



# PARISH NEWSLETTER



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*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 Pat West available  
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**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 am Mass every  
Sunday

**Kids Church:** Last Sunday  
of Month after 11:15 Mass



## ST MARY MAGDALEN

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**Parish Priest:**  
Fr Luke Goymour VF

**Parish School:**  
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Ipswich  
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T 01473 742074

**Headteacher:** Jo Berry and  
Ross McGill

**Safeguarding**  
safeguarding@marymagdalens.org

**Confession:**  
Before Weekday Mass at  
request

**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:**  
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 28<sup>TH</sup> September 2025**

## Responsorial Psalm – My soul give praise to the LORD

26<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> 27/09/2025	<b>17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Offered For: Pat West
<b>SUNDAY</b> 28/09/2025	<b>08:00 St Mary Magdalen</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Offered For: People of the Parish <b>09:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: James & Gemma <b>10:00 St Mary Magdalen</b> Offered For: Priest's Intentions <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish
<b>TUESDAY</b> 30/09/2025	<b>10:00 Holy Family</b> <b>St Jerome</b> Offered For: Mrs Val Van Walwyk
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 1/10/2025	<b>9:30 St. Mark's</b> <b>St Therese of Lisieux</b> Offered For: Della Roji Bastine
<b>THURSDAY</b> 2/10/2025	<b>10:00 am St Mary Magdalen</b> <b>Guardian Angels</b> Offered For: Martin Curry RIP
<b>FRIDAY</b> 3/10/2025	<b>11:00 am St Mary Magdalen Requiem Mass</b> <b>Feria</b> Monica Ogden RIP
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4/10/2025	<b>17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Offered For: Tom Patten RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b> 5/10/2025	<b>08:00 Holy Family</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish <b>09:45 St Mary Magdalen</b> <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Lynn Sellers RIP
<b>Ipswich Polish Mission</b>	<b>Mass in Polish is celebrated at St Mary Magdalen Church typically: Sat 6pm, Sun 12 noon. Monday 10 am, Wednesday and Friday 7pm</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**

**There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection after mass on 5<sup>th</sup> October for **CAFOD** Harvest Fast Day**

**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.*

### Mass Change Schedule changes from next weekend: 4/5<sup>th</sup> October

We have said farewell to Fr Paul this week and we wish him all the best in his retirement; he will be living in the parish house at St Mary Magdalen for a little while whilst his accommodation is sorted but he is now fully retired and has no parish duties. **Fr Luke is our parish priest who continues to look after two parishes, with three church communities and two primary schools.** To allow him to celebrate Masses in each of our communities the new Sunday Mass schedule approved by the Council of Priest and the Bishop will be:

**8:00 am Holy Family Church**  
**9:45 am St Mary Magdalen**  
**11:15 am St Mark's**

The 5:30 Anticipatory Mass on Saturday at St Mark's remains unchanged and the new schedule is effective from next weekend. Weekday Masses are celebrated in all three Churches typically: Tuesday Holy Family Wednesday St Marks, Thursday St Mary Magdalen and Friday St Marks (With some variation for funerals etc.)

**Rosary Workshop with the Guild of Our Lady of Ipswich 10:30 for 11 am – 1pm Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> at St Mark's.**

Fr Luke will give a presentation on the history and development of the Rosary and then participants will have the opportunity to make their own.

**There will be a Forum Meeting open to all at Holy Family Church after the 8:00 am Mass next Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> October)**

**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 move 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.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest** - Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

**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 Garden Room 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.



**Social media** - We will stop posting in the St Mark's Parishes closed group on Facebook from October and will move posts to an open group. This will help us to share activities with the wider community. You can help by liking and sharing our posts, so we get as many people as possible to know what we are up to. Please search for **St Marks RC Church Ipswich** for the new page. If you have anything St Mark's or Holy Family related that you would like to share, then please send it to [joanna@stmarksparish.org](mailto:joanna@stmarksparish.org).

