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Parish School:
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Headteacher:
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Eucharistic Adoration:

St Mark's
Friday 11:40 – 12:10

Holy Family
Tuesday 9:20 – 9:50

Prayer Group:
Mondays 7:00 – 8:30pm
Praise, Worship
scripture & reflection

Confession
St Mark: 5pm Saturday
and by appointment

Children's Liturgy:
11 am 1st, 3rd and 5th
Sundays of each month



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

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:
Account name: 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 6th October 2024.

News for St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – May the Lord bless us all the days of our life		
27th week in Ordinary Time – Year B		
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:		
SATURDAY 5/10/24	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: Mary Taylor	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 6/10/24	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: The People of the Parish 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Simon Suttle RIP	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
TUESDAY 8/10/24	10:00 Holy Family Offered For: Ann Smitheram in thanksgiving	Feria
WEDNESDAY 9/10/24	9:30 am St. Mark's School (Harvest) Offered For: Moira Beavis (MASS TODAY IS IN ST MARK'S SCHOOL)	St. John Henry Newman
THURSDAY 10/10/24	NO MASS at St. Mark's 10:00 at St. Mary Magdalens	Feria
FRIDAY 11/10/24	12:15 pm St. Mark's Offered For: Lisa Gunther & Family	Feria
SATURDAY 12/10/24	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: The People of the Parish	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 13/10/24	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: Mrs. Val Van Walwyk 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Majorie MacDonald	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
second collection at
all Masses this
weekend in aid of
CAFOD**

**There are Mass
Activity Sheets for
Children at the
back of Church:
"Look" children 3-7
"Ichtus" – 8+**

Parish Website: Check out our new look parish website: stmarksparish.org.uk It's still under construction so bear with us. Thanks to Mr Ian Tearle for developing the site, you can email him at operations@stmarksparish.org.uk

100 CLUB – The 150th draw was completed last Sunday 29th September after mass at Holy Family. The results were: 1st number 46 won £94.05, 2nd number 100 won £51.30, 3rd number 155 won £25.65 - 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



ALPHA COURSE – The next course starts on 23rd October at 7.30 at St. Marks. There is also a lunchtime session at 12.30 at St. Mary Magdalens. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the Church, on ChurchSuite and on the website

Pilgrimage to Rome to celebrate the Jubilee of Youth - As part of the Jubilee 2025, the Diocese will be leading a pilgrimage to Rome, joining with thousands of young people from all over the world. If you will be age 16 – 30 next summer 2025, come and join us! Find out more at our Launch Meeting on October 20th at Newmarket Parish Centre, 14 Exeter Road, CB8 8LT, starting at 12:30pm (please bring a packed lunch) and will end by 3pm. See www.rcdea.org.uk/youth for more details.

Tea & Coffee – after Mass every Sunday at both St. Mark's and Holy Family. Everyone is welcome.

First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA registration is open – please fill out the online registration on our website: <https://stmarksparish.org.uk/sacraments> <https://stmarksparish.org.uk/sacraments> In order to support parents and families in the preparation of their children for the sacraments we ask that at least one parent attends an Alpha course, if they haven't already recently done so.

FIND – is requesting donations of the following: Fresh Fruit & Veg. Tinned Fruit, Cereals, Jam, Pasta & Pasta Sauce, Cup A Soup, Soup, Sugar & Tinned Rice. They thank us for our continued support. The box for you offerings is under the table at the back of St. Mark's

The SVP - is experiencing something of a renewal in the Diocese of East Anglia. There are now SVP groups in 18 parishes, including four which have started in the last year or so – in Diss, Aylsham, Hunstanton and Walsingham. Groups in East Anglia run three houses from the homeless, support asylum seekers, do prison visiting, provide baby essentials, ovens and fridges for poor families, help with soup runs, take Communion to the sick, organise lifts to Mass and generally respond to whatever social needs come up in the parish and community.” - **They will visit our Parish in October 26th and 27th October**

Musicians and Singers: Would you like to be involved in building a music ministry at St Mark’s, to praise God with both traditional hymns and contemporary music? This is an important part of our weekly liturgy, so if you play any instrument or sing or have any other involvement in music please do get in touch: simon@stmarksparish.org.uk

Saturday 12th October: Men's retreat day at Clare Priory "Fight the good fight of the Faith" with Father Luke and Father Gladson. 10am to 9pm. Free event but donations welcome. Please bring your own food. Refreshments provided. Clare Priory, Ashen Road, Clare, Suffolk CO10 8NX. No booking required.

Christmas Fayre – Now the Nativity Festival The Christmas Fayre has run successfully for many years in our parish, this year, however, we are going to try something different and instead of a Christmas Fayre have a ‘Nativity Festival’ on **Saturday 14th December**. The church will be decorated and nativity scenes will be on display around the Church. St Nicholas (Santa) will be there as well as a café and some craft and bake stalls in the Church Hall. We will have far fewer stalls this year, so we will not be needing to collect the usual soft toys and brick-a-brack, which we have done in previous years. More information to follow...

