



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EAST ANGLIA

*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:**  
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**Parish Safeguarding Rep:**  
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**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



## ST MARY MAGDALEN

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**Confession:**  
5:30pm Saturday  
and by appointment

**Parish School:**  
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**Headteacher:** Jo Berry and  
Ross McGill  
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**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 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

## News at St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.		
3 <sup>rd</sup> week of Easter – Year C		
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:		
<b>SATURDAY</b> 3/5/25	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 4/5/25	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: Anne Smitheram in thanksgiving <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Sheila Creegan RIP	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 6/5/25	<b>10:00 Holy Family Votive Mass to the Holy Spirit</b> Offered For: John Ashdown-Hill RIP	<b>Easter Feria</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7/5/25	<b>9:30 am St. Mark's</b> Offered For: Michael Kelly RIP	<b>Easter Feria</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8/5/25	<b>NO MASS at St. Mark's</b> 10:00 at St. Mary Magdalens	<b>Easter Feria</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9/5/25	<b>12:15 pm St. Mark's</b> Offered For: Mr. & Mrs. Tom Goymour	<b>Easter Feria</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 10/5/25	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 11/5/25	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: Christopher Moss <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Margaret & Roger Willett	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</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***

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**From Bishop Peter:** As we complete the Nine Days of Official Mourning, days when we have offered our prayers for the eternal repose of our late Holy Father, Pope Francis, the Universal Church now invokes a particular outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the College of Cardinals. The Cardinals have already been meeting in 'Congregation', including those who are over eighty years of age, to reflect and discuss prayerfully in preparation for the Conclave. The Cardinal Electors, those under eighty years of age, will enter Conclave on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May. I call upon every member of this Local Church, the Diocese of East Anglia, to join me over the coming days in offering fervent prayer in support of the Cardinal Electors. We entrust the Church to Divine Providence as we await the election of the 267<sup>th</sup> Successor of St Peter. I urge each Parish Community to celebrate a Votive Mass to the Holy Spirit on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2025.

**Good Shepherd Sunday:** This coming/next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday; a day when we reflect on how the ministry of Christ as Priest, Prophet and Shepherd continues in the Church through the ordained priesthood. Priests do not fall from Heaven ready-made. The call to priesthood needs to be heard, vocations need to be nurtured, and funding is needed to provide for priestly formation. The cost of training a priest is more than £150,000. We all have our part to play in praying and encouraging vocations and in financially supporting for the formation of our future parish priests. Please continue to pray for priestly vocations and be as generous as possible towards the Second Collection on Good Shepherd's Sunday

**Day for Anyone Thinking About a Vocation to the Priesthood:** The Diocese is organising a short day of recollection for anyone open to the possibility of discerning a calling to the priesthood.

Held at the parish church in Thetford on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May, beginning with Mass at 10:30am, the day is open to those at any stage of discernment, including those who may simply be curious about beginning to explore this path. It will include times of prayer, as well as input from Fr Gregory Pearson (of the Dominicans), Fr Christopher Smith, (Diocesan Director of Vocations) and Prof Richard Macquire (Cathedral Heritage Officer).

For more information and to express interest in attending, you are warmly encouraged to contact Fr Christopher Smith at [christopher.smith@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:christopher.smith@rcdea.org.uk)

**FIND - The** donation box is still under the table at the back of the Church the Church. **Thet need:** Fresh fruit, Tinned carrots and sweetcorn, Pot noodles sugar, squash, UHT milk, treats, biscuits and jam.

**Welcoming our parishioners at Mass** - is a very important ministry and plays a crucial role at church by creating a warm and inviting atmosphere for both new visitors and regular members, setting the tone for the worship experience

***\*Parish Family BBQ Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May after 11 am Mass (Kid's Church incorporated!) \*Save the date\****

and making people feel welcomed and valued, often contributing significantly to a positive first impression of the church community. We are wanting to increase the number of people that welcome at Mass, both when they arrive and when they leave. If you are interested in this important ministry as an individual or as a family group, then please do get in touch with Joanna McCall at [joanna@stmarksparish.org.uk](mailto:joanna@stmarksparish.org.uk)

**100 CLUB** – This club raises funds for the Parish and hold a monthly prize draw. 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)



**SVP – Saint Vincent de Paul Society** The next meeting will be at 10.00am on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Everyone is welcome. For more details contact Diana Pointer – email: [dianapointer@icloud.com](mailto:dianapointer@icloud.com)

**Annual Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September. £829.00 when sharing a room. There are a few places still available for this year's Pilgrimage to Medjugorje. If you want to know more about it look in "VITA" or contact Chris by e-mail on [chrismceweneb@gmail.com](mailto:chrismceweneb@gmail.com)

## News at St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

### **Third Sunday of Easter – 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2025. Readings: Liturgical Year C.** **Services during the coming week – The Third Week of Easter, Liturgical Year I**

