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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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Headteacher:
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60791342
St. Marks RC Parish A/c

Eucharistic Adoration:

St Mark's
Friday 11:40 – 12:10*

Wed & Thurs 6:30 am

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**



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Confession:
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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:
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 March 2025

News at St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – Be with me, O Lord, in my distress		
1 st week of Lent – Year C		
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:		
SATURDAY 8/3/25	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: Howard Beeho RIP	1st Sunday of Lent
SUNDAY 9/3/25	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: The People of the Parish 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Catherine Creegan	1st Sunday of Lent
TUESDAY 11/3/25	9:00 Holy Family Offered For: Ann Oliver	Lent Feria
WEDNESDAY 12/3/25	9:30 am St. Mark's Offered For: Priest's intentions	Lent Feria
THURSDAY 13/3/25	NO MASS at St. Mark's 10:00 at St. Mary Magdalens	Lent Feria
FRIDAY 14/3/25	12:15 pm St. Mark's Offered For: Priest's intentions	Lent Feria FAMILY FAST DAY
SATURDAY 15/3/25	10:30 Reconciliation Service (Mass with confessions and visiting priests) 17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: The People of the Parish	2nd Sunday of Lent
SUNDAY 16/3/25	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: Anita Elizabeth Wilkins RIP 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Maureen Morkel RIP	2nd Sunday of Lent

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

**There will be a 2nd
collection next
weekend in aid of
CAFOD
(Family Fast Day)**

LENT

Adoration: Tuesday 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

Reconciliation Service: 15th
March at St. Mark's at 10:30
am

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.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIME ON TUESDAY

Over the next few weekends there will be some postcards at the back of the Church. They have been provided by SPUC. Please use them to Lobby your MP on the Assisted Dying Bill. If you don't know who your MP is please visit information@SPUC.org.uk

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. 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. Patrick's Day lunch – on 15th March. £20 per person. Details and sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

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!

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



CAFOD - Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year - journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent.. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

Community of Our Lady of Walsingham - House Appeal - The Community 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
Pilgrimage – Hope in the Wilderness - 28th-30th March for further details visit walsingham.org.uk/our-retreats

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.”

News at St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

The First Sunday in Lent – 9th March, 2025. Readings: Liturgical Year C. Services during the coming week – First Week of Lent, Liturgical Year I

Sunday 9 th March	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Leslie Robinson RIP (Foundation Mass), Reader: J Cleary, offertory: Cleary Family Eucharistic Ministers: K Cork, C Moore.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish. Reader: J Iannelli, Offertory: Fox Family, Eucharistic Ministers: M Long, W Lobo, A James.
	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 Michael & Louise</i>
Monday 10 th March	Lent Feria	No Mass Today
Tuesday 11 th March	Lent Feria	No Mass Today
Wednesday 12 th March	Lent Feria	12 Noon Holy Mass
Thursday 13 th March	Lent Feria	10:00am Holy Mass
Friday 14 th March	Lent Feria	10:00 am Holy Mass followed by Stations of the Cross
Sunday 16th March - The Second Sunday of Lent		
	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish, Reader: C Moore, offertory: Moore Family Eucharistic Ministers: K Cork, C Moore.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass. Reader: A James, Offertory: M Mayhew/M Geisel, Eucharistic Ministers: W Lobo, A James, J Poll.

Bible Study Group: This new group got off to a good start last week, and 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.

CAFOD Lenten Fast Day: Friday this week, 14th March, is CAFOD’s Lenten Fast Day. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD’s Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like Lokho who lives in the Marsabit region of Kenya where her community are living witnesses to hope. When Lokho’s animals died in a drought she had no way to feed her family. She teamed up with a group of women and reached out to Wakera, a CAFOD partner. Wakera shared his skills for growing food in harsh climates and provided them with seeds, tools and shade



nets, to protect their plants from the scorching sun, while still allowing every drop of precious rain through. Lokho's family now have food and are saving money from the produce they sell for when there are no more rainy days. Next Sunday, 16th March, we will be taking a second collection for the CAFOD appeal. You can donate using the special CAFOD envelopes – don't forget to Gift Aid your donation if you're eligible - or online at cafod.org.uk – the QR code will take you to the CAFOD donation page. And please pray with Lokho that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

The Chosen: Yesterday we started our showing of season 3 of the Chosen. There is always room for more to attend to see this acclaimed dramatisation of the life and times of Jesus Christ. We will be showing two episodes each of Saturdays 15th, 22nd and 29th March starting at 7:00 pm in the Garden Room. This is highly recommended for all parishioners, and guests, young and old – if you have not seen it yet, do come along, There is not charge and refreshments are provided.

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: Starting this Wednesday, 12th March, and continuing each Wednesday for 5 weeks, Fr Luke will lead a reflective journey through the Apostles' Creed using the Catechism of the Catholic Church. These sessions will be held at 7:00pm in the Garden Room.

St Mary Magdalen 150 Club: The March prize draw, which is the final draw of the Club year and includes the major annual Bonus Prizes, will be made in the garden Room after 10:00 am Mass on Sunday 30th March. Shortly thereafter, members will receive renewal instructions for the new year which starts in April. So if you are not already a member, now would be the ideal 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 and also give yourself a chance to win one of the cash prizes.



Catholic East Anglia: The March 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. This edition includes news of the Jubilee Mass held to celebrate religious life and also includes reports on Bishop Peter blessing the foundation stone at the St Philip Howard redevelopment site, a report from the Diocese youth team's pilgrimage to Northern France and an article about the recent Ecumenical service in Ipswich. Please do take home a copy to read.



2024 Accounts: The 2024 accounts are available to view on the noticeboard in the Narthex. Points of note include: Offertory income of £27.2k remains flat year on year, hall rental Income of £16.4k is the highest on record thanks to Linis's efforts. Expenditure on hall maintenance includes £16.3k for replacement windows and fencing as a result of which the hall made a deficit for the year of £5.3k, the overall parish deficit for the year is £1.8k. Excluding the hall the parish made a small surplus of £3.5k mainly because of minimum expenditure on maintenance of the church and presbytery. The budget for 2025 includes for catch up of the maintenance backlog along with replacement of the hall kitchen (which will be mainly financed by grant funding). Since completion of the accounts, we have received a pledge of £5,000 from the Bernard Sunley Foundation towards the hall improvement project conditional upon the parish raising total funds for the remaining work which is estimated to cost in the region of £45k. Further grants are being sought to assist with this. If you have any queries or require additional information on the accounts, please do not hesitate to contact our Treasurer Chris Croker.

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@marymagalens.org, and we will organise something for you.

Alpha Course: The next Alpha course will start on 30th April and will be held each Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 pm in St Mark's church hall, Hawthorne Drive, Ipswich. You can find more information about Alpha on the parish web site – follow the QR code - and if you want to attend 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.



Message from the Parish Treasurer: Would the following parishioners please pick up a letter from the parish treasurer from the letter rack in the Narthex: A E & C J Coates, R Herath, D Payne de Cramill, S Fosker, V Borja Herrera, A & L Kuriak, J S Kalagira, J Claxton and T B Rose. Thank you.

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 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), Noel Andrews (2018), Alberto Computaro (2001) and Marion Keenan 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.