



# 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:**  
Dr Michael Keller

**Parish Secretary:**  
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**Parish Safeguarding Rep:**  
**Mrs Joanna McCall**  
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**Eucharistic Adoration:**

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



## ST MARY MAGDALEN

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**Parish administrator:**  
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**Assistant Priest:**  
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**Confession:**  
5:30pm Saturday  
and by appointment

**Parish School:**  
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Stratford Road  
Ipswich  
IP1 6EF  
T 01473 742074

**Headteacher:**  
Mrs Lucille Martin

**Safeguarding**

**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 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](mailto:hospitalchaplain@stmarksparish.org.uk)

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024.**

## News for St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – I love you Lord my strength	
31 <sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time – Year B	
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:	
<b>SATURDAY</b> 2/11/24	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: The People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 3/11/24	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: Fr. Simon Simmonds 11:00 St Mark's with Baptism Offered For: Maria, Kathleen & Lionel Clutterham
<b>TUESDAY</b> 5/11/24	10:00 Holy Family Offered For: Beryl Edwards RIP
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 6/11/24	9:30 am St. Mark's      7:30 pm Alpha Offered For: Lorna Cooper
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7/11/24	12:15 St Pancras Deannery Clergy Requiem Mass 7 pm SVP information evening
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8/11/24	12:15 pm St. Mark's Offered For: Holy Souls
<b>SATURDAY</b> 9/11/24	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: The People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10/11/24	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: John Lodge RIP 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: John West RIP

**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**

**The Chosen season 2**  
**Starting 9<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Cinematic screening at St**  
**Mary Magdalens**  
**6:30 for 7:00 pm Start**

**2<sup>nd</sup> collection at all**  
**Masses this**  
**weekend for**  
**St. Edmunds Fund**

**Kim Leadbeater MP** is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the 29 November. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting [www.livesworthliving.org.uk](http://www.livesworthliving.org.uk)

**Pilgrimage to Rome to celebrate the Jubilee of Youth** - As part of the Jubilee 2025, the Diocese will be leading a pilgrimage to Rome, joining with thousands of young people from all over the world. If you will be age 16 – 30 next summer 2025, come and join us! Find out more at our Launch Meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> at Newmarket Parish Centre, 14 Exeter Road, CB8 8LT, starting at 12:30pm (please bring a packed lunch) and will end by 3pm. See [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth) for more details.

**RCIA registration is open** – Thinking of becoming a Catholic? please fill out the online registration on our website

**Musicians and Singers:** Would you like to be involved in building a music ministry at St Mark's, to praise God with both traditional hymns and contemporary music? This is an important part of our weekly liturgy, so if you play any instrument or sing or have any other involvement in music please do get in touch: [simon@stmarksparish.org.uk](mailto:simon@stmarksparish.org.uk)

**You Can Help Your Marriage** – Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue ... or have stopped talking all together? Retrouvaille helps married couples through difficult times. Register now for next programme starting 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. Call 0788 7296983 or Email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Day of Renewal** - at St Edmund's Church, 21 Westgate Street, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1QG - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 10am-4.30pm. The guest speaker, Fr Paschal Uche, from Brentwood Diocese, will be talking on the theme 'Claiming Your Inheritance.' The day includes praise and worship, talks, Mass, confession, adoration and individual prayer ministry. Please bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee provided. There is limited car parking at the church so please use the public car parks in the town.

**Inviting young people (Year 7+) especially those preparing for Confirmation, Catechists and Youth Leaders to HOPE!** - HOPE is a special event organised by the Diocesan Ignite Team to prepare to celebrate World Youth Sunday later in November. It includes live music, inspiring talks, passionate prayer and good food! Held at St. Johns' Cathedral Narthex from 2pm - 8pm (to include joining the parish vigil Mass) on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Entry: £5 on the door. [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth)

**100 CLUB** – This club raises funds for the Parish and hold a monthly prize draw. The 151st draw was completed last Sunday 27th October after mass at Holy Family. The results were:  
1st number 142 won £94.05; 2nd number 42 won £51.30; 3rd number 153 won £25.65  
Also a cheque for £1023.00 for the Parish was presented to Fr Luke which was the money raised through the 100 Club for the last 6 months.