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish. Reader: C Riches, Offertory: Cork Family Eucharistic Ministers: K Cork, C Moore.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass. Reader: A James, Offertory: M Mayhew/M Geisel, Eucharistic Ministers: M Long, S Snell, J Poll
	12 noon	Holy Mass, celebrated in Polish for the Ipswich Polish Catholic Community.
<i>Please join us in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass for tea and coffee, served this week by Nigel &amp; Julie</i>		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	
<b>No Mass Today at St Mary Magdalen Church</b>		
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	
	12 noon	Holy Mass.
	7:30 pm	Alpha Course, session 2, in St Mark's church hall.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass.
	7:15 pm	Bible study group meets in the Garden Room
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass, followed by Exposition, a Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction.
<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter – World Day of Prayer for Vocations</b>		
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish. Reader: C Riches, Offertory: Cork Family Eucharistic Ministers: K Cork, C Moore.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass. Reader: A James, Offertory: M Mayhew/M Geisel, Eucharistic Ministers: M Long, S Snell, J Poll

**Next Sunday:** Next week, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations – the day on which we are all asked to pray especially for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The late Pope Francis said *"Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say 'yes' to God."* There will be a retiring collection taken next week for the Diocesan priests' training fund.

**Alpha Course:** The new Alpha course continues next Wednesday evening. The second session, entitled Who Is Jesus?, will be held in St Mark's church hall, 180 Hawthorn Drive, Ipswich, IP2 0QQ starting at 7:30 in the evening.

**St Mary Magdalen 150 Club:** At the time of writing, there are still 50 subscriptions unpaid for the new year. If you have not yet paid your subscription, please do so now as a matter of urgency. There are also a number of subscribers who have, for one reason or another, decided not to renew their membership this year, the result being that we currently have 63 less paid up subscriptions than we had at the end of the previous year in March. If you are not a member of the 150 Club please do sign up now. Application forms are available in the church porch and also online on the parish website – the QR code will take you to the correct page. Please do sign up and help support your parish in this way. As a result of the above, the April prize draw will now be combined with the May prize draw, with both month's prizes being drawn on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May in the Garden Room after 10:00 am Mass.



**David Gilbert RIP:** Please remember David in your prayers. Having emigrated some years back, his ashes were returned to England after he passed away last year. On Thursday last, his ashes were interred in the Memorial Garden at St Mary Magdalens after a simple service which followed the 10:00 am Mass. Please remember David in your



prayers, and also pray for his mother Pat and the other members of his family who mourn his passing. Details of the parish memorial garden can be found on the web site.

**Date for your Diaries:** On Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May there will be something new for Ipswich – a Deanery based Walking Pilgrimage of Our Lady of Ipswich to mark the feast of the Visitation. The walk will start from each of St Mary's, St Marks, and St Mary Magdalens churches and the three groups will come together at St Pancras church for the Angelus at 12 noon followed by the Mass of the Feast of the Visitation at 12:15. The walk from St Mary Magdalen will start at 10:45. This event offers us all a chance to witness our faith and devotion, especially to Our Lady, and it would be a very good thing for as many as possible to join in and make the event a great success.

**Catholic East Anglia:** The May edition of Catholic East Anglia, the Diocesan newspaper, is out now and free copies are available in the church porch. Please do take one home and catch up on news and events across the Diocese. The edition includes news of Bishop Peter Collins' tribute to Pope Francis and also includes reports on the Easter celebrations at the Cathedral and across the Diocese. The newspaper can also be read on-line on the parish web site – simply scan the QR code to the right and you will be taken directly to the article.



**Help Needed:** We have a lady who has recently moved into the area and hopes to be attending St Mary Magdalen church regularly. She has no transport however, and we are hoping that somebody who lives in, or passes through Claydon, might be able to offer her a lift on a regular basis. If you can help, please drop an email to [contact@marymagdalens.org](mailto:contact@marymagdalens.org) or speak to Michael Long.

**Are you new to the Parish:** If you are new to the parish, or have only recently joined, please could you complete a registration form that can be found in the church porch, or downloaded from the parish web site. This will ensure we have your details in the parish records and can effect a proper introduction and welcome to you and your family. The adjacent QR code will take you directly to the registration form on the parish web site.



**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 Catherine M Head (2008), Sybil Turnbull (2019), Patrick McManus (1986), Manuel Giner, Ronald Blake (2005), Canon Augustine Peacock, founder of parish (1956), John Beeby (1985), Peter McWalter, Peter Samudovsky (2020) and Phyllis Cullen (1998) 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.*

## Notices for both Parishes



### CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EAST ANGLIA



#### EAST ANGLIA WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

### MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025

<b>11:00</b> Gathering at the Coach Park near the Old Railway Station  Followed by Rosary Procession Via : Village - Holy Mile - Basilica	<b>14:00</b> Service of Reconciliation and Confessions in the Chapel of Reconciliation and Shrine Grounds  Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel of Reconciliation
<b>12:00</b> Crowning of the Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham  Solemn Pontifical Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation	<b>15:00</b> Solemn Benediction

## Our Lady of Ipswich

### Walking Pilgrimage

The Ipswich Deanery of St Edward



Walking and praying from four locations across Ipswich to come together for Mass at St Pancras for the Feast of the Visitation,  
**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

Starting from:

- +St Mark's, Hawthorn Drive at 10:30 am
- +St Mary Magdalen, Norwich Road at 10:45 am
- +St Mary's Woodbridge Road at 11: 15 am
- +Lady Lane at 11: 30 am

+Angelus at 12 Noon + Holy Mass at 12:15 at St Pancras +

*Please pray to the Holy Spirit for the cardinals taking part in the conclave to elect our next Holy Father*