



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EAST ANGLIA

*Diocesan Jubilee 50 Years of the Diocese of East Anglia*



## 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:**  
Mrs Sharon Cullum available  
Thursday 12 am – 2 pm  
office@stmarksparish.org.uk

**Parish Safeguarding Rep:**  
**Mrs Joanna McCall**  
psr@stmarksparish.org.uk

**Bank: 20-44-51 A/c No.**  
**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 11:15 am Mass every  
Sunday

**Kids Church:** Last Sunday  
of the Month in Term Time  
after 11:15 Mass



## ST MARY MAGDALEN

The Presbytery, T 01473 741975  
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Ipswich, Suffolk W marymagdalens.org  
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E parishpriest@marymagdalens.org

**Parish Priest:**  
Fr Luke Goymour VF

**Confession:**  
by appointment

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

**Headteacher:** Jo Berry and  
Ross McGill  
**Safeguarding**  
safeguarding@marymagdalens.org

**Eucharistic Adoration:**  
Tuesdays at 9:30 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 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Responsorial Psalm – A light rises in the darkness for the upright.**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

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

<b>SATURDAY 07/02/2026</b>	<b>17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass</b> Offered For: People of the Parish	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>SUNDAY 08/02/2026</b>	<b>08:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: Brian Wagstaffe RIP <b>09:45 St Mary Magdalen</b> Offered For: Repose of the soul of Richard Fox RIP <b>11:15 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Annette Murphy RIP	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking</b>
<b>TUESDAY 10/02/2026</b>	<b>09:30 St Mary Magdalen:</b> <i>Exposition, Adoration and Rosary</i> <b>10:00 Holy Family:</b> Mass and Adoration from 9:20am Offered For: Thomas McMahon, Bishop Emeritus RIP	
<b>WEDNESDAY 11/02/2026</b>	<b>09:30 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Pamela Jones RIP	<b>World Day of Prayer for the Sick</b>
<b>THURSDAY 12/02/2026</b>	<b>* MASS AT 9:00 AM TODAY: Elsie Robinson RIP (Foundation Mass)*</b>	
<b>FRIDAY 13/02/2026</b>	<b>12:15 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Noel & Enid Mendes	
<b>SATURDAY 14/02/2026</b>	<b>17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass</b> Offered For: Michael Galloway RIP	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>SUNDAY 15/02/2026</b>	<b>08:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: Giovanna Robub <b>09:45 St Mary Magdalen</b> Offered For: <b>11:15 St Mark's</b> Offered For: People of the Parish	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Ipswich Polish Catholic Mission</b>	<i>Mass in Polish is celebrated at St Mary Magdalen Church typically: Sat 6pm, Sun 12 noon. Monday 10 am, Wednesday and Friday 7pm, see their website for full schedule, including First Friday devotions.</i>	

**Young person of Confirmation Age? (School Yr 8)** Please collect and return forms from the back of the Church to express your interest. **Confirmation classes have started.**



**THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE**

Short reflections, eternal truths

Catholic Teaching from  
Fr Luke Goymour

Teaching Pamphlets and devotional materials available at the back of Church and on digital download by Fr Luke – Free of Charge- **New Title Out This Week – “How God Speaks” Looking at the Bible and the Church**

**Sunday Homilies**  
can be *listened to again* on *Spotify* and on all major Podcast platforms just search:  
**Fr Luke's Homilies**

Adoration and  
**Rosary** at St  
Mary Madalen  
Parish. *Tuesday*  
at 9:30 am

**Lent Retreat Morning with ,**  
Mass, Talk  
Reconciliation,  
and Adoration  
**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> St Mark's 10am -1:30 pm**  
with the Marian Fathers'  
(Marians of the Immaculate Conception)

*Please pray daily for the renewal of our parishes and remember Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place weekly at 6:30 am – 7:30 am at St Mark's on Wednesday and Thursdays for this intention.*

**Youth Alpha** - We invite all young people aged year 8 and above to join us for Youth Alpha. It is a wonderful opportunity to ask questions and have discussions with people your own age. This will be on Tuesdays at St Mary Magdalene's Church between 6pm and 7:30pm starting on the 3rd of February. If you would like to join us or have any questions please sign up on Church Suite or email [jess@stmarksparish.org.uk](mailto:jess@stmarksparish.org.uk)

**Youth pancake social** - We invite all young people of high school age to a Shrove Tuesday social gathering on the 17th of February at 6pm to 8pm at St Mary Magdalene's Church.

