



# PARISH NEWSLETTER



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EAST ANGLIA  
*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:**  
Mrs Sharon Cullum available  
Thursday 12 am – 2 pm  
office@stmarksparish.org.uk

**Parish Safeguarding Rep:**  
**Mrs Joanna McCall**  
psr@stmarksparish.org.uk

**Bank: 20-44-51 A/c No.**  
**60791342**  
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

The Presbytery, T 01473 741975  
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**Parish Priest:**  
Fr Luke Goymour VF

**Confession:**  
by appointment

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

**Headteacher:** Jo Berry and  
Ross McGill  
**Safeguarding**  
safeguarding@marymagdalens.org

**Eucharistic Adoration:**  
Tuesdays at 10 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 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Responsorial Psalm – The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.

30<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time – Year C

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

<b>SATURDAY</b> 25/10/2025	<b>17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: Japerson Blazo Yabero RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b> 26/10/2025	<b>08:00 Holy Family</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: Polly Furness <b>09:45 St Mary Magdalen</b> Offered For: Benedict Crawford RIP <b>11:15 St Mark's</b> * <b>14:30 Harvest Service at Holy Family*</b> Offered For: People of the Parish
<b>TUESDAY</b> 28/10/2025	<b>9:30 St Mary Magdalen:</b> Exposition, Adoration and Rosary <b>10:00 Holy Family</b> Mass with Adoration from 9.20am Offered For: Priest's Intentions
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 29/10/2025	<b>9:30 St Mark's</b> Josephine & Stella
<b>THURSDAY</b> 30/10/2025	<b>10:00 St Mary Magdalen</b> <b>Offered For:</b> deceased members of the Cleary Family (Foundation Mass)
<b>FRIDAY</b> 31/10/2025	<b>12:15 St Mark's</b> * <b>4pm Light Party for Children*</b> Offered For: Priest's Intentions
<b>SATURDAY</b> 1/11/2025	<b>17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 2/11/2025	<b>08:00 Holy Family</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: Patrick Davidson <b>09:45 St Mary Magdalen</b>  <b>11:15 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Angela Murphy RIP
<b>Ipswich Polish Catholic Mission</b>	<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 Secondary School Age?

#### You're invited to HOPE 2025!

A day for young people (Year 7+), especially those preparing for Confirmation — plus Catechists and Youth Leaders — to come together for faith, friendship, and inspiration. Join the **Diocesan Ignite Team** as we get ready to celebrate **World Youth Sunday** later this November. Expect **live music, inspiring talks, powerful prayer, and great food!**

📍 **St John's Cathedral Narthex**

🕒 **Saturday 8th November | 2:00pm–8:00pm**

(includes joining the parish vigil Mass)

🎫 **Entry: £5 on the door**

Come and be part of something joyful. Come and discover **HOPE 2025!**

## 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*

## **NEW** TO our

## PARISHES or not yet registered on Church Suite?

Please send an email to the Parish Office  
[office@stmarksparish.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarksparish.org.uk)  
*After Mass at all 3 churches, we have tea, coffee and biscuits. If you could join us that would be wonderful! We can tell you more about the parish.*

## Light Party – For

all Primary School Aged Children

## 31<sup>st</sup> October

at 4pm at St Marks, Games, Crafts, Sweets and Snacks

*Come dressed as a Saint or Superhero!*

## Kids Church! This

Sunday after 11:15 Mass for Primary aged children and all who want to prepare for First Holy Communion

**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE** 16<sup>TH</sup> 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. **EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT £100 for payments in full by 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025.**

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

### **STELLA MARIS: Regional Port Chaplain for East Anglia Ports**

Stella Maris (SM) is seeking to recruit a Regional Port Chaplain who will in care for all seafarers and fishers by helping to meet their pastoral and spiritual needs. They will recruit, train and support SM staff and volunteers for the port and will maintain good relations with local parishes and the local diocese, working ecumenically with members of other Christian maritime societies.

