



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:
Fr Luke Goymour VF

Parish School:
St Mark's School
Headteacher:
Dr Michael Keller

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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 Trem Time
after 11:15 Mass



ST MARY MAGDALEN

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Parish Priest:
Fr Luke Goymour VF

Confession:
by appointment

Parish School:
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Headteacher: Jo Berry and
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Eucharistic Adoration:
Tuesdays at 10 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 5th October 2025

**Responsorial Psalm – Oh that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

27th week in Ordinary Time – Year C

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

SATURDAY 4/10/2025	17:30 St Mark’s Anticipatory Mass 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: Tom Patten RIP
SUNDAY 5/10/2025	08:00 Holy Family 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: People of the Parish ** 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Offered For: People of the Parish 11:15 St Mark’s Offered For: Lynn Sellers RIP
TUESDAY 7/10/2025	10:00: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary at St Mary Magdalen
WEDNESDAY 8/10/2025	NO MASS this week on these Days UNTIL FRIDAY <i>Masses are celebrated at St Pancras and St Mary Woodbridge Rd, please see there website and newsletter for details</i>
THURSDAY 9/10/2025	
FRIDAY 10/10/2025	12:15 St Mark’s Offered For: Pat West Int.
SATURDAY 11/10/2025	17:30 St Mark’s Anticipatory Mass 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: Ann Cookson RIP
SUNDAY 12/10/2025	08:00 Holy Family 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: People of the Parish 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Offered For: People of the Parish 11:15 St Mark’s Offered For: Maria Fisher RIP
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</i>

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

There will be a 2nd

collection after mass on
5th October for

CAFOD

NEW TO our

PARISHES or not yet
registered on Church
Suite?

Please send an email to the
Parish Office

office@stmarksparish.org.uk

*After Mass at all 3
churches, we have tea,
coffee and biscuits. If you
could join us that
would be wonderful! We can
tell you more about the
parish.*

**Rosary Workshop
with the Guild of Our
Lady of Ipswich 10:30
for 11 am – 1pm
Saturday October 11th
at St Mark’s.**

Fr Luke will give a
presentation on the
history and
development of the
Rosary and then
participants will have
the opportunity to make
their own.

****There will be a Forum Meeting open to all at Holy Family Church after the 8:00 am Mass on Sunday (5th October)**

Harvest supper bring and share - Saturday 18th October from 6:30 (after 5:30 mass) We will be holding a community bring and share meal and would like to invite everyone from St Mark’s, Holy Family and Mary Magdalen. There will be a raffle, and proceeds will go to the Free Food Pantry located in St Mark’s garden, to the right of the church hall. The event will be advertised on our socials and ChurchSuite, please respond to the invite

so we can cater for numbers and let Claire Proctor know if you are bringing a main or pudding on soubes@googlemail.com or mobile 07795595165.

St Vincent De Paul Society meeting will be held at Mary Magdalen at 10:30am (after 10am mass) Thursday 16th October.

Message from St Mark's Parish Treasurer Michael Cowell on Standing Orders – As part of simplifying parish finances we plan to eventually close the old NatWest account. While we don't intend to make this in the immediate future, we kindly ask parishioners to check that their standing orders are being paid into the Barclays account listed on the front of the newsletter please.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest - Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

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



The Alpha Course - Begins again on Wednesday November 12th and runs for 11 sessions, plus all day Saturday 17th January, finishing on 11th February with a celebration meal.

- 12.30 - 2pm in the Church Hall at St. Mary Magdalen with a light lunch
- 7.30 - 9pm in the Church Hall at St. Mark's with a hot meal

Alpha is a great opportunity to explore the basics of the Christian faith together, in a warm and welcoming environment. It's open to everyone, no matter your background or beliefs and it's free. You'll find invitation cards at the back of each church that you can take to give away which has the QR code for signing up on the St Mark's website. Details of the dates and sessions are on the website. The course is run during term time only.



