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## 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

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

**Parish Secretary:**  
Mrs Pat West available  
Tuesday 11 am – 1 pm  
[office@stmarksparish.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarksparish.org.uk)

**Local Safeguarding Rep:**  
[lsr@stmarksparish.org.uk](mailto:lsr@stmarksparish.org.uk)

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sundays of each month

**Evening Praise and  
Worship – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of  
Each month at 6:30 pm**



## ST MARY MAGDALEN

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**Parish administrator:**  
Fr Luke Goymour

**Assistant Priest:**  
Fr Paul Chanh  
E [paulchanh@gmail.com](mailto:paulchanh@gmail.com)

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

**Parish School:**  
St Pancras Catholic Primary  
Stratford Road  
Ipswich  
IP1 6EF  
T 01473 742074

**Headteacher:**  
Mrs Lucille Martin

**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 Chaplain to the Ipswich Hospital:** Awaiting new appointment. If you or a family member are going into hospital, please advise either Fr Paul or Fr Luke.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Divine Mercy Sunday**

## News for St Mark's Catholic Parish

<b>Responsorial Psalm – Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> week of Easter – Year B</b>
<b>MASS &amp; PRAYER TIMES:</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b> 6/4/24	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> Offered For: David Davison RIP	<b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7/4/24	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Judy Stewart in thanksgiving <b>15:00 St. Mark's – Devotions and Holy Hour</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b>  <b>DIVINE MERCY</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9/4/24	<b>10:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: Eamonn Gilgar	<b>Easter Feria</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10/4/24	<b>9:30 am St. Mark's</b> Maureen Morkel RIP	<b>Easter Feria</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 11/4/24	<b>NO MASS at St. Mark's</b>	<b>St. Stanislaus</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 12/4/24	<b>12:15 pm St. Mark's</b> Offered For: Andrew Archard RIP	<b>Easter Feria</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 13/4/24	<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> 14/4/24	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: Caroline & Andrew McGowan RIP <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Dr.Nimal Jayarana	<b>3<sup>rd</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**

**Divine Mercy**  
**Devotions and Holy**  
**hour at 3pm**  
**at St. Mark's this**  
**Sunday**

**Next Thursday**  
**At St Mark's:**  
**Easter Craft n'**  
**Prayer for Children**  
**and families 10 -12**  
**noon**

**100 CLUB** - Since its launch in 2012 the 100 club has raised £20,047 for the Parish.

To take part in the monthly prize draw 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. For further information visit the Parish Website or scan the QR code here



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

**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. Please cut around the stamp leaving just a small border.

**Living Stones Prayer Group:** is now meeting every Monday at St Mark's from 7.00 - 8.30pm. Come and join us for praise & worship, Adoration, testimony, teaching, sharing of scripture and reflection. During Lent we will be praying the gospel using **Lectio Divina**.

**Easter Craft and Prayer for all the Family:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 10 – 12 noon at St Marks, for children and families primary school aged

**ChurchSuite** – ChurchSuite is online data management tool that the parish is using to manage our parish database and to help keep everyone in contact with what is happening in the parish. The information gathered from the Time Treasure and Talent programme is being migrated onto ChurchSuite, many of you have already been contacted with a link. Churchsuite is safe, GDPR compliant and trusted by Churches up and down the country. It allows you to manage your own data and privacy whilst allowing the parish office and parish priest to contact you easily and securely. In time rotas for all groups in the parish, the parish diary and other relevant information will move onto ChurchSuite. **If you haven't had an email from Fr Luke asking you to sign up, please email the office [office@stmarksparish.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarksparish.org.uk) so that we can email you out a link and you can be added to the system.**

**HEALING DAY RETREAT:** with healing service at Clare Priory, Ashen Rd, Clare CO10 8NX. Sunday 21st April. Led by Fr Gladson Dabre OSA & Fr Luke Goymour. Mass, talks, praise and worship, Reconciliation, Adoration, prayer ministry and healing service. Starts 11.30pm / Finish 8.00pm. Bring your own food. Drinks provided. Donations on the day. Please phone Clare Priory to book: 01787 277732. For more information visit: [www.transformministries.uk](http://www.transformministries.uk)

*Fr Luke writes: Huge thanks to everyone who contributed to the Easter Celebrations, particularly the musicians flower team, sacristy team and readers. Thank you also for your generosity to me over Easter, it is very much appreciated - God Bless you all.*

**Tools with a Mission (TWAM)** – Is a Christian Organization who refurbish tools to send to third world countries where they empower people to create livelihoods and transform lives. So, if it is time to clear out your shed, you have a sewing machine gathering dust or you have upgraded your computer visit their website at [www.twam.uk](http://www.twam.uk) or scan the QR code here.



**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

**An invitation to all young adults (age 18-30) to walk The Camino** – The pilgrimage to Santiago Compostela will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July and will be led by Bishop Peter Collins. Places are limited and bookings will be on a first come first served basis. For further details or to book see [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth)

**St. Albans – Open Mornings.** An opportunity to visit and experience the school as a live learning environment, see the outstanding facilities and talk with key staff members. On 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July. See the poster at the back of the church for further details.

**Inviting ALL young people in Year 8 upwards to the Ignite Festival 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> May** Come and experience your faith in a new and dynamic way at the Ignite Festival. The weekend will include inspiring talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff! Followed by joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Bank Holiday Monday May 6<sup>th</sup>. See [www.ignitefestival.co.uk](http://www.ignitefestival.co.uk) for more information.