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)

**Christmas Nativity Festival** - On Saturday 14 December from 10-1pm we will be holding our first Nativity Festival Exhibition. We invite you to share your nativity scene with a note on its history, it could be new, passed down through the family and represent your culture. We want to celebrate the Christmas story with you. Please bring them to church from 1st December, please also make sure to include your name and contact details. They can be collected from Sunday 15 December. There will be the usual raffle prizes, cake and craft stalls refreshments and of course Father Christmas!  
**Volunteers** - In order to make this a success we need lots of volunteers please. To exhibit the scenes on Friday 13 December after 12:15 mass, Friday evening and Saturday morning. We also need helpers to:- sell raffle tickets in St Mark's and Holy Family, collect and return Nativity scenes from Holy Family. Sell refreshments and cakes. If you cannot help, we would appreciate any contributions of prizes/presents for the children and cakes, jams and preserves please.

**Gift Aid** - A claim for April 2023-24 Gift Aid will be made shortly, it is essential all donors were paying UK income or Capital Gains Tax in an amount equal to the claim. Unless I am informed to the contrary I'll be claiming tax on your behalf. Please advise of any changes to your name, address or postcode to ensure the Diocese records are correct, there is no need for a new GAD to be completed. If you would like gift aid envelopes, please email [sharoncullum247@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sharoncullum247@yahoo.co.uk)

**2025 Medjugorje Parish Pilgrimage** dates 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September. £829.00 when sharing a room. £100 discount if you book and pay before 15<sup>th</sup> November. It may be possible to get the discount until 30<sup>th</sup> November. For further details contact [chrismceweneb@gmail.com](mailto:chrismceweneb@gmail.com)

## News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

### *Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2024: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year B. Services during the coming week – Thirty-first Week of the Year, Year II*

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	10:00 am	Holy Mass of All Souls Day, offered for all the Holy Souls
	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of the 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for the people of the parish. Reader: R Cork, Offertory: Cork Family
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Winifred Flory RIP (Foundation Mass) Reader: A Smith, Eucharistic Minister: C Moore.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Valerian Lobo RIP. Reader: A James, Offertory: M Mayhew/M Geisel, Eucharistic Minister: R Shorten
<i>Please join us in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass for tea and coffee, prepared and served by Molly &amp; Dorothy</i>		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November		St Charles Borromeo <i>No Mass Today</i>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria	10:00 am Holy Mass offered for all members of the Vieira Family, living and dead
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria	12 noon Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Leslie Payne RIP.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria	<b>12:15 at St Pancras Church</b> , Deanery Mass for Deceased Clergy (no 10 am Mass this day) all welcome
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria	10:00 am Holy offered for all Holy Souls.
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of the 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for Stan & Kathleen Bakowski. Reader: I Suttle, Offertory: Hennon Family
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Annick Smith RIP (Foundation Mass) Reader: C Riches, Offertory: Moore Family, Eucharistic Minister: E Cleary.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish. Reader: M Pakes, Offertory: Pakes Family, Eucharistic Minister: M Geisel

**Today's Gospel:** Today's Gospel reading should be understood in the context of the growing antagonism between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus. The question posed in today's

Gospel required Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law and Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbour. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus. The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbour stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities as Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further. *Courtesy Loyola Press*

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**St Edmund's Fund:** The St Edmund's Fund deals with emergency grant applications from families or individuals in need within the Diocese of East Anglia. For efficiency of administration, it has now been broadly subsumed into Caritas East Anglia but has retained its individual identity and accounting. This weekend there will be a second collection taken at all Masses to assist Caritas East Anglia/St Edmunds Fund with its work.