Social Media - we will stop posting in the St Marks Parishes closed group on facebook from October and will move posts to an open group. This will help us to share activities with the wider community. You can help by liking and sharing our posts, so we get as many people as possible to know what we are up to. Please search for **St Marks RC Church Ipswich** for the new page. If you have anything St Marks or Holy Family related that you would like to share then please send it to joanna@stmarksparish.org.

St Mark's School - St Mark's is currently looking for a Foundation Governor to join our Governing Body — a rewarding opportunity to help shape the strategic direction of the school while supporting its Catholic mission. Foundation Governors play a vital role in upholding the school's values, guiding its growth, and ensuring the provision of high-quality Catholic education. We warmly invite applications from practising Catholics who are committed to making a meaningful contribution to our school community.

Curious Cubs - our toddler group organised by the church at St Mark's school, restarted on Monday 8th September!

This group is designed to provide a fun, supportive environment for our younger learners and their families. It will offer a range of activities focused on early development and socialisation. The sessions will take place from Monday 8th September between 9 and 10.30am at St Mark's School. For more information or to sign up, please contact the school office.

FIND – Thank to everyone for their generosity. The latest need for donations are: fresh fruit and vegetables, crisps, treats, tea, jam, cereal bars, toothpaste and toothbrushes. They are very short on fruit juice (individual or large bottles) squash, milk- UHT, long grain rice, soups and cuppa soups. The box for your offerings is under the table at the back of St. Mark's church.

Light Party – For all Primary School Aged Children 31st October at 4pm at St Marks, Games, Crafts, Sweets and Snacks – come dressed as a Saint or Superhero

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: Friday of last week, 3rd October, was the CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day. There will be a retiring collection today, to receive your donations in response to this appeal. There are special collection envelopes in the church porch – please use one and be as generous as you possibly can. You can also donate

on-line at cafod.org. If you do make a donation, please Gift Aid that donation if you are an income tax payer as this will increase the value of your donation to CAFOD by 25% at no additional cost to you. By donating to CAFOD this Harvest Fast Day, you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of drought caused by the climate crisis.

Bible Study Group at St Mary Magdalen: The Bible Study Group meets every Thursday evening at 7:15 pm in the Garden Room. Any persons wishing to join the group will be welcome at any time, - just come along on Thursday evening and bring your Bible – there are spares if you do not have one or forget to bring it.

St Mary Magdalen 150 Club: The September Prize Draw was made last Sunday. Congratulations to the prize winners Mrs R Tearle, Mrs H Abbott, Mrs A Prentice, Mrs L Bond and Mr & Mrs R Cork. Full details of the prizes can be found in the church porch and on the parish web site. The October draw will be made in the garden Room after the 9:45 am Mass on Sunday 26th October. The Club has space for new members – 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 October edition of Catholic East Anglia, the Diocesan newspaper, is available in the church porch. This publication is free of charge. The edition includes news of a major boost for a church 'At Risk' in Peterborough and a report on the Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope and a reflective article on St John Henry Newman. 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.



St Pancras RC Primary School: St Pancras School is holding a number of open days for the benefit of parents of prospective pupils looking to find places for the 2026/2027 reception intake. These open days will be on Wednesday 5th and Tuesday 11th November at 9:15 am and Thursday 6th and Wednesday 12th November at 1:15 pm. To book a place please contact St Pancras school by email admin@st-pancras.suffolk.sch.uk or by phone 01473 742074.

New Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help: The Polish Community now celebrate regular weekly Masses at St Mary Magdalen Church, on Wednesday typically they have devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual help (succour). Fr Luke has given permission for a beautiful icon of Our Lady under this title to hang in the sanctuary.

St Mary Magdalen Parish: 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.*

St Mary Magdalen Parish: Our Own Dear Departed: Of your charity, please pray for Norman Nicholas (1995), Ernest Thomas (2020), Peter Youngman (1979), Lillian Park (2008) and Jean Denny (2003) 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