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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:
At 11 am Mass every
Sunday



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Confession:
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Confession:
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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 24th November 2024.

Next weekend is Advent: The Catholic Church across the English-Speaking world will begin to use a new Lectionary with the English Standard Version (ESV) of the Bible.

News for St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed		
34th week in Ordinary Time – Year B		
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:		
SATURDAY 23/11/24	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: The People of the Parish	Feast of Christ the King
SUNDAY 24/11/24	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: Rev. Pat Reynolds RIP 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Anne Grover RIP	Feast of Christ the King
TUESDAY 26/11/24	10:00 Holy Family Offered For: Mary & Graeme Forsyth	Feria
WEDNESDAY 27/11/24	No Mass Today	
THURSDAY 28/11/24	1pm Funeral service at St for Brian Rowan 10:00 at St. Mary Magdalens	Feria
FRIDAY 29/11/24	12:15 pm St. Mark's Offered For: Holy Souls	Feria
SATURDAY 30/11/24	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: The People of the Parish	First Sunday of Advent
SUNDAY 1/12/24	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: Penny Holland RIP 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Ihan (birthday)	First Sunday of Advent

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

**2nd Collection after
all Masses this
weekend for the
Diocesan Youth
Service**

**For Parents who have
already enrolled their
Children for First Holy
Communion and Alpha:**
a meeting explaining how
the preparation for First
Holy Communion will take
place is at St Mark's after
the
11am Mass on Sunday 1st
December 12:15 – 12:45

Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the 29 November. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk or write to him/her at **House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA**

Christmas Nativity Festival – Thank you to those who were able to attend our meeting last Sunday after Mass at St Mark's. Our first Nativity Exhibition will be a wonderful celebration about family. As well as the beautiful Nativity scenes shared by our parishioners we will have craft tables, cake sales, raffle prizes, interactive games and a visit from St Nicholas, for the children.

We need your support please, can you provide Christmas gifts for adults and children for raffle prizes? e.g. bottles, new toys, gift sets, selection boxes. For the cake sale Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings, any small cakes and cookies. Do you make jam, chutney, preserves we can also sell. Most of all we look forward to seeing you on the day.

The festival will take place on Saturday 14 December from 10-1pm. We invite you to share your nativity scene with a note on its history, it could be new, passed down through the family and represent your culture. We want to celebrate the Christmas story with you. Please bring them to church from 1st December, please also make sure to include your name and contact details. They can be collected from Sunday 15 December.

Pilgrimage to Rome to celebrate the Jubilee of Youth - As part of the Jubilee 2025, the Diocese will be leading a pilgrimage to Rome, joining with thousands of young people from all over the world. If you will be age 16 – 30 next summer 2025. See www.rcdea.org.uk/youth for more details.

Musicians and Singers: Would you like to be involved in building a music ministry at St Mark's, to praise God with both traditional hymns and contemporary music? This is an important part of our weekly liturgy, so if you play any instrument or sing or have any other involvement in music please do get in touch: simon@stmarksparish.org.uk

COFFEE MORNING – This Thursday, 28th November. A warm welcome awaits you at Paddock Gate, White Horse Road, East Bergholt CO7 6TR from 10.30 to 12

Our Lady of Ipswich: This weekend St Mark's receives a new painting of Our Lady of Ipswich. It will be blessed at a special Mass for the Immaculate Conception on Monday 9th December at 7pm. All welcome, please do come along!

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



Gift Aid - A claim for April 2023-24 Gift Aid will be made shortly, it is essential all donors were paying UK income or Capital Gains Tax in an amount equal to the claim. Unless I am informed to the contrary I'll be claiming tax on your behalf. Please advise of any changes to your name, address or postcode to ensure the Diocese records are correct, there is no need for a new GAD to be completed. If you would like gift aid envelopes, please email sharoncullum247@yahoo.co.uk

2025 Medjugorje Parish Pilgrimage dates 16th to 23rd September. £829.00 when sharing a room. £100 discount if you book and pay before 30th November. For further details contact chrismceweneb@gmail.com

Advent Jesse Tree Activity for children and families This Advent, we're excited to offer a family-friendly activity inspired by the popular Jesse Tree tradition. Each day, we'll send out a Bible reading along with a small coloring piece that can be cut out and hung on a tree. To receive these daily readings and coloring sheets, please make sure you're signed up on ChurchSuite!

Sunday Advent Kids Craft Sessions To kick off each week of Advent, we'll hold a half-hour craft and learning session after the 11 am Mass at St. Mark's every Sunday. These sessions are for children to help them learn about Advent and get ready for the week's Jesse Tree resources. Whether you're a family or a parishioner interested in these activities, please sign up on ChurchSuite to receive the materials and updates. We look forward to journeying through Advent together!

Vacancies at Catholic Schools - Headteacher required at St Louis Catholic Academy, Newmarket. Please see website for more details: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/schools/school-vacancies/>

Ipswich Youth Retreat Inviting everyone of secondary school age to a special event to celebrate the start of Advent. Led by the Ignite Team, the afternoon will include engaging talks, games, Adoration . The event will take place on Sunday 1st December at St Mary's Church, Woodbridge Road starting at 1:45 and ending with food and refreshments after the 6pm Parish mass.