**The Feast of Divine Mercy This Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, there will be devotions and a special Holy Hour at 3pm at St Mark's – All Are Welcome.**

## News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

<b>Second Sunday of Easter – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year B Services during the coming week – Second Week of Easter, Year II</b>		
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Easter, offered for the people of the parish
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for all members of the Vieira Family, living and dead. Eucharistic Minister: E Cleary.
	10:00am	Holy Mass open intention. Eucharistic Minister: R Shorten.
<i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass, this week served by Molly &amp; Dorothy</i>		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	The Annunciation of the Lord	
	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Feria	
	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Feria	
	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	St Stanislaus	
	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Feria	
	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Easter, offered for the people of the parish.
	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	8:00 am
10:00am		Holy Mass, offered for the repose of the soul of Doreen Andrews (Foundation Mass). Eucharistic Minister M Long

**Today's Gospel:** In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others. Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in

obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died and through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe. *Courtesy Loyola Press.*

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**Weekday Masses:** Please note that there will be no weekday Masses during the coming week as Fr Paul is away on pilgrimage to Medjugorje, returning for the weekend Mass next Saturday.

**International Evening:** The next social event in the parish will be on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>, when there will be an International Evening held in the parish hall, starting at 7:00 pm. This event will allow you to partake of food provided from the many nationalities in our parish congregation. Tickets, costing £12 for adults and £5 for children (under 10s free), will be on sale after Masses this weekend, or alternatively you can call 07722 971188. Tickets must be purchased in advance to allow numbers to be reckoned for catering purposes. The parish hall is not licensed for the sale of alcohol, so you will need to bring with you any drinks you want to consume on the night, together with your own glasses. The evening will also feature music and dancing and should be a great night to socialise with your fellow parishioners, and celebrate the multicultural nature of our parish community.

**Gift Aid:** Would all those parishioners who normally make their weekly offering using Gift Aid envelopes please note that their new 2024/25 envelopes are now available for collection from the Narthex. If you can't find your envelopes in the box please write your name on the sheet provided for this purpose and they will be made available to you next week. If anyone who has already signed up to giving by Gift Aid has changed their address during the last year, or did not pay sufficient income or capital gains tax to cover the tax reclaimable on their offerings, then please notify either Fr. Luke, Fr. Paul or Chris Croker (Gift Aid Co-ordinator).

**When Will I Be Chosen?:** Dates for your diaries – the first showings of *The Chosen* will be held in the parish hall starting at 6:30 pm on the first four Saturdays in June: the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. We want as many people as possible to come along and watch this amazing production so put these dates in your diaries now. There will be two episodes shown each session, with a break for tea and coffee in between. There is no charge for this so please do come along and see for yourself.

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**First Holy Communion 2024:** The next session this year's First Holy Communion candidates is the day of retreat that takes place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April at St Marks church led by the Diocesan Ignite Youth Team, starting at 10:00 am. Following this retreat, the dates for the remaining classes can be found on the parish web site.

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**Parish 150 Club:** The final draw of the 150 Club year took place last week with prizes totalling £570 awarded. The list of winners, too numerous to list here, is available on the notice board in the church porch, and can be found on the parish web site – scan the QR code to take you directly there. You will also find a complete list of all the year's winners in the porch and on the web site. The Club accounts for the year just ended are currently with the auditor to be approved before publication. Members will this week have received renewal emails and payment details for the new year. We are actively seeking new members and additional subscriptions from existing members for this fund raising venture as we have lost a number of members this year for different reasons. If you are not a member of this Club yet, now would be a very appropriate time to join - application forms are available in the church porch or, you can sign up on-line on the parish web site. If you are already a member, could you take out an additional number? If so, please contact the secretary by email at [150club@marymagdalens.org](mailto:150club@marymagdalens.org) or speak to Michael Long.



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**Church Organ:** Thank you to the three persons who have come forward and volunteered to help operate the organ for our singing at the 10:00 Mass. It's not too late to join them. We need some more volunteers willing to be trained in its operation so as to relieve the burden on individuals and provide more cover. If you can help us in this way, please speak initially to Fr Paul, Chris Croker or Michael Long and we can arrange for training and "shadowing" to allow you to fill this role.

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**St Albans Roman Catholic High School:** The school is very proud to say that it has a full intake of year 7 pupils this September with a substantial waitlist. With the deadline for applications for September 2025 intake October, it is such a quick decision to make and the school wants to make sure that all of our Catholic families know when they can come and visit the school before the summer holidays. There will be two open mornings at the school which will provide an opportunity to visit the school and experience it as a live learning environment, see the outstanding facilities and talk with key staff. These open mornings will be between 9:10 and 10:25 am Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of July, and places can be booked on the school web site – scan the QR code to take you there.



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**The Sick of the Parish:** We ask your prayers for Patrick Doran, Jim Spence 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 Neville Good (2023), Geraldine Littleboy (1994), Leonard Mattingly (1982), Alice Woolley (1966), Michael Staunton (1968), Dora Kuzmiene (2015), Emmie Stoneman (1976), Kevin Barrett (2002) and Timothy Curran (2000) 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.*

*Fr Paul thanks everyone for their kindness and generosity over Easter.*