and could be donated to the parish, we would love to receive them to provide additional seating in the garden. Please speak to Paul or Chrissie, or email contact@marymagdalens.org if you can help.

When Will I Be Chosen?: Dates for your diaries – the first showings of *The Chosen* will be held in the parish hall starting at 6:30 pm on the first four Saturdays in June: the 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. We want as many people as possible to come along and watch this amazing production so put these dates in your diaries now. There will be two episodes shown each session, with a break for tea and coffee in between. There is no charge for this so please do come along and see for yourself.

First Holy Communion 2024: The next session for this year's First Holy Communion candidates will be on Friday 26th April, at 6:00 pm at St Mark's, and on Saturday 27th April at 9:30 am at St Mary Magdalen's.

Parish 150 Club: The first prize draw of the new Club year, which should take place at the end of April, will be delayed slightly allowing some more time for the outstanding subscription payments to be received. If you have not yet paid your new year subscription, can you please do so as soon as possible. We are actively seeking new members and additional subscriptions from existing members for this fund raising venture as we have lost a number of members this year for different reasons. If you are not a member of this Club yet, now would be a very appropriate time to join - application forms are available in the church porch or, you can sign up on-line on the parish web site. If you are already a member, could you take out an additional number? If so, please contact the secretary by email at 150club@marymagdalens.org or speak to Michael Long.

Church Organ: Thank you to the three persons who have come forward and volunteered to help operate the organ for our singing at the 10:00 Mass. It's not too late to join them. We need some more volunteers willing to be trained in its operation so as to relieve the burden on individuals and provide more cover. If you can help us in this way, please speak initially to Fr Paul, Chris Croker or Michael Long and we can arrange for training and "shadowing" to allow you to fill this role.

St Albans Roman Catholic High School: The school is very proud to say that it has a full intake of year 7 pupils this September with a substantial waitlist. With the deadline for applications for September 2025 intake October, it is such a quick decision to make and the school wants to make sure that all of our Catholic families know when they can come and visit the school before the summer holidays. There will be two open mornings at the school which will provide an opportunity to visit the school and experience it as a live learning environment, see the outstanding facilities and talk with key staff. These open mornings will be between 9:10 and 10:25 am Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th of July, and places can be booked on the school web site – scan the QR code to take you there.



The Sick of the Parish: We ask your prayers for Patrick Doran, Jim Spence 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 Beryl Ingham (2012), Cora Watson (2014), Charles Aldis (2011), Giovanni Iannelli (2011), Nigel Shee (1995), Amelia Wright (2009), Elsie Lacey (2013), Bernard Oliver (2000), Monsignor Canon Edward McBride VG, former parish priest (2011), Lucy Mountford (2006) and Martin Mongan (1961) 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.