



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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 VF

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

**Parish Secretary:**  
Mrs Sharon Cullum available  
Thursday 12 am – 2 pm  
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**Parish Safeguarding Rep:**  
**Mrs Joanna McCall**  
psr@stmarksparish.org.uk

**Bank: 20-44-51 A/c No.**  
**60791342**

St. Marks RC Parish

**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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**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**  
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**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> March 2026**

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent - Year A**

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

<b>SATURDAY 07/03/2026</b>	<b>17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass</b> Offered For: Sr Nuala of Jesus and Mary	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>SUNDAY 08/03/2026</b>	<b>08:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: People of the Parish <b>09:45 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass</b> Offered For: Repose of the soul of Leslie Robinson RIP (Foundation Mass) <b>11:15 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Anthony and Irene Bergin	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>TUESDAY 10/03/2026</b>	<b>09:30 St Mary Magdalen:</b> <i>Exposition, Adoration and Rosary</i> <b>09:15 Holy Family:</b> Stations of the Cross, Mass Offered For: Maria Lodge	<b>Lent Feria</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 11/03/2026</b>	<b>09:30 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Margaret Ward	<b>Lent Feria</b>
<b>THURSDAY 12/03/2026</b>	<b>10:00 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass</b> <b>09:15 Holy Family:</b> Stations of the Cross, Rosary	<b>Lent Feria</b>
<b>FRIDAY 13/03/2026</b>	<b>12:15 St Mark's</b> Offered For: David Bowers RIP <b>19:00 St Mark's:</b> Stations of the Cross	<b>Lent Feria</b>
<b>SATURDAY 14/03/2026</b>	<b>17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass</b> Offered For: Lilly Hosford	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent</b>
<b>SUNDAY 15/03/2026</b>	<b>08:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: People of the Parish <b>09:45 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass</b> Offered For: Priest's intentions <b>11:15 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Roji Bastine	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</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>	

**Inviting ALL young people in Year 8 upwards to the Ignite Festival 2nd –  
 3rd May 2026**

*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 4th.  
 See [www.ignitefestival.co.uk](http://www.ignitefestival.co.uk) for more information. Book before March 30th for Early Bird Prices!*

**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

**Second  
 collection for  
 St Mark's  
 Parish Easter  
 This weekend**

**Fr Luke's book  
 The Creed in  
 Conversation, is  
 available for sale  
 after Mass only £10  
 a copy.**

*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.*

**Eucharistic Congress Ipswich:** The Eucharistic Congress Ipswich takes place across a week of prayer, teaching, and worship hosted by parishes around Ipswich. The main gathering is on Sunday 13 September 2026 at the Ipswich Corn Exchange, bringing Catholics from across Ipswich and the Diocese together for one shared celebration centred on Jesus Christ present in the Eucharist. The Sunday gathering includes Holy Mass celebrated by the Bishop, prayer, and teaching. Find out more and register at [eucharisticcongressipswich.org](http://eucharisticcongressipswich.org)

**Ipswich Deanery Youth Day - 14th March at St. Mary Magdalene's Church Hall, Ipswich.** Inviting young people Year 7 to Young Adults for a special day will include Inspiring talks, prayer, games and delicious food! For more information and to download a parental consent form, please see [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth) or the QR on the orange poster in all 3 church's.

**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)



**Alpha Course: You're invited!** Come along to one of the next Alpha courses in the parish, either in the evening at St Mark's, Wednesdays, starting 29th April 7.30-9.00pm, or at Holy Family, Brantham, Thursdays, 2.30-4.00pm starting 30th April. Both courses run for 11 weeks with a break at half term and a day's retreat on Saturday 20th June. For a full set of session dates, for both courses, and to sign up, please visit our parish website. This course is for everyone, wherever you are on your journey of faith or of no faith at all. You simply need to be curious to know more and open to what God has to offer. As Valentina, a guest on the recent courses discovered:

"I thought Alpha was a course only for those starting in the faith so, being a catechist, I didn't expect it to have much impact and to teach me so much. It's good to be humbled by God. I'm looking forward to doing it again in the future."

**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.

**The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)** is a group of parish volunteers who support people in need through friendship, practical help and compassion. So far, we have visited lonely parishioners, taken them shopping or to their appointments, delivered urgent food parcels and raised mobility concerns on their behalf. Our next meeting will be at Holy Family, 10am on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. All members are DBS approved. We welcome new members, please do join us to find out more.

**Please collect used postage stamps for our local Hospice - ALL YEAR PLEASE.** Can you please place them in the box at the rear of the Holy Family church or on the table at St Mark's to help support the outstanding work of our local Hospice. Please cut around the stamp leaving just a small border.

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage:** 16<sup>th</sup> September – 23 September 7 nights £849 per person based on 2 sharing, single person supplement £210, direct from Stanstead, 10kg bags included includes transfers, 20kg checked in can be added for £60 return. 7 nights accommodation at Hotel Leone. Half board, full religious programme. Please use the QR code or link to contact Joe Walsh Tours for further details and to book or call Reservations: 0808 1890468 or use this link <https://joewalshstours.co.uk/private-groups/medjugorje-pilgrimage-fr-luke-goymour/>



**Retrouvaille:** Provide Catholic based peer led marriage guidance programs designed to help married couples at all stages of their relationship. They provide online courses or face to face weekends; the next weekend session is 2<sup>n</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> October, in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire. For more information go to <https://retrouvaille.org.uk>

**St Mary Magdalen Rosary:** Adoration and Rosary sessions continue 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.

**St Mary Magdalen Parish 150 Club** the February prize draw was made last Sunday. The winners were Mr & Mrs H Shovlin, Mr & Mrs D Nash, Mr & Mrs C Croker and Mrs H Abbott. Full details of the prize can be found on the notice board in the church porch and on the parish web site. The final draw of the Club year, the March prize draw, will be made in the Garden Room after Mass on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March. We have sadly lost several 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 level. If you are not a member, please do give serious

thought to joining so you can help your parish financially in this additional way, and maybe win a prize too! Scan the QR code to go to the on-line application form for new members or complete a paper form which can be found in the church porch.

**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 Norah Andrews (1961), Margaret Dowsing (2016), Patrick Owens, Robert McInnes (1987), George Keenan, Leslie Robinson (2000), Edward Clarke (1973), Gerrard Healey (1987), Harry Frost (2005), Arthur Watkinson (1978), Daniel Mendonca (2013), Isabel Whittle (1969), John Roche (1983) and Noel Andrews (2018) 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*

**Friday evenings in Lent** starting 20<sup>th</sup> February at 19:00 Stations of the Cross at **St Marks**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:15 am** Stations of the cross, followed by Mass on Tuesday and Rosary on Thursday at **Holy Family, Brantham**

**5<sup>th</sup> March Deanery Station Mass** at St Mary's Woodbridge Rd with the Bishop. Confessions and adoration from 6pm, Mass at 7pm, light supper at 8pm

**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*