News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - 24th November 2024. Readings: Liturgical Year B.
Services during the coming week – Thirty-third Week of the Year, Liturgical Year II***

Saturday 23 rd November	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of Our Lord Jesus Christ – King of the Universe, offered for the people of the parish Reader: I Suttle, Offertory: Hennon Family
Sunday 24 th November	8:00 am	Holy Mass, Reader: J Cleary, Offertory: Cleary Family, Eucharistic Minister: E Cleary.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish. Reader: N Fox, Offertory: Long Family, Eucharistic Minister: J Poll
<i>Please join us in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass for tea and coffee, prepared and served by Val & Molly</i>		
Monday 25 th November	Feria	10:00 am Holy Mass
Tuesday 26 th November	Feria	10:00 am Foundation Mass, offered for all members of the Thorne and Curry families, living and dead.
Wednesday 27 th November	Feria	12 noon Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Albertina Vieira RIP.
Thursday 28 th November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10:00 am Holy Mass offered for the repose of the souls of Frank & Margaret Janes RIP (Foundation Mass.)
Friday 29 th November	Feria	No Mass Today

Sunday 1st December - The First Sunday in Advent

8:00 am Holy Mass, Reader: C Moore, Offertory: Moore Family.
10:00 am Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish.
Reader: A James, Offertory: M Mayhew/M Geisel

Today's Gospel: In today's reading taken from the Gospel of St John, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John's Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death but Pilate

distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair. In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world - if his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John's Gospel to understand the context for Jesus' words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John's language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness. Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasised in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognise Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, can see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognise Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognise that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Saviour of all. *Courtesy Loyola Press*

This Weekend: Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe which marks the beginning of the final week of the Church's liturgical year. This glorious feast points us to the end of time when Jesus, the great King, will return in all His splendour and glory to establish His unending Kingdom on earth, when He unites heaven and earth into the new and resurrected Kingdom yet to come. On that day, Christ will *come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his Kingdom will have no end*. Today is also celebrated as Youth Day, and to support the work of the Diocesan Youth Service, which exists to help young people in Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to connect with Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church, there will be a second collection taken at all Masses this weekend. As today marks the last Sunday in the liturgical year, next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, the new lectionary comes into effect and the Sunday readings switch to Cycle C, the weekday readings to Year I.

Changed Mass Times: Please note the changed Mass times this week. There will be Mass at 10:00 am on Monday 25th November but no Mass on Friday 29th. **Also, as previously announced, there will be no further Saturday anticipatory Masses after this weekend. Next week, the First Sunday of Advent, Masses will be at 8:00 am and 10:00 am on Sunday morning only.**

Ladies Tea 'n' Chat: Being the last Friday in November, the ladies will meet next Friday, 29th at 2:30 pm for their monthly Tea 'n' Chat session in the Garden Room. This is open to all – just come along for a social gathering.

The Month of the Holy Souls: Once again this year, there is a memorial book on the table at the back of the church in which you can record the names of your departed loved ones who will be prayed for especially during Masses throughout November – the month of the Holy Souls.

Fr Luke's Induction: On Tuesday 3rd December, there will be a special Mass at 7:00 pm celebrated by Bishop Peter, during which Fr Luke will be officially installed as parish priest of St Mary Magdalen parish. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the Garden Room.

Catholic East Anglia: The November edition of Catholic East Anglia, the free Diocesan newspaper, is out now and available in the church porch. Please take a copy home and read it. You can also read the newspaper online on the parish web site – just scan the QR code to take you straight to it.



St Mary Magdalen 150 Club: Due to unforeseen circumstances, the November prize draw of the parish 150 Club, which was to have been made on Sunday, 24th November, will instead be made next week, on Sunday 1st December. The December prize draw, which will include the third quarter bonus prizes, will be delayed by two weeks due to holiday absence, and will take place on Sunday 9th January 2025. There is still plenty of room in the 150 Club for new members – if you are not already a member why not sign up today? Membership application forms can be found on the parish web site and in the church porch.

Alpha Course: The Alpha Course continues this week with session 5 on Wednesday 27th November at 12:30 pm in the Garden Room at St Mary Magdalen church which is repeated at 7:30 pm in St Mark's church hall. This week's session is entitled *Why and How Do I Pray?*

The Chosen: The Saturday evening showing of the acclaimed series about the life and times of Jesus Christ – The Chosen - will finish next Saturday with the final two episodes showing on 30th November in the Garden Room at 7:00pm. Refreshments will be provided. Please do come – an enjoyable evening awaits you.

The Sick of the Parish: We ask your continuing prayers for Patrick Doran, Leslie Jermy, 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

Catherine Harwood (2000), Freda Precious (2005), William Cowan (1986), Joseph Marczell (1998), Cynthia "Cissie" Kerr (2014), Charles Dwyer (1982), Sheila Capon (2010), Bernard McDonagh (1992), Joseph Clougherty (2006), Mildred Courtney (1965), John Mahoney (1993), Harry Head (1993), Doris Williams (2011), Margaret Janes (2011), Laura Beavis (1985), Czeslaw Kasprzak (1999), Mario Pasini (2006), Lelio Di Franco (2009) and Stanislaw Wojciechowski (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.

The Chosen Series 2

**Cinematic Screening: Saturday Nights in November
6:30 for 7pm in the Garden Room at St Mary Magdalen**