More information can be found at: <https://www.charityjob.co.uk/organisation/stella-maris>

**St Vincent De Paul Society** meeting will be held at Holy Family at 10 am Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

**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 NatWest account. While we don't intend to make this change in the immediate future, we kindly ask parishioners to check that their standing orders are being paid into the Barclays account listed on the front of the newsletter please.

**100 CLUB** - This club raises funds for the Parish and hold a monthly prize draw where three cash prizes are won. 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](mailto:dford0554@aol.com)



**The Alpha Course** - Begins again on Wednesday November 12th and runs for 11 sessions, plus all day Saturday 17th January, finishing on 11th February with a celebration meal.

- 12.30 - 2pm in the Church Hall at St. Mary Magdalen with a light lunch
- 7.30 - 9pm in the Church Hall at St. Mark's with a hot meal



Alpha is a great opportunity to explore the basics of the Christian faith together, in a warm and welcoming environment. It's open to everyone, no matter your background or beliefs and it's free. You'll find invitation cards at the back of each church that you can take to give away which has the QR code for signing up on the St Mark's website. Details of the dates and sessions are on the website. The course is run during term time only.

**FIND** – Thank to everyone for their generosity. The latest need for donations is: fresh fruit and vegetables, paprika pringles, tea, treats, cereal bars, deodorants, biscuits, milk, UHT milk, squash, hot chocolate, toothbrushes and toothpaste. The box for your offerings sits is under the table at the back of St. Mark's church.

**Light Party** – For all Primary School Aged Children 31<sup>st</sup> October at 4pm at St Marks, Games, Crafts, Sweets and Snacks – come dressed as a Saint or Superhero.

**Nativity Festival at St Mark's** - Save the date Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025 10am-1pm details are on ChurchSuite.

**Mary's meals** It's incredible that we are now reaching more than three million children around the world with our nutritious meals! Our work is far from over though: we're determined to reach the next million hungry children with our life-changing meals. **Whether you can donate, fundraise, or simply share our story to raise awareness of our work, there's a way for everyone to help. For more information please contact them at [info@marysmeals.org](mailto:info@marysmeals.org)**

**Bible Study Group at St Mary Magdalen:** The Bible Study Group meets every Thursday evening at 7:15 pm in the Garden Room. Any persons wishing to join the group will be welcome at any time, - just come along on Thursday evening and bring your Bible – there are spares if you do not have one or forget to bring it.

**St Mary Magdalen 150 Club:** The October draw will be made in the Garden Room today after 9:45 am Mass. The Club has space for new members – 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.



**Ladies Tea 'n' Chat:** Friday this week is 31<sup>st</sup> October and the last Friday in the month, which means that the ladies of the parish will meet in the Garden Room at 2:30 pm for their monthly Tea 'n' Chat session. This is open to all, and it would be lovely to see parishioners from St Marks and Holy Family - just come along on the day and meet with your fellow parishioners in a relaxed atmosphere for a chat over a cuppa.

**RCIA:** Want to become a Catholic? Classes are underway speak to Fr Luke or email the office for more info.

**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.



**St Pancras RC Primary School:** St Pancras School is holding a number of open days for the benefit of parents of prospective pupils looking to find places for the 2026/2027 reception intake. These open days will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 9:15 am and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 1:15 pm. To book a place please contact St Pancras school by email [admin@st-pancras.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-pancras.suffolk.sch.uk) or by phone 01473 742074.

**New Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** The Polish Community now celebrate regular weekly Masses at St Mary Magdalen Church, on Wednesday typically they have devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual help (succour). Fr Luke has given permission for a beautiful icon of Our Lady under this title to hang in the sanctuary.

**The Sick of St Mary Magdalen 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 parish Dearly Departed:** Of your charity, please pray for William Swann (1967), Patrick Donnelly (1972), Douglas Robinson (2007), George Laurencin (2003), Terence Ferris (1975), Frederick Peck (1972), Stanley Manthorpe (1979), Francis McMahon (2003), Julienne May (2020) and Frank Sutton (2022) 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*