



# 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

**Parish School:**  
St Mark's School  
**Headteacher:**  
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**Parish Secretary:**  
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**Eucharistic Adoration:**  
**(Stations of Cross in Lent)**  
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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sundays of each month

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



## ST MARY MAGDALEN

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**Assistant Priest:**  
Fr Paul Chanh  
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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

**Parish School:**  
St Pancras Catholic Primary  
Stratford Road  
Ipswich  
IP1 6EF  
T 01473 742074

**Headteacher:**  
Mrs Lucille Martin

**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  
A/c Number: 70777323

**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.

**2<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

## News for St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – <b>I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living</b>		
Second week of Lent – Year B		
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:		
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>24/2/24</b>	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> Offered For: Howard Beeho RIP	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>25/2/24</b>	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Lynn Sellers RIP	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>27/2/24</b>	<b>10:00 am Holy Family</b> Offered for: Tess White	<b>Lent Feria</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>28/2/24</b>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>29/2/24</b>	<b>NO MASS at St. Mark's</b> 10:00 at St. Mary Magdalens	<b>Lent Feria</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>1/3/24</b>	<b>12:15 pm St. Mark's</b> Offered for: Sheila Curry RIP	<b>St. David</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>2/3/24</b>	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> Offered For: Doreen Hiscock RIP	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>3/3/24</b>	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Dermot Clark & Peter Spurgin	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>

### 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**

### SECOND COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND IN AID OF **CAFOD**

A Huge Thank you to the sisters of Our Lady of Walsingham for the Joy, teaching (and cake!) they have brought us this week.

**A Second Collection**  
will be taken at all Masses this weekend to support their work.

**COFFEE MORNING** – This Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> February. A warm welcome awaits you at Paddock Gate, White Horse Road, East Bergholt CO7 6TR from 10.30 to 12

**The Big Lent Walk** - Cafod invite you to take part in this event during Lent. To find out more visit their website at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

**Medjugorje 2024** – The pilgrimage to Medjugorje this year is from 19<sup>th</sup> September to 26<sup>th</sup> September. The details are as the successful pilgrimage last year and the price is the same, £779 per person for a shared room. For information contact Chris McEwen on [chrismceweneb@gmail.com](mailto:chrismceweneb@gmail.com) or 07967 568852

**FIND, thanks us for our continuing generosity** - Their current needs are crisps, squash, tinned potatoes, fruit, steak, mince, peas, carrots, and rice pudding. Also Pasta sauce

**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.

**100 CLUB** - Pick up an application form to join or take a further number at the back of the church or contact Graeme Forsyth at [mgeforsyth@outlook.com](mailto:mgeforsyth@outlook.com) or on 01206 399049. Visit the Parish Website or scan the QR code here



**A new group is forming in the Diocese to help to reduce modern slavery here.** During 2022, in our Diocese alone, 746 souls were found enslaved and rescued. Police describe this number of enslaved people, as the tip of the iceberg. Pope Francis wants us to "find" enslaved people. All that means is learning (simply) to spot the signs and safely report them to the Modern Slavery Helpline 08000 121 700. The new group is looking for young & older volunteers to join the group. No previous knowledge or experience required, just a wish to end slavery in our diocese. Please contact [john\\_simong@hotmail.com](mailto:john_simong@hotmail.com) to discuss possibly volunteering and read the leaflet about St Bakhita (regarded as the patron saint of Modern Slavery) at <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/caritas-east-anglia/modern-slavery>

**Living Stones Prayer Group:** is now meeting every Monday at St Mark's 7.00 - 8.30pm. Come and join us for praise & worship, Adoration, testimony, teaching, sharing of scripture and reflection. During Lent we will be praying the gospel using **Lectio Divina**.

**The World Day of Prayer** – will be held at 2.00pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at St. Francis Church, Hawthorn Drive. Followed by refreshments. **They would love to have people from St. Mark's join them.**

**St Mary Magdalen quiz night** on the 9th March please. The tickets are £8 each and includes a supper of chilli and jacket potato, there will be a veggie chilli also and cheese for those who don't like chilli. Teams of 6 people. Bring your own drinks. The quiz will be in St. Mary Magdalen church hall, Highfield Approach, IP1 6JS . Tickets can be bought from Jean McSorley tel: 01473 462740 or Chrissy Riches tel: 07758407798. **It would be lovely to have some of the St Marks parishioners join us for the quiz.**

**Parish Fundraising and Social Events calendar – Sunday 3rd March – Fundraising Cake Sale** in the hall at St Mark's, after Sunday Mass. Donations of homemade or shop bought cakes will be very welcome.

