



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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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

***Stations of the cross in
Lent at 9:15**



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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 6th April 2025

News at St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.		
5th Week of Lent – Year C		
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:		
SATURDAY 5/4/25	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: Atenia Przyimka RIP	5th Sunday of Lent
SUNDAY 6/4/25	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: The People of the Parish 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Brid Quigley	5th Sunday of Lent
TUESDAY 8/4/25	10:00 Holy Family Offered For: Sarah Pollard	Lent Feria
WEDNESDAY 9/4/25	9:30 am St. Mark's Offered For: Priest's intentions	Lent Feria
THURSDAY 10/4/25	NO MASS at St. Mark's 10:00 at St. Mary Magdalens	Lent Feria
FRIDAY 11/4/25	12:15 pm St. Mark's Offered For: Michael Venn	Lent Feria
SATURDAY 12/4/25	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: Caroline & Andrew McGowan RIP	PALM SUNDAY
SUNDAY 13/4/25	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: The People of the Parish 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Pauline Harris RIP	PALM SUNDAY

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

Adoration: Wednesday and
Thursday 6.30 to 7.30am at
St. Mark's

Course: St. Mary Magdalen's
for 5 weeks from Wednesday
12th March 7pm to 8pm

Bible Study group: on
Thursday evenings at 19:15 at
St Mary Magdalen

The Chosen: screening of
series 3 every Saturday at 7pm
from 8th March at St. Mary
Magdalens

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

Welcoming our parishioners to 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 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

Ursuline Convent High School Brentwood 125th Anniversary - On the 26th April 2025, the Brentwood Ursuline High School will celebrate 125 years since the school was founded by Mother Clare. An invitation for the celebrations has been extended to all alumnae to join the celebrations. The school will be open from 1pm on that day and there will be a Mass at Brentwood Cathedral at 11:15am prior to this. If you wish to attend, please contact the brentwoodursulinealumnae@gmail.com for more information and booking details. If anyone would like to go but doesn't have transport, please contact Joanna McCall at joanna@stmarksparish.org.uk.

What is the Jubilee? The Jubilee is a Catholic Holy Year celebrated by the entire Church every 25 years—a time of grace, renewal, and profound spiritual significance. Stay tuned for more details on how our parish will join in celebrating this momentous occasion.

Youth Alpha will be starting on the 8th March 3:30 till 5:15 running every Saturday in term time. It is a great opportunity to discuss your faith with other young people while also building on friendship and community within our parishes. All young people year 8 and above are welcome and encouraged to come along.

Discover Radio Maria – Your Catholic Voice on Air - Radio Maria England is a Catholic radio station bringing uplifting music, engaging discussions, and faith-filled programming to inspire your daily life. Tune in for live Mass, prayers, and thought-provoking talks from leading Catholic voices. You can listen via DAB+, the Radio Maria Play app, on the Alexa Smart Speaker or online at www.radiomariaengland.uk. Join us and let Radio Maria bring faith to life!

**This Tuesday 8th April 10am -12pm – Hop to St Mark's!!
A special craft and prayer event for primary school children.**

**Second Collection
after all Masses
this weekend for
Easter flowers**

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



The 156th draw was completed last Sunday 30th March 2025 after mass at Holy Family. The results were: 1st number 168 won £88.55, 2nd number 50 won £48.30, 3rd number 60 won £24.15

Inviting ALL young people in Year 8 upwards to the Ignite Festival 3rd – 4th May Come and experience your faith in a dynamic way at the Ignite Festival! The weekend will include inspiring talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff! Followed by the opportunity to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Bank Holiday Monday May 5th. See www.ignitefestival.co.uk for more information. Book before March 30th for Early Bird Price!



Another opportunity to Lobby you MP on the Assisted Suicide Bill: visit <https://www.carenokilling.org.uk>. Or use the QR Code

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

SVP – Saint Vincent de Paul Society There will be a meeting of the newly formed group, which covers the whole of Ipswich, in St. Mark's Parish Hall on Thursday 24th April at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

Feet Washing on Holy Thursday and Watching of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight: Volunteers needed please sign up here for watching: <https://stmarksrc.churchsuite.com/events/a4scqgef> here for foot washing: <https://stmarksrc.churchsuite.com/events/1wg6netm> or give your name to Fr Luke or one of the Leadership Team.

News at St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

The Fifth Sunday in Lent – 6th April, 2025. Readings: Liturgical Year C. Services during the coming week – Fifth Week of Lent, Liturgical Year I

	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish, Reader: F Vieira, offertory: Moore Family Eucharistic Ministers: K Cork, C Moore.
Sunday 6 th April	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Clutterham RIP. Reader: J Iannelli, Offertory: Fox Family, Eucharistic Ministers: M Geisel, R Shorten, M Long.
	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 Dorothy & Louise</i>
Monday 7 th April	Lent Feria	No Mass Today
Tuesday 8 th April	Lent Feria	
	10:00am	Holy Mass.
Wednesday 9 th April	Lent Feria	
	12 noon	Holy Mass offered for all members of the Vieira Family, living and dead.
Thursday 10 th April	Lent Feria	
	10:00am	Holy Mass
Friday 11 th April	Lent Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Albertina Vieira RIP followed by Stations of the Cross
Sunday 13th April – Palm Sunday		Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish, Reader: J Cleary, offertory: Cork Family Eucharistic Ministers: K Cork, C Moore.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for Michael & Collett Long in thanksgiving. Reader: A James, Offertory: M Mayhew/M Geisel, Eucharistic Ministers: R Shorten, M Long, W Lobo.

