



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:
Dr Michael Keller

Parish Secretary:
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Parish Safeguarding Rep:
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St. Marks RC Parish A/C

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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Parish Priest:
Fr Luke Goymour VF

Confession:
by appointment

Parish School:
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Headteacher: Jo Berry and
Ross McGill
Safeguarding
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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 23rd November 2025

Responsorial Psalm – Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD

Christ the King - Solemnity

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

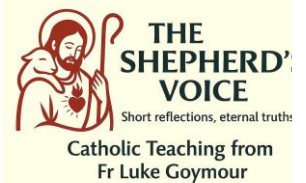
SATURDAY 22/11/2025	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: People of the Parish	Christ the King – Feast
SUNDAY 23/11/2025	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: Beryl Edwards RIP 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Offered for: 9:45 am Sunday 23rd November Mass offered for Deceased Members of the Lobo and Pinto Families. 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: John Mensah RIP	Christ the King - Feast
TUESDAY 25/11/2025	09:30 St Mary Magdalen: Exposition, Adoration and Rosary 10:00 Holy Family Mass and Adoration from 9.20am Offered For: Lawrence & Violet Goodchild RIP	
WEDNESDAY 26/11/2025	09:30 St Mark's Offered For: Holy Souls	
THURSDAY 27/11/2025	10:00 St Mary Magdalen Offered For: all members of the Thorne and Curry Families Living and Dead (Foundation Mass)	
FRIDAY 28/11/2025	12:15 St Mark's Offered For: Holy Souls	
SATURDAY 29/11/2025	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: Stellah Najjingo RIP	1st Sunday of Advent
SUNDAY 30/11/2025	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: People of the Parish 09:45 St Mary Magdalen 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: Diane McKenna RIP	1st Sunday of Advent
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**

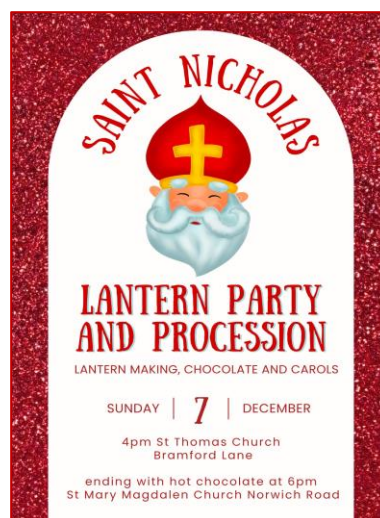
Second collection on 23rd November for the Diocesan Youth Service



Teaching Pamphlets and devotional materials available at the back of Church and on digital download by Fr Luke – Free of Charge

Young person of Confirmation Age? (School Yr 8) Please collect and return forms from the back of the Church to express your interest. **Confirmation classes due to start in January.**

Dec 8th Mass: **Solemn Mass for Immaculate conception** at St Marks at 7pm. With guest preacher and release of a new booklet on Our Lady of Ipswich



Nativity Festival: 13th December @ St Marks. We need YOU! See over page for more information

The Feast of Christ the King: Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, traditionally known as the feast of Christ the King, which concludes the Church's liturgical year. The year ends on a real high point and celebrates the Kingdom of God in all its richness before beginning the new liturgical year with the reflective and penitential season of Advent. The feast of Christ the King is also celebrated, in England and Wales, as National Youth Sunday, and represents an opportunity to explicitly recognise young people as a gift in the Church and affirm their contribution in the life of the local and universal Church. It also provides parishes with an opportunity to focus on the role of young people in the Sunday liturgy and in parish life. Most importantly, it is a chance to pray for and alongside young people.

Thank you for supporting CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day - Thank you for your generous response to CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day Appeal. Your donations are helping families like Waré's in Ethiopia. CAFOD's local partners worked with Waré's community to build an underground water tank that now provides safe water for 300 families. Your support will help more communities have better access to safe water. *Find out more about Ware's story here:* cafod.org.uk/harvest

St Vincent De Paul Society next meeting will be held at St Mark's 10 am on Thursday 4th December.

Gift Aid Claim – It is essential that you are still paying UK income or Capital Gains Tax in an amount equal to the claim. Therefore, unless we are informed to the contrary, we will raise a claim for gift aid this month for the period of April 24 – April 25. Please email the Parish office if you have changed your address in the last 12 months.

FIND – Sends thanks to everyone for their generosity. To make Christmas better for a lot of families they would appreciate donations of: Boxes of chocolates and tubs of sweets. Tins of biscuits, Christmas desserts (e.g. Christmas cake, puddings, mince pies) Chutney and pickles, stuffing and gravy mixes, savoury snacks. Gift ideas are Vouchers, with the receipt attached, Toys and gifts for children 0-17 years. Christmas wrapping paper and Sellotape, gifts and toiletries for adults. The box for your offerings sits under the table at the back of St. Mark's church.

