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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:
At 11am Mass every
Sunday



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Masses

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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:
Account name: St Mary
Magdalen Roman
Catholic Parish
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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 1st December 2024.

News for St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – To you O Lord, I lift up my soul.		
1st Week of Advent – Year C		
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:		
SATURDAY 30/11/24	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: The People of the Parish	1st Sunday of Advent
SUNDAY 1/12/24	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: Penny Holland RIP 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Ihan (Birthday)	1st Sunday of Advent
TUESDAY 3/12/24	10:00 Holy Family Offered For: Mrs. Beryl Edwards RIP	St. Francis Xavier
WEDNESDAY 4/12/24	9:30 am St. Mark's Offered For: Lorna Cooper	Advent Feria
THURSDAY 5/12/24	NO MASS at St. Mark's 10:00 at St. Mary Magdalens	Advent Feria
FRIDAY 6/12/24	12:15 pm St. Mark's Offered For: Michael Hanlon RIP	Advent Feria
SATURDAY 7/12/24	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: The People of the Parish	2nd Sunday of Advent
SUNDAY 8/12/24	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: Greg & Anna Fenby-Taylor 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Dolly & Ivan Saunders RIP	2nd Sunday of Advent

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

Christmas cards, calendars and diaries are now available from the repository at the back of the church. Please put the money in the red box on the wall beside the repository.

There will be a meeting for Parents who have already enrolled their Children for First Holy Communion and Alpha: After the 11 am Mass

Christmas Nativity Festival – Our first Nativity Exhibition will be a wonderful celebration about family. As well as the beautiful Nativity scenes shared by our parishioners we will have craft tables, cake sales, raffle prizes, interactive games and a visit from St Nicholas, for the children. **We need your support** please, can you provide Christmas gifts for adults and children for raffle prizes? e.g. bottles, new toys, gift sets, selection boxes. For the cake sale Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings, any small cakes and cookies. Do you make jam, chutney, preserves we can also sell. Most of all we look forward to seeing you on the day.

The festival will take place on Saturday 14 December from 10-1pm. We invite you to share your nativity scene with a note on its history, it could be new, passed down through the family and represent your culture. We want to celebrate the Christmas story with you. Please bring them to church from 1st December, please also make sure to include your name and contact details. They can be collected from Sunday 15 December. **Please take Some Flyers and put them through your neighbours' doors.**

Pilgrimage to Rome to celebrate the Jubilee of Youth - As part of the Jubilee 2025, the Diocese will be leading a pilgrimage to Rome, joining with thousands of young people from all over the world. If you will be age 16 – 30 next summer 2025. See www.rcdea.org.uk/youth for more details.

Musicians and Singers: Would you like to be involved in building a music ministry at St Mark's, to praise God with both traditional hymns and contemporary music? This is an important part of our weekly liturgy, so if you play any instrument or sing or have any other involvement in music please do get in touch: simon@stmarksparish.org.uk

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
The 151st draw was completed on Sunday 17th November after mass at Holy Family. The results were:
1st number 157 won £94.05. 2nd number 2 won £51.30. 3rd number 64 won £25.65.



Gift Aid - A claim for April 2023-24 Gift Aid will be made shortly, it is essential all donors were paying UK income or Capital Gains Tax in an amount equal to the claim. Unless I am informed to the contrary I'll be claiming tax on your behalf. Please advise of any changes to your name, address or postcode to ensure the Diocese records are correct, there is no need for a new GAD to be completed. If you would like gift aid envelopes, please email sharoncullum247@yahoo.co.uk

Our Lady of Ipswich: St Mark's has received a new painting of Our Lady of Ipswich. It will be blessed at a special Mass for the Immaculate Conception on Monday 9th December at 7pm. All welcome, please do come along!

2025 Medjugorje Parish Pilgrimage dates 16th to 23rd September. £829.00 when sharing a room. £100 discount if you book and pay before 30th November. For further details contact chrismceweneb@gmail.com

Advent Jesse Tree Activity for children and families This Advent, we're excited to offer a family-friendly activity inspired by the popular Jesse Tree tradition. Each day, we'll send out a Bible reading along with a small coloring piece that can be cut out and hung on a tree. To receive these daily readings and coloring sheets, please make sure you're signed up on ChurchSuite!

