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## ST. MARK WITH HOLY FAMILY BRANTHAM

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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  
offering. If you can Gift Aid  
your donation, please complete  
a form which you can find in  
the church porch.

**Bank:** Barclays  
**Account Name:**  
St Mary Magdalen  
Roman Catholic Parish  
**Account number:** 70777323  
**Sort code:** 20-44-51

**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

<b>Responsorial Psalm – God of Hosts, bring us back;</b> <b>Let your face shine on us and we shall be saved</b> <b>FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT – Year B</b>		
<b>MASS &amp; PRAYER TIMES:</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>2/12/23</b>	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>3/12/23</b>	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: Rev. Pat Reynolds RIP <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Peggy Heffer	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>5/12/23</b>	<b>10:00 am Holy Family</b> Offered for: Richard Kelly	<b>Advent Feria</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>6/12/23</b>	<b>9:30 am St. Mark's</b> Offered for: Kate Sarsfield & Family	<b>Advent Feria</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>7/12/23</b>	<b>NO MASS at St. Mark's</b> 10:00 at St. Mary Magdalens	<b>St. Ambrose</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>8/12/23</b>	<b>12:15 pm St. Mark's</b> <b>The Immaculate Conception of the B.V. Mary</b> Offered for: The deceased members of the Hunt Family	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>9/12/23</b>	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> Offered For: Patricia Waller RIP	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>10/12/23</b>	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: James Bukohwo Erhuero	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday of Advent</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*

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

**Advent Devotional**  
Advent starts this weekend pick up your FREE copy of the Advent edition of Bible Alive (Usually £3)

**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.

**East Anglia Children's Hospices** There will be a Christmas Card for Charity wall again this year. Give a card to your friends in the Parish and support EACH at the same time. Your cards will be put on the wall beside the leaflet table at the back of the church. Just put your donation for EACH in the box and hang up your card. Thank you.

### **FIND, thanks us for our continuing generosity -**

Their current needs are crisp, squash, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, steak, mince, peas, carrots, and rice pudding. Also Pasta sauce. **AND ..... For Christmas by 9th December** please... The suggestions are VOUCHERS FROM Supermarkets, Primark, M&S and toy shops. Tins /tubes of sweets and biscuits. Lego sets for all ages.

**Donations of money is acceptable too**

**Medjugorje 2024** – The pilgrimage to Medjugorje next year is from 19<sup>th</sup> September to 26<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> November. For information contact Chris McEwen on [chrismceweneb@gmail.com](mailto:chrismceweneb@gmail.com) or 07967 568852

**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](http://www.fundmytravel.com/campaign/Kc2XDm1a4d)

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

**Advance notice: Christmas Mass Times:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> (morning Masses as usual for Sunday as the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Sunday obligation remains) **5:30 pm** Children and Family Mass at St Marks. 8pm Mass of Christmas Night at Holy Family Brantham, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Day 9 am Holy Family, Brantham 11 am St Marks.

There will be a second collection next weekend for the dependent priest fund, **the following weekend 16/17<sup>th</sup> December, a second collection will be taken for Christmas flowers. Thank you.**

**ST MARK'S PARISH 100 CLUB** - Each year 36 prizes may be won, ranging, in the past year, between a first prize of £95 and a third prize £25, and it costs just £2 per number per month to participate. There are four ways to obtain an **application form to join or take a further number** 1) alongside the annual report on the parish website, 2) at the back of the church, 3) email [mgforsyth@outlook.com](mailto:mgforsyth@outlook.com) or 4) ring Graeme Forsyth on 01206 399049. The next draws are planned to take place on Sunday 17 December 2023 and Sunday 21 January 2024..... **REMEMBER, YOU MUST BE IN IT TO WIN IT**

**Well done to St Mark's school**, staff and students for the excellent CSI (Catholic School Inspection) result: The full report can be read on the school website. <https://stmarkscatholicprimary.co.uk/inspection-reports/> (CSI 2023)

"**St. Mark's Catholic Primary School** currently has space in their Reception class. If you would like to apply for a place please complete an ADM1 form and a Supplementary Information Form and you can find both of these here: <https://stmarkscatholicprimary.co.uk/admission/> Please return the forms to the school, and do contact the school if you have any queries on 01473 601748 or via email to [admin@st-marks.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-marks.suffolk.sch.uk)"

**Divine Mercy:** This Sunday at St Mark's we welcome the Artist Ben Goymour and his wife Kerry as they deliver the Divine Mercy Painting commissioned for St Mark's. The Image will be solemnly blessed at the 11 am Mass. Copies of this painting will be available as prayer cards after this weekend. Go to <https://www.bengoymour.com/> to see more.

## News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

**The First Sunday of Advent – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year B**  
**Services during the coming week – First Week of Advent, Year II**

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Advent, offered for the People of the Parish. Raeder: R Cork, Offertory: Cork Family.
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	8:00 am 10:00 am	Holy Mass, open intention. Reader: F Vieira, Offertory: Cleary Family, Eucharistic Minister: C Moore. Holy Mass, open intention. Reader: A James, Offertory: M Geisel/M Mayhew, Eucharistic Minister: W Lobo. <i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass prepared and served by Rosemary &amp; Michael</i>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Feria <b>No Mass Today</b>	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass, open intention
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Feria 12 noon	Holy Mass, open intention
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	St Ambrose 10:00 am	Holy Mass, open intention
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10:00 am	Holy Mass followed by Exposition and a Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent, offered for the people of the parish.

**Today's Gospel:** Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel - Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus. Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples - Peter, James, John, and Andrew - who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face. Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasises the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes. Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering. Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man. *Courtesy Loyola Press*

**Advent Wreath:** Today, the first Sunday of Advent, we place upon the sanctuary our Advent wreath. This is a circular garland of evergreen branches representing eternity on which five candles are arranged: three purple candles and one pink around the wreath and one white one at its centre. During the season of Advent, one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday as a part of the Advent services. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ and as a whole, these candles represent the coming of the light of Christ into the world. Each Sunday in Advent, a particular Advent candle is lit. Catholic tradition states that the four candles, representing the four weeks of Advent, each stands for one thousand years, to total the 4,000 years from the time of Adam and Eve until the birth of the Saviour. On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This first candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah and is typically called the "*Prophesy Candle*" in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ:

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Emmanuel.*

**Parish 150 Club:** The November prize draw of the parish 150 Club was due to be made on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Owing to holiday absences, this draw has been postponed and will instead be made after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Dependent Priests Fund:** The Dependent Priests Fund is a charity run by priests of the diocese, but independent of the diocese, to support priests in mainly medical, but also in general need. There will be a retiring collection for this cause next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December – collectors please note. Please Gift Aid your donations if you can, but note that, as this is a charity independent of the diocese, it has a separate charity registration number and as such the special Gift Aid envelopes provided must be used and not the printed Diocesan ones.

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**Church cleaning Saturday**

16/12 starting at 0900.

Flower arrangements Friday

22/12 from 1 pm.

Help needed on this day.

**Experience not necessary, only  
enthusiasm and Spirit.**

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**Cafod World gifts** – looking for a gift for the person who has everything? or a way to remember a loved one who has died. Then visit [cafod.org.uk/worldgifts](http://cafod.org.uk/worldgifts).

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**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 Casilda Janssen (1973), Walter Richardson (1996), Mary McGinley (1993), Pamela Dee (2013), George Grimwood (1969), Alice Keohane (1981), Caterina Golecki (1981), Johann Janssen (1981), Gertrude Quinn (1984), Ernest Allum (1968), Casimir Carlton (1995), Dermott O'Connell (1998) and Margaret Wright (1986) 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*

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