**Saturday 16th March - St Patrick's lunch** - noon for 1pm start at The Belstead Arms Radcliffe Drive, Ipswich IP2 9QU. Free parking. Minted Lamb Shanks or Hunters Chicken, Colcannon, Carrots & Peas, Vegetarian option, Cheesecake or Apple Crumble. Cost £16 for 2 course meal, £6 deposit cash or cheque payable to St Mark's please, before 10th March. Maximum 25 people. So, book early. Drinks to be paid for separately at the bar. Deposit to be handed to Brian at the end of Mass on Saturdays, Sheila/Sharon on Sundays, or Viv/Carmel at Holy Family please. There is a list at the back of church to add your name and meal and dessert orders, amount paid and contact number please. Volunteers to share Irish history and traditional songbirds welcome!

**Michael Galloway RIP** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Galloway, who sadly died last Sunday Morning. His funeral Mass will be at 12 noon on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at St Mark's. He will come into Church with a vigil at 4pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

**Shelia Curry RIP** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Shelia Curry and pray for Gloria and family. Her funeral Mass will be at St Mary Magdalene at 10 am on 12<sup>th</sup> March

## News for St Mary Magdalene Catholic Parish

<b><i>The Second Sunday of Lent – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year B</i></b>		
<b><i>Services during the coming week – Second Week of Lent, Year II</i></b>		
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Lent, offered for the repose of the soul of Conrado Fajardo RIP. Reader: R Cork, Offertory: Cork Family
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Sheila Curry RIP (CC). Reader J Cleary, Offertory: Cleary Family, Eucharistic Minister: E Cleary.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the people of the parish. Reader: J Iannelli, Offertory: M Geisel/M Mayhew, Eucharistic Minister: J Poll.
<i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass, this week served by Val &amp; Michael</i>		
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Lent Feria	
	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Lent Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Lent Feria.	
	12 noon	Holy Mass
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Lent Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	St David, Patron Saint of Wales	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass followed by Stations of the Cross.
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Lent, offered for the repose of the soul of Jamie Campbell RIP (Foundation Mass).

**Today's Gospel:** On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels - Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event. The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship. In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples - Peter, James, and John - to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem. Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led

the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfilment of all that was promised to the people of Israel. On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism. In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death. *Courtesy Loyola Press*

**CAFOD Lenten Fast Day:** Last Friday was CAFOD's Lenten Fast Day, and today after all Masses there will be a special collection to receive your donations in aid of CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal, which this year will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. You can donate using the special CAFOD envelopes – don't forget to Gift Aid your donation if you're eligible - or online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) and please pray with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. You can watch a short video about James and the work that CAFOD is doing in Liberia to help him and others like him on the parish web site – scan the QR code to take you directly to it.



**The Alpha Course:** The final session of the Alpha course will be held next, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, at 12:30 pm in the St Mary Magdalen Garden Room and at 7:30 pm at St Mark's church hall.

**Am I Chosen?:** The Chosen is a historical drama about the life of Jesus, but told through the lives of those who knew Him best, those whom He chose, those to whom He said, 'follow me.' And the greatest message of all is that we – watching the show today - are also the chosen. God chose to give His only son for us, that we might know everlasting life.

**First Holy Communion 2024:** The instruction classes for this year's First Holy Communion candidates resume after the school half term break, with the next class, the third in the programme, on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at St Mark's church, Hawthorne Drive, starting at 6:00 pm, and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March when the class will be held at St Mary Magdalen church starting at 9:30 am. The full schedule of dates for the remaining classes can be found on the parish web site.

**Social Events:** The next social event in the parish will be the Quiz Night, to be held in the parish hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March starting at 7:00 pm. Tickets, costing £8 each which includes a supper of jacket potato and chilli, will be available after each weekend Mass from this weekend. There will be a vegetarian food option too. This will be a BODAG event (Bring Own Drink and Glasses). Teams of 6 will take part in the quiz so why not get together with friends and family to form a team – otherwise you can join in with others to form a team on the night. There will be prizes awarded to the winning and second place teams, and good evening will be had by all.

**Parish 150 Club:** Due to the short length of the month of February, the February prize draw of the parish 150 Club will be made on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March in the Garden Room after the 10:00 am Mass. As we approach the end of the Club's financial year 31<sup>st</sup> March, we are especially on the lookout for additional members. Some of our supporters have sadly passed away during the year, others have moved away from the parish and so there is plenty of room for new joiners just to make up the numbers. If you are not a member, why not sign up today and help support your parish. Application forms are available in the church porch or, you can sign up on-line on the parish web site – just scan the QR code.



**Craft Session:** It has been suggested that we might start a craft group within the parish. Such a group would probably meet on a monthly basis in the afternoon or possibly an evening during the week. If you would be interested in such a venture, or would like to hear more information about this idea and the sorts of crafts that might be covered, then please contact Jean McSorley on 01473 462740 or by email to [jkmcsorley@hotmail.com](mailto:jkmcsorley@hotmail.com)

**The Sick of the Parish:** We ask your prayers for Patrick Doran 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 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), Ernest Doolan (2000), Daphne Westbrook, William Fleming (1993), Donald Ludlow (1994), Thomas Kearney (1995), Florence Pratt (1976), Ellen Armes (2018) and Jamie Campbell (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.*