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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.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

## News for St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – <b>Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> WEEK OF THE YEAR – Year B		
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:		
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>3/2/24</b>	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> Offered For: Alice Myers Riley RIP	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>4/2/24</b>	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: The Meadway family in thanksgiving <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>6/2/24</b>	<b>10:00 am Holy Family</b> Offered for: Beryl Edwards RIP	<b>St. Paul Miki &amp; Comps.</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>7/2/24</b>	<b>9:30 am St. Mark's</b> Offered for: Michael Goymour RIP	<b>Feria</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>8/2/24</b>	<b>NO MASS at St. Mark's</b> 10:00 at St. Mary Magdalens	<b>Feria</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>9/2/24</b>	<b>12:15 pm St. Mark's</b> Offered for: Miriam Oberding	<b>Feria</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>10/2/24</b>	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>11/12/23</b>	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: Anita Elizabeth Wilkins RIP <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> (18:30 Evening Prayer with Praise and Worship) Offered For: Annette Murphy RIP	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</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**

**NEXT SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**  
**Evening Prayer with Praise and Worship at 6.30 pm**

**Parish Mission Coming Soon!**



**YOUNG ADULTS Meeting (18 – 30 ish) 8<sup>th</sup> February at the Cricketeers at 7pm. Email Jess at [jessicamccall@btinternet.com](mailto:jessicamccall@btinternet.com)**

**Inviting young people (age 16 – 30) to Transform For Lent** It might seem that Christmas was only yesterday but already it's not long until Lent! The Ignite Team are hosting a weekend retreat for young people at Clare Priory the weekend before Lent begins (10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> February). Contemporary music, inspiring talks and passionate prayer times. For more information and to book a place see [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth)

**The Big Lent Walk -** Cafod invite you to take part in this event during Lent. To find out more visit their website at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

**Medjugorje 2024** – The pilgrimage to Medjugorje this year is from 19<sup>th</sup> September to 26<sup>th</sup> September. The details are as the successful pilgrimage last year and the price is the same, £779 per person for a shared room. For information contact Chris McEwen on [chrismceweneb@gmail.com](mailto:chrismceweneb@gmail.com) or 07967 568852

**FIND, thanks us for our continuing generosity** - Their current needs are crisps, squash, tinned potatoes, fruit, steak, mince, peas, carrots, and rice pudding. Also Pasta sauce

**Please collect used postage stamps for our local hospice** ALL YEAR, not just at Christmas and place them in the box at the rear of the church to help support the outstanding work of our local Hospice.

**100 CLUB** - Pick up an application form to join or take a further number at the back of the church or contact Graeme Forsyth at [mgforsyth@outlook.com](mailto:mgforsyth@outlook.com) or on 01206 399049. Visit the Parish Website or scan the QR code here



**On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February, the Vigil of the Feast Our Lady of Lourdes**, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

**Congratulations to Baby Leonardo baptised at Mass This Sunday**

**Parish Mission 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024** – The Sisters from the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham will be coming to Ipswich to run a parish Mission for the first week of Lent. **The Mission will be based at St Mark's** but will have some events at both **Holy Family and St Mary Magdalens** as well. More info to follow, follow the QR code on page two to be taken to the mission schedule

**A new group is forming in the Diocese to help to reduce modern slavery here.** During 2022, in our Diocese alone, 746 souls were found enslaved and rescued. Police describe this number of enslaved people, as the tip of the iceberg. Pope Francis wants us to "find" enslaved people. All that means is learning (simply) to spot the signs and safely report them to the Modern Slavery Helpline 08000 121 700. The new group is looking for young & older volunteers to join the group. No previous knowledge or experience required, just a wish to end slavery in our diocese. Please contact [john\\_simong@hotmail.com](mailto:john_simong@hotmail.com) to discuss possibly volunteering and read the leaflet about St Bakhita (regarded as the patron saint of Modern Slavery) at <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/caritas-east-anglia/modern-slavery>



*you're*  
**INVITED**

ST MARK'S CHURCH  
Second Sundays 6:30pm

ST. MARK  
*Roman Catholic Church*

ST. MARY MAGDALEN  
*Roman Catholic Church*

180 Hawthorn Drive, Ipswich IP2 0QQ

## News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

<b>The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year B</b> <b>Services during the coming week – Fifth Week of the Year, Year II</b> <i>Today we welcome back Fr Paul after his holiday.</i>		
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for the people of the parish. Reader: I Suttle, Offertory: Hennon Family
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Lissamma Mathew. Reader C Moore, Offertory: Cleary Family, Eucharistic Minister: C Moore.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered in thanksgiving for our wedding anniversary (WL). Reader: A James, Offertory: Pakes Family, Eucharistic Minister: M Geisel.
<i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass, this week served by Molly &amp; Michael</i>		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	St Agatha	
	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	St Paul Miki and Companions	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the repose of the soul of Rachael Abbott RIP
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Feria	
	12 noon	Holy Mass, offered for the repose of the soul of V J Joseph RIP
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Margaret Murray RIP
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the Vieira Family, followed by Exposition, a chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction.
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for the people of the parish.

