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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
St Mark
Fridays 11:40-12:10

Holy Family
Tuesday – 09:20 - 09:50

PRAYER GROUPS:
St Mark
1st and 3rd & 5th Monday
6:00pm: Adoration
7:00pm – Praise, worship,
scripture, reflection in Hall

CONFESSIONS:
St Mark Saturdays: 17:00
and by appointment

Children's Liturgy:
at 11 am on 1st, 3rd and
5th Sundays of the month.



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Offerings:
Please consider setting up a
standing order in favour of the
parish instead of a weekly cash
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the church porch.

Bank: Barclays
Account Name:
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Account number: 70777323
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Catholic chaplain to the Ipswich hospitals: Awaiting new appointment. Please contact either Fr Paul, Fr Luke or one of the other Ipswich priests if you or a family member are going in to hospital.

News for St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want 34th WEEK OF THE YEAR – Year A	
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:	
SAT 25th	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Our Lord Jesus King of the Universe. Youth Day Offered For: The People of the Parish
SUN 26th	09:00 Holy Family Our Lord Jesus King of the Universe. Youth Day Offered For: Maria Wilson & Family 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Mary Butcher RIP
TUES 28th	10:00 am Requiem Mass for Beryl Edwards Feria Offered for: Ann Thomas & Family
WED 29th	9:30 am St. Mark's Feria Offered for: Alessandra Collins
THUR 30th	No Mass at St. Mark's St. Andrew 10:00am at St. Mary Magdalens
FRI 1st	12:15 pm St. Mark's Feria Offered for: Clare Russel
SAT 2nd	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass 1st Sunday of Advent – Year B Offered For: The People of the Parish
SUN 3rd	09:00 Holy Family 1st Sunday of Advent – Year B Offered For: Rev. Pat Reynolds RIP 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Peggy Heffer

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

CHRISTMAS DRAW

Tickets on sale after Mass

**There will be a
second collection
today for the
Diocesan Youth
Service**

Holy Souls: Masses for the holy souls are offered through November. Please add the names of those you want remembered at Mass in the book of life at the front of Church.

Gift Aid - We intend to make a claim in November for the period of April 2022-2023 and would like to remind you that it is essential that you are still paying UK income or Capital Gains Tax in an amount equal to the claim. Unless we are informed to the contrary, we will be claiming tax on your behalf. If anyone would like to boost their donations at no extra cost the gift aid forms are available on the table at the back of the church. Kindly email me with any changes since you last completed the form at sharoncullum247@yahoo.co.uk

Confirmation Class Confirmation class began on 4th November from 10-4pm at St Mark's forms available at the back of Church, **First Holy Communion Registration is now Closed!**

At the Repository - Christmas cards, calendars and diaries are now available from the repository at the back of the church. Please put the money in the red box on the wall beside the repository.

Want to become a Catholic? Then consider joining our RCIA programme, please fill out a form and return to Fr Luke ASAP (The Alpha course will form part of this year's RCIA course) Members of the RCIA are also invited to meet with Fr Luke on Saturday 25th November at 2pm

FIND, thanks us for our generosity - and is asking especially for soup, tinned potatoes, pasta and pasta sauce, rice, tinned fruit and shampoo

BRING & BUY COFFEE MORNING – AT Paddock Gate, Whitehorse Rd East Bergholt CO76TR on 30th November from 10.30 till 12.00 – Christmas Cakes will be on sale at £5 each (**Thank you to everyone who donated ingredients which has helped to keep the cost down**), extra grand raffle & Christmas gifts. So don't miss a fun morning, bring friends neighbours and family to! Christmas cake are also be on sale at the back of the Church and at the Christmas Fayre.

St. Albans – are seeking to recruit a School Chaplain. For further details visit the school website <https://www.st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk/vacancies>

Christmas sing-along – We are invited to join St. Mary Magdalene on the evening of 2nd December. Tickets £5 include mulled wine and a mince pie. Contact Jean McSorley on 01473 462740 or 0779 2561011

Alpha Continues this Wednesday 12:30 at St Mary Magdalen and 19:30 at St Mark's

100 Club – month’s winning numbers are:

1st Prize £95.15 – No. 45; 2nd Prize £51.90 – No. 138; 3rd Prize £25.95 – No. 66.

For further details see the Parish Website where you can also find the annual report and application forms to join. Details are also available at the back of the Church or contact Graeme Forsyth at mgforsyth@outlook.com or on 01206 399049. **YOUR 100 CLUB NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT !**

Medjugorje 2024 – The pilgrimage to Medjugorje next year is from 19th September to 26th September. The details are as the successful pilgrimage earlier this year and the price is the same, £779 per person for a shared room. There is an early booking discount of £100 if you are able to book and pay in full before 30th November. For information contact Chris McEwen on chrismceweneb@gmail.com or 07967 568852

Social & Fundraising - The Parish Fundraising Group really would appreciate your help, if you could volunteer for a couple of hours on Friday morning to help bring down heavy boxes from upstairs and set the tables up. And/or on Saturday morning to help run co-run one of the stalls. There is a list on the church notice board near the doors, of stall helpers still required, please pop your name and phone number on it. Thank you for your support.