**St Mark's School** - St Mark's is currently looking for a Foundation Governor to join our Governing Body — a rewarding opportunity to help shape the strategic direction of the school while supporting its Catholic mission. Foundation Governors play a vital role in upholding the school's values, guiding its growth, and ensuring the provision of high-quality Catholic education. We warmly invite applications from practising Catholics who are committed to making a meaningful contribution to our school community.

**Curious Cubs**, our toddler group organised by the church at St Mark's school, restarted on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September! This group is designed to provide a fun, supportive environment for our younger learners and their families. It will offer a range of activities focused on early development and socialisation. The sessions will take place from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September between 9 and 10.30am at St Mark's School. For more information or to sign up, please contact the school office.

**Harvest supper bring and share** - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October from 6:30 (after 5:30 mass) We will be holding a community bring and share meal and would like to invite everyone from St Mark's, Holy Family and Mary Magdalen. There will be a raffle, and proceeds will go to the Free Food Pantry located in St Mark's garden, to the right of the church hall. The event will be advertised on our socials and ChurchSuite, please respond to the invite so we can cater for numbers and let Claire Proctor know if you are bringing a main or pudding on [soubes@googlemail.com](mailto:soubes@googlemail.com) or mobile 07795595165.

**St Vincent De Paul Society** meeting will be held at Mary Magdalen at 10:30am (after 10am mass) Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

**Bible Study Group:** The Bible Study Group meets at St Mary Magdalen Parish 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.

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day:** Friday of this week, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, is the CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day on which we are all invited to support our brothers and sisters less well off than ourselves by partaking of a simple meal in solidarity with those unfortunates and donating the money saved to CAFOD. This year, the focus of CAFOD's appeal is the provision of water supplies to drought hit regions of Africa. There will be a retiring collection next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, to receive your donations in response to this appeal. There will be special collection envelopes in the church porch – please use one and be as generous as you possibly can. You can also donate on-line at [cafod.org](http://cafod.org). If you do make a donation, please Gift Aid that donation if you are an income tax payer as this will increase the value of your donation

to CAFOD by 25% at no additional cost to you. By donating to CAFOD this Harvest Fast Day, you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of drought caused by the climate crisis.

**St Mary Magdalen 150 Club:** The September Prize Draw will be made today, 28<sup>th</sup> September, in the Garden Room after the 10:00 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.



**Fr Paul's Retirement:** Yesterday we celebrated a special Mass for Fr Paul to mark his retirement, which was followed by a gathering in the Garden Room and garden. Today is Fr Paul's last as assistant priest in St Mary Magdalen parish. We wish him a very long, happy and peaceful retirement and thank him for his service to our parish. Thank you also to all those who worked hard to make yesterday a success and to all who generously donated to Fr Paul's retirement gift.

**Fr Pat Cleary:** Also retiring this month, after 47 years since his ordination to the priesthood, was "our own" Fr Pat Cleary, who retired from the parish of Thetford on 5<sup>th</sup> September. We also wish Fr Pat a long and happy retirement.

**Monica Ogden RIP:** On Friday this week, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, there will be a Requiem Mass for Monica Ogden at 11:00 am at St Mary Magdalen Church. This will be followed by a service at Ipswich Crematorium.

**New Mass Times:** Begin next weekend as advertised in the box on the inside page. From next week, there will be one weekday Mass at St Mary Magdalen church on Thursday mornings only at 10:00 am, and this will usually be attended by pupils of St Pancras School. **Starting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 10:00 am during which we will say the Rosary at St Mary Magdalen Church, please do come along.**

**Catholic East Anglia:** The October edition of Catholic East Anglia, the Diocesan newspaper, is available in the church porch. This publication is free of charge. 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.

**At St Mary Magdalens: The Sick of the Parish:** We ask your continuing prayers for 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.* **Our Own Dear Departed:** Of your charity, please pray for Patrick Macken (1980), Edward Cuffe (2002), Martin Curry (1999), Stephen Smith (2008) and Aleksandrs Svystun (2013) whose anniversaries occur about this time. A full list of parish anniversaries can be found on St Mary Magdalen 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.

Softener 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