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**The Month of the Holy Souls:** Once again this year, there is a memorial book on the table at the back of the church in which you can record the names of your departed loved ones who will be prayed for especially during Masses throughout November – the month of the Holy Souls.

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**Light Party:** Attention all Primary School Children! You're invited to a Light Party, a joyful Christian alternative to Halloween, celebrating the Feast of All Saints. This special event honours the lives of saints who have gone before us, reminding us of the light of Christ in the world. The Light Party will be held in St Mark's church hall on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 4 to 6 pm. There will be pumpkin carving, games, prizes, sweets and treats and family fun, in which the adults are actively encouraged to participate. There is no charge for this event, but you are required to register if you will be attending so that numbers can be gauged. Scan the QR code or got to [//stmarksparish.org.uk/light-party](http://stmarksparish.org.uk/light-party) to register.



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**Catholic East Anglia:** The November edition of Catholic East Anglia, the free Diocesan newspaper, is out now and available in the church porch. Please take a copy home and read it. You can also read the newspaper online on the parish web site – just scan the QR code to take you straight to it.

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**St Mary Magdalen 150 Club:** The October prize draw of the parish 150 Club was made in the Garden Room last Sunday after the 10:00 am Mass. Congratulations to the winners: Mr R Hennon, Mr & Mrs R Cork, Mr F Vieira and Mrs P Williamson. Full details of this month's prizes can be found in the church porch or are available on the parish web site – just scan the QR code to find them.

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**Help Required:** An appeal to all parishioners to respond positively with the gift of their time and their service. Firstly, we need helpers to assist with the cleaning of the church and the church property. This does not need to be onerous if there is a sufficient number of people to help. If you can give of your time to help with this, please speak to Linis Dolby, or email [churchcleaning@marymagdalens.org](mailto:churchcleaning@marymagdalens.org). We also need people to join the rota for preparing and serving tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass on Sunday mornings. If you are a 10:00 attendee, could you join the rota and help out here once every few Sundays? Please speak to Val Croker of email [coffee@marymagdalens.org](mailto:coffee@marymagdalens.org).

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**Alpha Course:** The Alpha Course resumes this week after the half term holidays, and will continue with session 2 on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 12:30 pm in the Garden Room at St Mary Magdalen church which is repeated at 7:30 pm in St Mark's church hall.

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**New Lectionary:** As previously announced, the new Lectionary, the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The revised version comes into effect on the first Sunday of Advent this year, the Church's liturgical new year. A new 4-volume set of books has been purchased for the church. These beautifully produced volumes cost £175 each and each comes with dedication inserts. If you would like to purchase one for the parish, or contribute towards the cost on behalf of your family or perhaps in memory of a loved one, please speak to Fr Luke.

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**The Chosen:** Following the showing of season 1 of the Chosen in the church hall in June, we will be carrying on with Season 2 in November. On Saturdays 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November there will be two episodes shown each evening with a short break in the middle. Refreshments will be provided. Last time, the whole experience was greatly enjoyed by those that attended, but the overall level of attendance was disappointing given the size of the parish. Hopefully a lot more will come along for season 2 and enjoy this very worthwhile series.

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**The Sick of the Parish:** We ask your continuing prayers for Patrick Doran, Leslie Jermy, Celia Moore, 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.*

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**Our Own Dear Departed:** Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of our faithful departed and especially for

Mabel Youngman (1978), Evelyn Murray (1981), Mary Ward (1991), Winifred Flory (1997), Jean Hynes (2011), Alfred Oxley (2020), John Cuffe (1989), Corrado Giudicianni (2011), Walenty Bialobrzycki (1959), Minnie Spooner (1969), Margaret Woods (1993), Mary Dwyer (1996), Cyril Youngman (1998), Ellen McCarthy (2011), Michelina Di Franco (2015) and Annick Smith (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.*