Nativity Festival at St Mark's – Helpers Needed Save the date: Saturday, 13th December 2025, 10am–1pm (see ChurchSuite for details). Volunteers are needed to set up nativity scenes on 12th Dec, assist during the event (selling refreshments, art, repository items, cakes), and help with donations of cakes, treats, small gifts for children, mulled wine, and mince pies. We plan to have a marquee in the front garden. Interested? Please contact Sheila Grant or Sharon Cullum.

Carol Concert – 4pm at St Mark's on Sunday 21st December, followed by refreshments in the church hall. Helpers required to prepare and serve refreshments please, if you are interested in helping, please speak to Anne Verney.

Christmas Crafts n' pray for children and families: in St Mark's Church Hall Tuesday 23rd December 10am-12.

St Mark's School, Head Teacher Dr Michael Keller has an appeal for our help - Please support a local petition calling for a safe, dedicated drop-off and pick-up bay on Stone Lodge Lane West, outside St Mark's School and Stone Lodge Academy. The road is increasingly congested at school times, with cars stopping on the carriageway and putting children at risk. A clearly marked bay would improve safety, reduce traffic problems, and support families who must travel by car. Please consider adding your name to help encourage the councils to take action. You can access the petition via this website address: <https://c.org/c2MVzPCWwC>

Book of Remembrance: November, being the month of Holy Souls, sees a special focus on our dear departed. On the table at the back of church, you will find our Remembrance Book. Please enter the names of any of your family and friends who will be remembered especially in our prayers, and for whom Mass will be offered on Sunday 30th November.

Bible Study Group at St Mary Magdalen: The Bible study group will meet this week in the Garden Room at 7:15 pm on Thursday 27th November. New members are always welcome – just come along on the night and bring your bible with you. There will be spares available if you forget.

Rosary: The new Adoration and Rosary session on Tuesday mornings is picking up well with new faces joining us each week. 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.

St Pancras RC Primary School: As part of an ongoing process to strengthen the ties between school and parish, the Headteacher at St Pancras, Mr McGill, has extended an open invitation to all members of the parish to pop along to the school on Friday mornings to join in their assembly. Each Friday at 9:05 am they hold assembly, at which various performance presentations are made to some of the children. Any person wishing to pop along will be very welcome.

CAFOD World Gifts: On the table in the church porch, you will find copies of CAFOD's 2025 World Gifts catalogue, offering a range of Christmas gifts and products you can purchase which will aid communities and individuals around the

world who are a lot worse off than we are in this country. Gifts can be purchased online, by telephone or by completing the freepost order form at the back of each catalogue. Full details can also be found on the parish web site.

St Mary Magdalen 150 Club: The November prize draw will be made today in the Garden Room after Mass. The Club has space for new members and we urge every parishioner to sign up for this fund-raising venture – if you are not a member already, why not sign up today? Membership forms are available in the church porch or you can sign-up online on the parish web site – the QR code will take you to the correct page.



Catholic East Anglia: The November edition of Catholic East Anglia, the Diocesan newspaper, is available in the church porch. This publication is free of charge. The edition includes coverage of the Jubilee Mass for Migrants, a report on the annual gathering of Deacons and an item featuring the retirement of Fr Patrick Cleary. Please do take a copy home and read it to catch up on all the news and events in parishes around our diocese. This can also be read online on the parish web site – just scan the QR code to take you straight to it.



Ladies Tea 'n' Chat at St Mary Magdalen: This Friday, 28th November, being the last Friday of the month, will see the ladies monthly Tea 'n' Chat session take place in the Garden Room at 2:30 pm. All are welcome – please do come along and join in a relaxed social event with your fellow parishioners – we would love to see some of our St Marks and Holy Family ladies attend too. Just turn up on the day.

Can You Help? The carpet in the priest's sacristy is looking rather tired and worn. We have a new piece of carpet but need somebody to fit it. Can you help? Are you, or do you know, a carpet fitter who could spare a couple of hours to fit a new piece of carpet about 9 square metres? If you can help please speak to Fr Luke or send an email to contact@marymagdalens.org.

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St Mary Magdalen: The Sick of the Parish - We ask 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 Richard Courtney (1965), Leslie Hewitt (1995), Catherine Harwood (2000), Freda Precious (2005), William Cowan (1986), Joseph Marczell (1998), Cynthia "Cissie" Kerr (2014), Leslie Jermy (2024), Charles Dwyer (1982), Sheila Capon (2010), Bernard McDonagh (1992), Joseph Clougherty (2006), Mildred Courtney (1965), John Mahoney (1993), Harry Head (1993), Doris Williams (2011) and Margaret Janes (2011) 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*

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