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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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Parish School:
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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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 22nd February 2026

Responsorial Psalm:
Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1st Week of Lent - Year A

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

SATURDAY 21/02/2026	10:00 St Mark's: Lent Retreat morning: Mass Talk, Reconciliation & Adoration 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
TUESDAY 24/02/2026	09:30 St Mary Magdalen: Exposition, Adoration and Rosary 09:15 Holy Family: Stations of the Cross, Mass Offered For: Edwin Edwards	Lent Feria
WEDNESDAY 25/02/2026	09:30 St Mark's Offered For: Mavis Metha	Lent Feria
THURSDAY 26/02/2026	09:00 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass <u>*note time change</u> 09:15 Holy Family: Stations of the Cross, Rosary	Lent Feria
FRIDAY 27/02/2026	12:15 St Mark's Offered For: Pauline Harris RIP 19:00 St Mark's: Stations of the Cross	Lent Feria
SATURDAY 28/02/2026	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: People of the Parish	1st week of Lent
SUNDAY 01/03/2026	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: Primo B Octang RIP 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass Offered For: Repose of the soul of Jamie Campbell RIP (Foundation Mass) 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: Peter Spurgin RIP	2nd 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

CAFOD

Family Fast Day for Lent on Friday 27th February – Envelopes are provided at the back of church or in the porch.

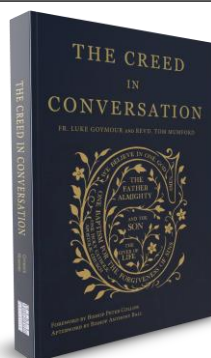
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Second collection is next weekend

1st March

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*



Eucharistic Congress Ipswich: The Eucharistic Congress Ipswich takes place across a week of prayer, teaching, and worship hosted by parishes around Ipswich. The main gathering is on Sunday 13 September 2026 at the Ipswich Corn Exchange, bringing Catholics from across Ipswich and the Diocese together for one shared celebration centred on Jesus Christ present in the Eucharist. The Sunday gathering includes Holy Mass celebrated by the Bishop, prayer, and teaching. Find out more and register at eucharisticcongressipswich.org

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.

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) Ipswich – Next SVP meeting will be held at St Mark's on Thursday 5th March, at 10am in the hall. President is Diana Pointer.

Ipswich Deanery Youth Day - 14th March at St. Mary Magdalene's Church Hall, Ipswich. Inviting young people Year 7 to Young Adults for a special 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 two 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, 2.4.00pm 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 you 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.

CAFOD Lenten Fast Day: Friday, 27th February, is this year's CAFOD Lenten Fast Day. This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood- resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope from the table in the church porch to bless others with your support. You can also donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030 to donate by phone. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

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.

Ladies Group St Mary Magdalen: On Friday 27th February, the ladies of the parish will meet for their monthly Tea 'n' Chat session at 2:30 pm in the Garden Room. Open to all, simply come along and socialise with your fellow parishioners.

Rosary: Adoration and Rosary at Mary Magdalen: Sessions continue on Tuesday morning. If you have not yet joined us, why not start now? 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.

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 February prize draw will be made next Sunday, 1 st March, in the Garden Room after Mass. We have sadly lost several of our generous subscribers during this last year, and we desperately need new members to sign up to maintain the membership levels – we need 17 new subscriptions just to maintain this

year's membership level. If you are not a member, please do give serious thought to joining so you can help your parish financially in this additional way, and maybe win a prize too! Scan the QR code to go to the on-line application form for new members or complete a paper form which can be found in 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 Gladys Cooper (1996), Helen Hinton (2013), Angela Hurren (1997), Walter Reynolds (1968), Audrey Hartery (2009), Sidney Mason (2010), Dorothy Bolt (1986), James Adams (1981), Pamela Andrews (1985), Vincenza Webber (2002), Winifred Grant (2005), Kitty Finn (1999), Helen Whelan (2012), Alan Hobbs (2014), Richard Collis (2018), Georgina Beeby (1969), Elizabeth Millar (1998) and Ernest Doolan (2000) 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