Thank you to everyone who has bought raffle tickets and contributed items to the Christmas Fayre, we have lots of lovely things. We don't need anymore cuddly toys but we would appreciate alcohol for the tombola, toys and gifts, cushions and anything else you find taking up space at home!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE
On Saturday 2nd December at
9.30 am
Raffle, Bottle Stall,
Viv's famous Christmas cakes
Toys, Gifts, Refreshments
And of course...
Father Christmas!

Support a Young Person on a Volunteer trip to South Africa: Iona MacQueen (formerly of our diocese) writes: “I am going on a charity volunteer trip to South Africa. I will be working with children in townships from broken homes and living in poverty. I am so passionate about giving these young people opportunities and spreading God’s love, hope and Joy. If you would like to help me, go, you can donate to the following website to help my trip – I would be so grateful! www.fundmytravel.com/campaign/Kc2XDm1a4d

News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - 26th November 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A
Services during the coming week – Thirty-fourth Week of the Year, Year I

Saturday 25 th	5:30 pm	Confessions
November	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass, offered for the People of the Parish, Reader: I Suttle, Offertory: Hennon Family.
Sunday 26 th	8:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the repose of the soul of Monica Wilson RIP. Reader: C Moore, Eucharistic Minister: E Cleary
November	10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for All members of the Thorne and Curry families, living and dead (Foundation Mass). Reader: J Iannelli, Offertory: Fox Family, Eucharistic Minister: J Poll
<i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass prepared and served by Dorothy & Teresa</i>		
Monday 27 th	Feria	
November	No Mass Today	
Tuesday 28 th	Feria	
November	10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the Vieira Family
Wednesday	Feria	
29 th November	12 noon	Holy Mass, offered for the repose of the souls of Frank & Margaret Janes RIP (Foundation Mass)
Thursday 30 th	St Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland	
November	10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for Bill Corrigan
Friday 1 st	Feria	
December	10:00 am	Holy Mass followed by Exposition and a Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday 2 nd	5:30 pm	Confessions
December	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Advent, offered for the people of the parish.

Today’s Gospel: In today’s Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to

the least ones - the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones. Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself. *Courtesy Loyola Press*

Today: we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe which marks the beginning of 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.

Next Sunday: Next week is the First Sunday of Advent – the first Sunday of the Church's new Liturgical Year. Sunday Mass readings will be taken from Cycle B which focuses predominantly on the Gospel according to Mark, and weekday readings, starting Monday 4th December, are from Year II. The Advent Wreath will be in place on the Sanctuary during this pre-Christmas penitential period, and each week leading up to the feast of the Nativity we will light one of the candles as we follow the story of events leading to the birth of our Saviour.

Parish 150 Club: The November prize draw of the parish 150 Club is due to be made on Sunday 26th November. Owing to holiday absences, this draw will be postponed and will instead be made after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday 17th December. There is plenty of room for new subscribers – why not sign up today and your numbers can then be entered in the next prize draw? Application forms are available in the church porch or, even quicker, you can sign up on-line on the parish web site – just scan the QR code.



Book of Remembrance: In the Catholic Church the month of November begins with the Solemnity of All Saints' on November 1st, followed by the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed – All Souls' Day' on the 2nd November. Together these days mark the start of a month of remembrance, often referred to as the month of the dead, during which we remember and pray especially for our loved ones who have gone before us and whose loss we feel. On the table at the back of the church there is a Book of Remembrance and you are all invited to write in this the names of those family members and friends who have died, who will then be remembered especially during Masses throughout the month.

Free to a Good Home: If anybody has use for some 1500mm (5 ft) fluorescent light fittings complete with tube and diffuser, there are still some available free of charge. These are rather dusty, but otherwise in good working order and would suit perhaps a garage or a shed. These are offered on a first come - first served basis without warranty. If you are interested, please email contact@marymagdalens.org and collection can be arranged, else these will be disposed of by the end of the month.

Wreath Making Workshop: On Tuesday this week, a Christmas Wreath workshop will take place in the Garden Room between 7 and 9 pm. The cost will be £15 with all equipment provided, but if you have any special decorations you would like to incorporate, then do bring them along. For further information, and to book your place, please contact Janet Irving on 07837 152179.

Christmas Sing-a-Long: On Saturday next, 2nd December, a Christmas Sing-a-Long concert will be held in the parish hall starting at 7:00 pm. You are all invited to come along and bring with you any (portable) musical instruments you might play and your best Christmas voice to join in. Music will be provided by the Martlesham Ukulele Players. Tickets, costing £5 which includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie, will be available after weekend Masses.

The Sick of the Parish: We ask your prayers for Patrick Doran, Ida James 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, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Charles Dwyer (1982), Sheila Capon (2010), Bernard McDonagh (1992), Joseph Clougherty (2006), Mildred Courtney (1965), John Mahoney (1993), Harry Head (1993), Doris Williams (2011), Laura Beavis (1985), Czeslaw Kasprzak (1999), Mario Pasini (2006), Lelio di Franco (2009), Stanislaw Wojciechowski (2021), Charles "Rod" Long (1992), Miriam Wiseman (1993), Percy "Ron" Bates (1997), Cynthia O'Mara (2015), Valerie Jenkins (2017) and Agnes Eaton (1999) 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.