**Today's Gospel:** Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present. On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others

who brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples - acting as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places. Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee. Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness. In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. He rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives. *Courtesy Loyola Press*

**Catholic East Anglia:** The February edition of Catholic East Anglia, the free Diocesan newspaper, is out now and you can collect a copy from the church porch. This edition includes a report on a media and faith conference in Norwich, a church's eco-move with solar panels and also includes a report on Bishop Peter Collins meeting diocesan seminarians, Christmas at St John's Cathedral and a Catholic family's appeal after a shock brain tumour diagnosis. You can also read about the new painting of the Divine Mercy which was commissioned by Fr Luke and is now installed at St Mark's church. You can also read this edition on-line on the parish web site – scan the QR code to take you directly to it.



**Diocesan Year Book:** The Diocesan Year Book 2024 has now been published, and copies are available in the church porch priced at £3 per copy. A digital copy of the Year Book is also available on the parish web site, from where it can be downloaded or referred to as required. To find the Yearbook on line, simply scan the QR code.



**Craft Session:** It has been suggested that we might start a craft group within the parish. Such a group would probably meet on a monthly basis in the afternoon or possibly an evening during the week. If you would be interested in such a venture, or would like to hear more information about this idea and the sorts of crafts that might be covered, then please contact Jean McSorley on 01473 462740 or by email to [jkmcsorley@hotmail.com](mailto:jkmcsorley@hotmail.com)

**The Alpha Course:** The Alpha course continues this week with the next session taking place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, at 12:30 pm in the St Mary Magdalen Garden Room and at 7:30 pm at St Mark's church hall.

**Would you like to be Chosen?:** Hopefully the answer to that question is yes!

**First Holy Communion 2024:** The instruction classes for this year's First Holy Communion candidates have started and continue with the next classes on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at St Mark's church, Hawthorne Drive, starting at 6:00 pm, and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February when the class will be held at St Mary Magdalen church starting at 9:30 am. The full schedule of dates for the remaining classes can be found on the parish web site.

**Patrick "Paddy" Mullan RIP:** Patrick Mullan, a long standing parishioner in the parish, passed away in hospital on 14<sup>th</sup> January. His funeral will be held at St Mary Magdalen church at 11 am on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Please pray for the repose of Patrick's soul, and also remember in your prayers his widow Martha and all his family and friends who mourn his passing.

**Social Committee:** The social committee met last week, following which a couple of events have been announced. Please note the following dates for your diaries. On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March there will be a quiz evening in the church hall at 7:00 pm. Tickets will cost £8 each and will include a supper of jacket potato and chilli. Following that, an international evening is being planned for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April – book the date now, more details to follow.

**Parish 150 Club:** The January prize draw of the parish 150 Club was made last Sunday in the Garden Room after the 10:00 am Mass. Congratulations to the winners Mr D Moore, Miss S Fosker, Mrs W Lobo and Mrs V Davison. The list of prize winners can be found in the church porch and on the parish web site. We are always on the lookout for additional members and there is plenty of room for new joiners. If you are not a member, why not sign up today and help support your parish. 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.



**The Sick of the Parish:** We ask your prayers for Patrick Doran, Sheila 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 the repose of the souls of our faithful departed and especially for William Clancy (1979), Andrew Flynn (1999), Imelda Foulger (1996), Jeanie Walker (2007), Ivy Long (1977), Darren Platts (2012), Charles Vieira (1996), Eileen Knight (1997), John Metcalfe (2007), Hilda Chaisty (2012), Caterina Fella (1989), Elizabeth "Elsie" Robinson (2002), George Youngman (1966), Harold Mottram (1977), Antonio Melero (1979), Delia Reilly (1991), Sheila White (2003), Michael McGlead (2014), Michael Parmenter (2018) and Percy Beavis (1978) 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.*