



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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The parish of St Mark includes St Mark's church in Ipswich and the church of the Holy Family in Brantham (CO11 1TB)

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St. Marks RC Parish A/c

Eucharistic Adoration:

St Mark's

Wed & Thurs 6:30 -7:30am
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:

11 am 1st, 3rd and 5th
Sundays of each month



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Confession:

Before weekday Mass
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:

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 9th February 2025

News at St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – In the presence of the Angels I praise you, O Lord	
5th week of the Year – Year C	
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:	
SATURDAY 8/2/25	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 9/2/25	09:00 Holy Family 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: Graeme Forsyth in Thanksgiving (80 th) 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Annette Murphy RIP
TUESDAY 11/2/25	10:00 Holy Family Feria Offered For: Mike & Elizabeth Venn
WEDNESDAY 12/2/25	9:30 am St. Mark's Feria Offered For: Pauline Harris RIP
THURSDAY 13/2/25	NO MASS at St. Mark's Feria 10:00 at St. Mary Magdalens
FRIDAY 14/2/25	12:15 pm St. Mark's SS. Cyril & Methodius Offered For: Priest's Intentions
SATURDAY 15/2/25	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: Brian Rowan RIP
SUNDAY 16/2/25	09:00 Holy Family 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: The People of the Parish 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Mae O'Reilly RIP

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

Stop Press:

For the Jubilee Year and for the Mission of our Parishes: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday and Thursday morning at **St Mark's 6:30 am to 7:30 am** followed by a light breakfast **come for as long or as little as you like**, to pray silently in the presence of Jesus for our Parish, for Ipswich and for those in our immediate community to come to know Jesus. Start your day in the presence of God – more info and prayer materials to follow, , **all welcome**

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!

Do you have a gift for music? St Mark's is building a music ministry to praise God through both traditional hymns and contemporary music, and we need your help! Music is a vital part of our weekly liturgy, and your talent—whether singing, playing an instrument, or contributing in other ways—could make a real difference. Please get in touch and be part of this meaningful and inspiring ministry.

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



2025 Medjugorje Parish Pilgrimage dates 16th to 23rd September. £829.00 when sharing a room. For further details contact chrismceweneb@gmail.com

Marriage Help – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse? Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom ... **27 February to 2 March 2025** . Email: info@retrouvaille.org.uk Call or text 0788 7296983 www.retrouvaille.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. The 2025 Jubilee, with the inspiring theme "Pilgrims of Hope," began on December 24, 2024, and will conclude on January 6, 2026. This sacred year invites Catholics worldwide to deepen their faith through spiritual renewal, reconciliation, and conversion, while also drawing interest from other religious communities and people of goodwill. Stay tuned for more details on how our parish will join in celebrating this momentous occasion.

ST. MARK'S SCHOOL - are excited to announce the addition of a toddler group to our school community, called Curious Cubs. This group is designed to provide a fun, supportive environment for our younger learners and their families. It will offer a range of activities focused on early development and socialisation. The sessions will take place from Monday 3rd February between 9 and 10.30am at St Mark's School.

AND - Judo classes for students in Years 4, 5, and 6! These sessions will provide students with the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of Judo, including discipline, respect, and teamwork, all while having fun and staying active. The sessions take place every Wednesday between 6 and 7 pm. For more information or to sign up, please contact the school office.

Community of Our Lady of Walsingham - House Appeal - In honour of the Presentation of the Lord on 2nd February - the *World day of Prayer for Consecrated Life* - could you help a new, growing, religious community? The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham seeks donations to establish a mission house in Walsingham where they can expand their work of spiritual accompaniment, hospitality and supporting young people to grow in faith. The community will pray for all benefactors and are grateful for donations of any amount which can be made at www.walsinghamcommunity.org/maryshouseappeal Web: www.walsinghamcommunity.org Tel 01362 692574

Pilgrimage – Hope in the Wilderness - 28th-30th March for further details visit walsingham.org.uk/our-retreats

Vigil of Our Lady of Lourdes – Prayer & Fasting for Life - On Monday 10th February please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. Pray especially that Assisted Suicide won't be introduced. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting contact; The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740. Please Invite others to join us on the day, by Inviting them via Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/618329970650531/>

Parish Treasurer Needed: Fr Luke writes “After having served our parish for several years, and due to growing work commitments, our Treasurer Rosita has decided to stepdown. I am extremely grateful for all that she has done in service to our parish. We do, however, need a replacement treasurer. The parish treasurer is an important voluntary position and plays an essential role in administration of the parish, if you are good with numbers, perhaps even have some accountancy experience and think you could help please speak to me.”