Holy Week: Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, marking the beginning of Holy Week. We will commence the Masses with the blessing of palms, and a short procession to commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry to Jerusalem. The services of Holy Week can be found on the notice board in the narthex and on the parish web site. There are Holy Week posters available in the church porch – please take one home and display it prominently in your window to remind others of the true meaning of the Good News – that Jesus Christ died for our sins and rose from the dead at Easter to redeem us all.

We need two additional readers for the 8 am and 10:00 am Sunday Masses next weekend to read the Passion. We will also need readers for Maundy Thursday (17th April), the reading of the Good Friday (18th April) Passion and several for the Easter Vigil readings (evening Saturday 19th April). Also for Maundy Thursday, we need 12 volunteers, men and women, to have their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Please see the sign-up sheets in the church porch and put your name down to help where you can.

Easter Preparations: Advance notice - there will be a pre-Easter clean of the church which will take place on Wednesday 16th April, starting at 6:30 pm. We need as many people as possible to come along and lend a hand to help make the church clean, tidy and fitting for the Easter celebrations so please note this date in your diaries. On Saturday 19th April, flower arranging will take place from 9:00 am until noon. No experience is necessary to join in with this – just enthusiasm! If anybody has any greenery they can donate to help with the floral tributes, then please leave them in the church entrance porch from Wednesday 16th April.

Bible Study Group: This new group continues each Thursday evening at 7:15 in the Garden Room. Why not join in? Come along, bring your bible with you, and explore and learn more about the Word of God presented to us in the Bible. Note there will be no Bible Group on Thursday 17th April, Maundy Thursday.

Alpha Course: Registration is now open for the next Alpha course, which starts on Wednesday 30th April at 7:30 pm in St Mark's church hall, 180 Hawthorne Drive, Ipswich IP2 0QQ. The places on the course are limited, so will be allocated on a strictly first come, first served basis. If you would like to attend, there is a sign-up sheet in the church porch – please complete this with your name, contact details and any special dietary requirements, or you can register on-line on Churchsuite – please scan the QR code to take you to the sign-up page.



The Chosen: Our showing of season 3 of the Chosen is now complete. There was an error in last week's newsletter – there is no showing on April 12th as was incorrectly stated.

Stations of the Cross: After 10:00 Mass on Friday mornings in Lent there will be Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross is one of the most simple, yet powerful, ways to prayerfully walk alongside Jesus and encounter him like never before.

Lenten Course: This continues with the final session on Wednesday 9th of April. Fr Luke will finish his reflective journey through the Apostles' Creed using the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The final session will be held at 7:00pm in the Garden Room.

St Mary Magdalen 150 Club: The March prize draw, which was the final draw of the Club year was made last Sunday in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass. Congratulations to the winners: Dr E Conway, Mr & Mrs C Long, Mr M Campbell, Mrs A Bissett, Mr A Mulhearn, Mrs C Butcher, Canon M George, Mr & Mrs M Pakes, Ms I Abeysena, Mrs A Prentice, Mr & Mrs R Cork, Mr & Mrs J McSorley and Mr J Cleary. Full details of the prizes and winners can be found on the notice board in the porch and on the parish web site. Members will shortly receive their invitations to renew their subscription for the new year and as always at this time of year, we are looking especially for new subscribers to offset the members who have moved away in the past year. If you are not a member, now would be the perfect time to sign up. 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.



Catholic East Anglia: The April edition of Catholic East Anglia, the free Diocesan newspaper, is now published and you can collect a paper copy from the back of church. Alternatively, you can read the issue online on the parish web site – just scan the QR code to take you directly to it. The edition includes news of the Ash Wednesday Mass celebrated at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist. Also included are reports on the Jubilee Mass for Deacons and the Diamond Jubilee celebrations for Fr Anthony Foreman. Please do take home a copy to read.



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 Yvonne Lynch (2010), Peter Copple (2018), Neville Good (2023), Geraldine Littleboy (1994), Leonard Mattingly (1982), Alice Woolley (1966), Michael Staunton (1968), Dora Kuzmiene (2015), Emmie Stoneman (1976), Kevin Barrett (2002), Timothy Curran (2000) and Silvana Zivkovic (2024) 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.

ALPHA - Join us for the next Alpha course at St Mark's starting Wednesday 30th April and running for 12 weeks to 23rd July. 7.30 - 9.00pm in St Mark's Church Hall. Each session begins with a meal followed by a presentation on an aspect of the Christian faith which we then unpack together in small groups. It's free and there's no pressure to return. You can sign up either on ChurchSuite, using the QR code or on the sheet at the back of church. Please take an invitation to pass on to someone you know, **EVERYONE is welcome no matter their background or beliefs.**

