



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:
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St Mark's School
Headteacher:
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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

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Confession:
by appointment

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Headteacher: Jo Berry and
Ross McGill
Safeguarding
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Eucharistic Adoration:
Tuesdays at 9:30 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 30th November 2025

Responsorial Psalm – Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD

1st Sunday of Advent – Year A

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

SATURDAY 29/11/2025	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: Stellah Najjingo RIP	1st week of Advent
SUNDAY 30/11/2025	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: People of the Parish 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Offered for: All Holy Souls 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: Diane McKenna RIP	1st week of Advent
TUESDAY 2/12/2025	09:30 St Mary Magdalen: Exposition, Adoration and Rosary 10:00 Holy Family Mass and Adoration from 9.20am Offered For: Connie & George Edwards RIP	
WEDNESDAY 3/12/2025	09:30 St Mark's Offered For: Pamela Jones	
THURSDAY 4/12/2025	10:00 St Mary Magdalen Offered For: Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Angela Walmesley-Cotham RIP (Foundation Mass)	St John of Damascus
FRIDAY 5/12/2025	12:15 St Mark's Offered For: McGinn Family	
SATURDAY 6/12/2025	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: People of the Parish	1st week of Advent
SUNDAY 7/11/2025	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: Pamela Davidson RIP 09:45 St Mary Magdalen 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: John Mensah RIP	2nd Sunday of Advent
Ipswich Polish Catholic Mission	<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>	

**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*

Second collection for Christmas Flowers

this

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th November

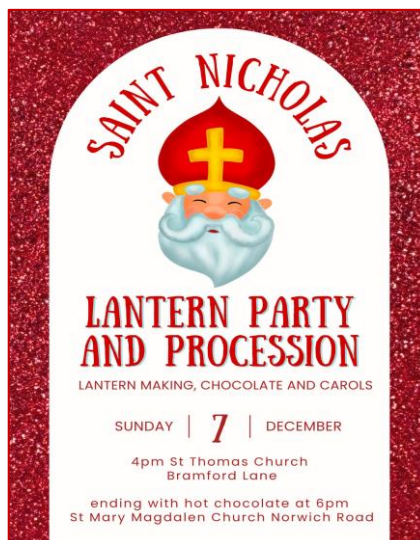


Catholic Teaching from Fr Luke Goymour

Teaching Pamphlets and devotional materials available at the back of Church and on digital download by Fr Luke – Free of Charge

Young person of Confirmation Age? (School Yr 8) Please collect and return forms from the back of the Church to express your interest. **Confirmation classes due to start in January.**

Dec 8th Mass: Solemn Mass for Immaculate conception at St Marks at 7pm. With guest preacher and release of a new booklet on Our Lady of Ipswich



Nativity Festival: 13th December @ St Marks. We need YOU! See over page for more information

100 CLUB - This club raises funds for the Parish and hold a monthly prize draw where three cash prizes are on. 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



FIND – Sends thanks to everyone for their generosity. To make Christmas better for a lot of families they would appreciate donations of: Boxes of chocolates and tubs of sweets. Tins of biscuits, Christmas desserts (e.g. Christmas cake, puddings, mince pies) Chutney and pickles, stuffing and gravy mixes, savoury snacks. Gift ideas are Vouchers, with the receipt attached, Toys and gifts for children 0-17 years. Christmas wrapping paper and Sellotape, gifts and toiletries for adults. The box for your offerings sits is under the table at the back of St. Mark's church.

Nativity Festival will take place on **Saturday 13 December from 10-1pm**. We invite you to share your nativity scenes with a note on its history, it/they could be new, passed down through the family and represent your culture. Children's nativity type scenes would be wonderful. 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 next day.**

Nativity volunteers helping with the Nativity Festival on Friday and/or Saturday there will be a meeting at St Mark's church hall after mass on Sunday 7th December to plan and discuss and agree on our roles.

Carol Concert – 4pm at St Mark's on Sunday 21st December, followed by refreshments in the church hall. Helpers required to prepare and serve refreshments please, if you are interested in helping, please speak to Anne Verney.

Christmas Crafts n' pray for children and families: in St Mark's Church Hall Tuesday 23rd December 10am-12.

St Mark's School, Head Teacher Dr Michael Keller has an appealed for our help - Please support a local petition calling for a safe, dedicated drop-off and pick-up bay on Stone Lodge Lane West, outside St Mark's School and Stone Lodge Academy. The road is increasingly congested at school times, with cars stopping on the carriageway and putting children at risk. A clearly marked bay would improve safety, reduce traffic problems, and support families who must travel by car. Please consider adding your name to help encourage the councils to take action. You can access the petition via this website address: <https://c.org/c2MVzPCWwC>

Advent 2025: Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord and in this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed in Lectionary Cycle A. Weekday readings are taken from Liturgical Year II.

Advent Wreath: On the first Sunday of Advent, we set up the Advent wreath—a circular arrangement of evergreens with five candles: three purple, one pink, and one white at the center. Each Sunday, a new candle is lit, symbolizing spiritual preparation for Christ's coming and representing the arrival of his light to the world. According to Catholic tradition, the four outer candles mark the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve to Jesus' birth. The first purple candle, lit today, stands for hope and is known as the "Prophecy Candle," recalling the prophets who foretold Christ's birth.

Bible Study Group at St Mary Magdalen: The Bible study group will meet this week in the Garden Room at 7:15 pm on Thursday 4th December. New members are always welcome – just come along on the night and bring your bible with you. There will be spares available if you forget.

Rosary: The new Adoration and Rosary session on Tuesday mornings is picking up well with new faces joining us each week. Why don't you come along too and spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament? If numbers permit, we adjourn to the Garden Room afterwards for a cup of coffee! Do join us at 9:30 am.

CAFOD World Gifts: On the table in the church porch, you will find copies of CAFOD's 2025 World Gifts catalogue, offering a range of Christmas gifts and products you can purchase which will aid communities and individuals around the

world who are a lot worse off than we are in this country. Gifts can be purchased online, by telephone or by completing the freepost order form at the back of each catalogue. Full details can also be found on the parish web site.

St Mary Magdalen 150 Club: The November prize draw was made last Sunday in the Garden Room after Mass. The winners were Mr & Mrs M Saunders, Mr & Mrs Cork and Mr & Mrs Riches. Full details of the prizes and prize-winners can be found on the porch notice board and also on the parish web site. The Club has space for new members and we urge every parishioner to sign up for this fund-raising venture – 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.



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.



Can You Help? The carpet in the priest's sacristy is looking rather tired and worn. We have a new piece of carpet but need somebody to fit it. Can you help? Are you, or do you know, a carpet fitter who could spare a couple of hours to fit a new piece of carpet about 9 square metres? If you can help please speak to Fr Luke or send an email to contact@marymagdalens.org.

St Pancras RC Primary School: As part of an ongoing process to strengthen the ties between school and parish, the Headteacher at St Pancras, Mr McGill, has extended an open invitation to all members of the parish to pop along to the school on Friday mornings to join in their assembly. Each Friday at 9:05 am they hold assembly, at which various performance presentations are made to some of the children. Any person wishing to pop along will be very welcome.

St Mary Magdalen: The Sick of the 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: Our Own Dear Departed - Of your charity, please pray for 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), Agnes Eaton (1999), Casilda Janssen (1973), Walter Richardson (1996), Mary McGinley (1993), Pamela Dee (2013), George Grimwood (1969), Alice Keohane (1981), Caterina Golecki (1981), Johann Janssen (1981) and Ida James (2023) 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