**Holy Family & St Mark's 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](mailto:dford0554@aol.com)



**FIND – St Mark's** - If you would like to become more involved with FIND? If so visit [www.findipswich.org.uk](http://www.findipswich.org.uk) Current needs are : Fresh fruit and vegetables, Jam, Biscuits, Hot Chocolate, Squash, UHT Milk, Tea, Shampoo Cereal, Nappies size 5 & 6. Tinned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Paprika pringles and bags for parcels i.e. bags for life, carrier bags. Your donations will be delivered to FIND, Please place them in the box under the table at the back of church. Thank you very much.

**Retrouvaille** - Is a programme for married couples looking for support in their marriage but based on Christian foundations and principles. The next course is on 12th - 15th February. You can sign up or find out more on their website <https://retrouvaille.org.uk/next-programme/>

**Holy Family & St Mark's - 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.

**CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection 27<sup>th</sup> February.**

This Lent, live the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you can help another family put food on the table. Your donation to CAFOD can help families around the world grow food in challenging conditions. Collect a CAFOD envelope or donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.



**Catholic East Anglia:** The February edition of Catholic East Anglia, the Diocesan newspaper, is now available. The publication is free – please do take a copy from the back of church table or porch and catch up on the various news from parishes around the Diocese.

**Bible Study Group:** The Bible study group has restarted and takes place each Thursday evening in the Garden Room at 7:15 pm. Please do come along and bring your bible with you – if you don't have one then come along anyway as there will be spares available.

**Diocesan Year Book:** Now available in the church porch are the new editions of the Diocesan Year Book for 2026. These are priced at £5 per copy. The annual Yearbook contains a comprehensive, up-to-date guide to the Diocese of East Anglia. It can also be read and referenced online here on the parish web site - scan the QR code to take you directly to it.



**St Mary Magdalen Parish Forum Meeting on 25 January– Message from Lucy Pakes** Thanks to everyone who attended and contributed so positively to the recent parish forum meetings. I'll be taking the ideas forward for discussion by the parish senior leadership team, so watch this space over the next few weeks and months. In the meantime, thanks again for your positivity and enthusiasm, and remember to introduce yourselves at mass to a few people you don't know each week! God bless.

**Rosary:** Rosary session continues on Tuesday morning. If you have not yet joined us, why not start now? Why don't you come along too and spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament? If numbers permit, we adjourn to the Garden Room afterwards for a cup of coffee! Do join us at 9:30 am.

Save the Date: **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March at Ipswich Minster Evensong at 3:30 pm** with Fr Luke preaching and the **Book Launch of a new book co-authored by Fr Luke and Rev Tom Mumford “The Creed in Conversation”** documenting the shared discussions on the creed that took place at St Mark's and Ipswich Minster last year.  
*Foreword written by Bishop Peter Collins and Afterword written By Bishop Anthony Ball*

**The Shepherd's Voice:** The Shepherd's Voice is a series of short pamphlets and reflections by Fr Luke Goymour on a number of different faith topics. These pamphlets are available at the back of church or can be read on line on the parish web site – the QR code will take you to the correct page. There are currently the six titles in the series (more to be added): *What Happens When We Die?*, *There's Something About Mary*, *All Saints*, *Sin and Confession*, *The Holy Catholic Church* and *The Rosary*.



**St Mary Magdalen Parish 150 Club:** The January prize draw, will take place this Sunday 8th February after Mass. As we approach the end of the Club year, which is 31st March, thoughts turn to renewing subscriptions for the next year which starts in April. We have sadly lost a number of our generous subscribers during this last year and we desperately need new members to sign up to maintain the membership levels – we need 17 new subscriptions just to maintain this year's membership. If you are not a member, please do give serious thought to joining so you can help out your parish financially in this additional way, and maybe win a prize too!

**St Pancras RC Primary School:** As part of an ongoing process to strengthen the ties between school and parish, the Headteacher at St Pancras, Mr McGill, has extended an open invitation to all members of the parish to pop along to the school on Friday mornings to join in their assembly. Each Friday at 9:05 am they hold assembly, at which various performance presentations are made to some of the children. Any person wishing to pop along will be very welcome.

**St Mary Magdalen: The Sick of the Parish:** We ask for your continuing prayers for Anna de Dona, Charles, 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 - Our Own Dear Departed:** Of your charity, please pray for Caterina Fella (1989), Elizabeth "Elsie" Robinson (2002), George Youngman (1966), Harold Mottram (1977), Antonio Melero (1979), Delia Reilly (1991), Sheila White (2003), Michael McGlead (2014), Michael Parmenter (2018), Percy Beavis (1978), Sheila Curry (2024), Mary Conlon (1960), Edmund Miles (1983), Ellen Farrell, Catherine Bates (1994), Lucille Spence (2009), William Lower (1968), Margaret "Peggy" Cleary (2005) and Arthur Bonner (1990) 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.**

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6:30 am at St Mark's on Wednesday and Thursdays for this intention*