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.
News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish


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The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time – 9th February, 2025. Readings: Liturgical Year C. Services during the coming week – 5th Week of the Year, Liturgical Year I


Sunday 9 th February	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish, Reader: C Moore, offertory: Cork Family Eucharistic Ministers: K Cork, C Moore.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Valerian Lobo RIP. Reader: J Iannelli, Offertory: Fox Family, Eucharistic Ministers: A James, J Poll, M Geisel.
	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 10 th February	St Scholastica	No Mass Today
Tuesday 11 th February	Feria 10:00am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Elsie Robinson RIP (Foundation Mass)
Wednesday 12 th February	Feria 12 noon	Holy Mass offered for all members of the Vieira Family living and dead
Thursday 13 th February	Feria 10:00am	Holy Mass
Friday 14 th February	Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Ralph Vieira RIP followed by Exposition, a chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction
Sunday 16th February - The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish, Reader: A Smith, offertory: Cleary Family Eucharistic Ministers: K Cork, C Moore.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Valerian Lobo RIP. Reader: A James, Offertory: M Mayhew/M Geisel, Eucharistic Ministers: J Poll, M Geisel, R Shorten.

Welcome: Today we welcome baby Saroya Ekwugha into the Catholic church and our parish community during the 10:00 am Mass when she will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Please remember Saroya in your prayers and pray

also for her parents John and Tracy and her godparents James and Rachael, that they may guide and support her faithful Christian development in the years ahead.


Catholic East Anglia: The February edition of Catholic East Anglia, the free Diocesan newspaper, has been published this week and copies are available free of charge in the church porch. This issue includes news of the Mass held to mark the start of the Jubilee Year and a report on an ecumenical pilgrimage to Rome led by Bishop Peter Collins. The newspaper is also available electronically and can be found online on the parish website – scan the QR code to take you directly to it. 


Diocesan Year Books: Also available in the church porch are the new editions of the Diocesan Year Book for 2025 priced at £3.50 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 on the parish web site – just scan the QR code to take you to it. 

St Mary Magdalen 150 Club: The February prize draw will take place on Sunday, 23rd February in the Garden Room after the 10:00 am Mass. Are you a member of the 150 Club? If not, application forms are available in the church porch or also online on the parish website – the QR code will take you directly to the application form. Please do sign up and help support your parish in this way. 

Parish AGM: The Parish AGM will be held in the Garden Room starting at 7pm on Thursday 27th February. If you would like anything specific to be considered for discussion, please email Fr Luke before the 20th February using parishpriest@marymagdalens.org. Alternatively, a note can be left with Fr Paul in the presbytery. If you request a specific agenda topic, please ensure you are present at the meeting to express your view and contribute to the discussion. This will be an open meeting and all are welcome to attend.

Pastoral Care: If you are, or know of anybody who is, housebound and cannot get to Mass regularly, and would like a home visit with Holy Communion from a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please let Fr Luke or Fr Paul know, or send an email to contact@marymagdalens.org, and we will organise something for you.

Alpha Course: Thank you to all those who attended the Alpha end-of-course celebration meal in the church Hall last Wednesday and especially all those who worked so hard to prepare and serve the meal and clear up afterwards. The evening was a great success and will hopefully inspire the guests who attended to commit to the next Alpha course which will start on 30th April. You can find more information about Alpha on the parish web site – follow the QR code - and if you want to attend for the next course, you can send an email to contact@marymagdalens.org to register your interest. 

Are you new to the Parish: If you are new to the parish, or have only recently joined, please could you complete a registration form that can be found in the church porch, or downloaded from the parish web site. This will ensure we have your details in the parish records and can effect a proper introduction and welcome to you and your family. The adjacent QR code will take you directly to the registration form on the parish web site. 

Lost Property: Over the past weeks and months, we have collected a number of items that have been left behind in the church pews after services. These items are placed in the lost property box in the porch. Please check this to see if any of your belongings are there, as the box will be emptied, and contents disposed of, on 14th February.

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 the repose of the souls of our faithful departed especially for 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), Arthur Bonner (1990), Victoria Pagnillo (1976), Mary Cuffe (1991), Willie Long and Harry McAuliffe (2006) 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.

The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham are coming back!

Last year we had a wonderful retreat-mission week led by the sisters from the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham. They will be coming back to Ipswich to do an Ipswich Retreat Day on

Saturday 1st March 2025

10 – 4pm at St Mark's

On the Sunday they will speaking at all Masses at St Mark's and St Mary Magdalen about their Walsingham Appeal