



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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:
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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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Fr Luke Goymour VF

Confession:
by appointment

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Headteacher: Jo Berry and
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 25th January 2026

Responsorial Psalm – The LORD is my light and my salvation.

Sunday of the Word of God - Year A

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

SATURDAY 24/01/2026	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: Jean Freeman
SUNDAY 25/01/2026	08:00 Holy Family 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: People of the Parish 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Offered For: Repose of the Soul of Adolf von Fragstein RIP 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: Joseph W Iskak RIP
TUESDAY 27/01/2026	9:30 St Mary Magdalen: Exposition, Adoration and Rosary 10:00 Holy Family: Mass and Adoration from 9:20am Offered For: Colin Condren RIP
WEDNESDAY 28/01/2026	12:15 St Mark's St Thomas Aquinas Offered For: Michelle Kynaston
THURSDAY 29/01/2026	10:00 St Mary Magdalen Feria Offered For: Monica Ogden RIP
FRIDAY 30/01/2026	12:15 St Mark's Offered For: James Kelly RIP
SATURDAY 31/01/2026	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: Deceased members of the Rambayan Family
SUNDAY 01/02/2026	08:00 Holy Family 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: Marjorie Benson RIP 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Offered For: Repose of the Soul of Marco Antonio Borda Lopez RIP 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: People of the Parish
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>

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 starting this month.**



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

Short reflections, eternal truths

Catholic Teaching from
Fr Luke Goymour

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

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
next week for
Racial
Injustice

*Please pray
daily for the
renewal of our
parishes 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.*

Youth Alpha - We invite all young people aged year 8 and above to join us for Youth Alpha. It is a wonderful opportunity to ask questions and have discussions with people your own age. This will be on Tuesdays at St Mary Magdalene's Church between 6pm and 7:30pm starting on the 3rd of February. If you would like to join us or have any questions please sign up on ChurchSuite or email jess@stmarksparish.org.uk

Youth pancake social - We invite all young people of high school age to a shrove Tuesday social gathering on the 17th of February at 6pm to 8pm at St Mary Magdalene's Church.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 16TH September – 23 September 7 nights £849 per person based on 2 sharing, single person supplement £210, direct from Stanstead, 10kg bags included includes transfers, 20kg checked in can be added for £60 return. 7 nights accommodation at Hotel Leone. Half board, full religious programme.



Please use the QR code or link to contact Joe Walsh Tours for further details and to book or tel: Reservations: 0808 1890468 or link <https://joewalstours.co.uk/private-groups/medjugorje-pilgrimage-fr-luke-goymour/>

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.

Holy Family & St Mark's - 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.

Mary Magdalen Alpha Course: The Alpha course continues with its weekly sessions, the next session, the eleventh, entitled Does God Heal Today? will be held at 12:30 lunchtime in the Garden Room at St Mary Magdalen church on Wednesday 28th January, repeated in the evening at 7:30 pm at St Mark's.

Bible Study Group: The Bible study group has restarted after the break for the Christmas period, and will take 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.

Diocesan Year Book: Now available in the church porch are the new editions of the Diocesan Year Book for 2026. These are priced at £5 per copy. The annual Yearbook contains a comprehensive, up-to-date guide to the Diocese of East Anglia. It can also be read and referenced online here on the parish web site - scan the QR code to take you directly to it.



St Mary Magdalen Parish Forum Today following mass - there will be one more opportunity to explore together how we can become *a community of disciples, attentive to the needs of those who come through our doors, and even those who don't*. Now that we are getting to know each other as a wider Parish group, this is an open invitation to meet and discuss how we can make our parish mission prayer a reality. Everyone is welcome to the session which will take place immediately after Mass. The session will be held in the Garden Room at St Mary Magdalen's Church and will be facilitated by parishioner, Lucy Pakes. Tea and coffee will be available at the session and there may even be cake! No need to book in advance, just come along after Mass with an open mind and a prayerful heart!

Rosary: Rosary session continues 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.

Monica Ogden RIP: After 10:00 Mass on Thursday, Monica's ashes will be interred in the Memorial Garden.

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*.



St Mary Magdalen Ladies Tea 'n' Chat: The ladies group will be meeting on the usual last Friday this month, January 30th 2026 at 2:30 pm in the Garden Room.

St Mary Magdalen Parish 150 Club: The January prize draw, which is due today being the last Sunday of the month, will be delayed due to holiday absence, and will instead take place on Sunday 8th February after Mass. As we approach the end of the Club year, which is 31st March, thoughts turn to renewing subscriptions for the next year which starts in April.

We have sadly lost a number 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. If you are not a member, please do give serious thought to joining so you can help out your parish financially in this additional way, and maybe win a prize too!

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.

Can You Help?: We are still looking for someone who can help us with the fitting of a small piece of new carpet in the priest’s sacristy. 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.

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 Derrick Gilbert (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), Kitty Finn (1999), Elizabeth Millar (1998), Francis Jacobi (2022), Cesare Rino Pasini (2011), Richard Miller (1962), Leslie Hiscocks (1977), Gertrude ‘Gillian’ Wilson (2000), Franciszek Meller (2000) and Andrew Murray 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*