News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 6th October, 2024: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year B. Services during the coming week – Twenty-seventh Week of the Year, Year II

Saturday 5 th October	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of the 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for the people of the parish. Reader: R Cork, Offertory: Cork Family
Sunday 6 th October	8:00 am 10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for G C Vieira. Reader: C Riches, Offertory: Moore Family, Eucharistic Minister: C Moore. Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Valerian Lobo RIP. Reader: A James, Offertory: M Mayhew/M Geisel, Eucharistic Minister: M Geisel
<i>Please join us in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass for tea and coffee, prepared and served by Rosemary & Julie</i>		
Monday 7 th October	Our Lady of the Rosary	No Mass Today
Tuesday 8 th October	Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for all members of the Vieira Family, living and dead.
Wednesday 9 th October	St John Henry Newman 12 noon	Holy Mass
Thursday 10 th October	Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for all members of the Vieira Family, living and dead.
Friday 11 th October	Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for all members of the Vieira Family, living and dead, followed by Exposition, a chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction
Saturday 12 th October	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of the 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for the people of the parish. Reader: I Suttle, Offertory: Hennon Family
Sunday 13 th October	8:00 am 10:00 am	Holy Mass Reader: F Vieira, Offertory: Cleary Family, Eucharistic Minister: E Cleary. Holy Mass Reader: M Pakes, Offertory: Pakes Family, Eucharistic Minister: W Lobo

Today’s Gospel: In today’s Gospel reading, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him. The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus and was regulated by the Law of Moses. This law only permitted that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus enquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God’s original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God’s original intention because of human stubbornness. In private, Jesus’ disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus’ teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery. At first glance, the final part of today’s Gospel

seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce, but when read together, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children and by welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God. At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus and he reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers. *Courtesy Loyola Press*

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: Friday last was CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day, and this weekend there will be a second collection at all three Masses in support of CAFOD's Harvest Appeal. Please use the special CAFOD envelopes for your donation and if you are able to Gift Aid your donation, please do so as this will enable CAFOD to reclaim from the Government the tax that you have already paid on your donation, thus increasing its value by 25%. CAFOD also has a special donation page on its web site that you can use for credit and debit card donations if you prefer and you can find this by scanning the QR code or by following the link on the parish web site.



First Holy Communion 2025: The registration of children wishing to make their First Holy Communion next year is now open. Registration is on line – go to stmarksparish.org.uk/first-holy-communion, scan the QR code or follow the link from the parish web site. Parents of candidates will be required to attend an Alpha course, or to have recently already done so.



Help: We need helpers to assist with the cleaning of the church. If you can give half an hour of your time now and again to help with this, please speak to Fr Paul or Linis Dolby, or email churchcleaning@marymagdalens.org

Catholic East Anglia: The October edition of Catholic East Anglia, the Diocesan newspaper, is now available and you can collect a copy free of charge from the back of the church. This edition includes a report on East Anglian delegates at the national *Adoremus* gathering and a report on the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Also included are reports on the Dowry of Mary pilgrimage to Walsingham, two Catholic families from Suffolk conquering a mountain for charity and a call to fight modern slavery in our region. You can also read the newspaper on line on the parish web site – scan the QR code to take you there.



150 Club: The September draw of the parish 150 Club was made last weekend. The winners were £25 Mr T Butcher, £20 Mr & Mrs Pakes, £15 Mr & Mrs Iannelli and £10 Mrs C Butcher. The September bonus prizes were £50 Mr M Bloomfield and £25 Mr R Hennon. Those subscribers who pay their membership 6-monthly are reminded that the second half-year payment is now due. Anybody wishing to join the 150 Club can find membership forms in the church porch or can sign up using the on-line application form on the parish web site.

Alpha Course: The new Alpha course will be starting on Wednesday 23rd October – a lunch time session will be held at St Mary Magdalen church and an evening session at St Mark's church. This course is recommended for everyone. Each session starts with a meal together – a light lunch of soup for the St Mary Magdalens session and a meal at the St Marks session. This shared meal is followed by a video after which you break into small groups to discuss and share views about what you have seen. There is no charge for the course, and those that have previously attended can attest to the valuable contribution it has made to obtaining a deeper understanding of their faith. There is a sign-up sheet in the church porch and you are all warmly encouraged to sign up for this and encourage friends and family to come along too – Catholic or not, believers or not.

The Chosen: Following the showing of season 1 of the Chosen in the church hall in June, we will be carrying on with Season 2 in November. On Saturdays 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd November there will be two episodes shown each evening with a short break in the middle. Refreshments will be provided. Last time, the whole experience was greatly enjoyed by those that attended, but the overall level of attendance was disappointing given the size of the parish. Hopefully a lot more will come along for season 2 and enjoy this very worthwhile series.

Please Be Careful: On a couple of recent occasions the door at the back of church has been left unlocked. The patio doors in the Graden Room leading to the Garden have also been left unlocked. If you are the last one out of any church property, please make sure all the doors are locked after you.

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Find are looking for a administrative assistant to work alongside Maureen and a draft copy of the job description/person specification is on the Find notice board if anyone is interested in finding out more. No dates have been set yet for closing date and interview.

The Sick of the Parish: We ask your prayers for Patrick Doran, Leslie Jermy, Celia Moore, 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 the repose of the souls of our faithful departed and especially for Norman Nicholas (1995), Ernest Thomas (2020), Pete Youngman (1979), Lillian Park (2008) and Jean Denny (2003) 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.

***Bread of Life Booklet: If you haven't already, please take a copy
as a personal gift from Fr Luke***