Sunday Advent Kids Craft Sessions To kick off each week of Advent, we'll hold a half-hour craft and learning session after the 11 am Mass at St. Mark's every Sunday. These sessions are for children to help them learn about Advent and get ready for the week's Jesse Tree resources. Whether you're a family or a parishioner interested in these activities, please sign up on ChurchSuite to receive the materials and updates. We look forward to journeying through Advent together!

Vacancies at Catholic Schools - Headteacher required at St Louis Catholic Academy, Newmarket. Please see website for more details: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/schools/school-vacancies/>

Ipswich Youth Retreat Inviting everyone of secondary school age to a special event to celebrate the start of Advent. Led by the Ignite Team, the afternoon will include engaging talks, games, Adoration . The event will take place on Sunday 1st December at St Mary's Church, Woodbridge Road starting at 1:45 and ending with food and refreshments after the 6pm Parish mass.

News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

The First Sunday in Advent – 1st December 2024. Readings: Liturgical Year C. Services during the coming week – First Week of Advent, Liturgical Year I

Sunday 1 st December	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish. Reader: C Moore, Offertory: Moore Family, Eucharistic Minister: K Cork.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Leslie Jerry RIP. Reader: A James, Offertory: M Mayhew/M Geisel, Eucharistic Ministers: M Long, M Geisel, R Shorten
<i>Please join us in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass for tea and coffee, prepared and served by Dorothy & Rosemary and for the 150 Club November prize draw.</i>		
Monday 2 nd December	Advent Feria	No Mass Today
Tuesday 3 rd December	St Francis Xavier	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for all members of the Vieira Family, living and dead.
	7:00 pm	Holy Mass & Induction of Fr Luke Goymour as Parish Priest, celebrated by Bishop Peter Collins
Wednesday 4 th December	Advent Feria	12 noon Holy Mass.
Thursday 5 th December	Advent Feria	10:00 am Holy Mass.
Friday 6 th December	Advent Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Charles Vieira RIP, followed by Exposition, a chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction.
Sunday 8th December - The Second Sunday in Advent		
	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish, Reader: A Smith, Eucharistic Minister: K Cork
	10:00 am	Holy Mass. Reader: M Pakes, Offertory: Pakes Family Eucharistic Ministers: M Geisel, R Shorten, T Snell

Today's Gospel: Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord and in this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed in Lectionary Cycle C and today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory, this passage marking the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicted the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warned about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identified the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory. Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, he indicates that others will be frightened but Jesus' disciples are not to fear but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations but encourages his disciples to pray for strength. We find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances. Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen

to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world. *Courtesy Loyola Press*

Advent Wreath: Today, the first Sunday of Advent, we place upon the sanctuary our Advent wreath. This is a circular garland of evergreen branches, representing eternity, on which five candles are arranged: three purple candles and one pink around the wreath and one white one at its centre. During the season of Advent, one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday as a part of the Advent service. Individually, each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ and, as a whole, these candles represent the coming of the light of Christ into the world. Each Sunday in Advent, a particular Advent candle is lit. Catholic tradition states that each of the four candles, one for each of the four weeks of Advent, represents one thousand years, to total the 4,000 years from the time of Adam and Eve until the birth of the Saviour. On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This first candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah and is typically called the "*Prophecy Candle*" in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ:

Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Emmanuel.

This Weekend: As previously announced, from this weekend we are reintroducing Holy Communion under both kinds. This is available for those who wish to receive both the Consecrated Host and the Precious Blood, but there is no compulsion so to do.

Fr Luke's Induction: Next Tuesday, 3rd December, there will be a special Mass at 7:00 pm celebrated by Bishop Peter Collins, during which Fr Luke will be officially installed as parish priest of St Mary Magdalen parish, and to which you are all invited. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the Garden Room.

The Ipswich Polish Catholic Community: Due to growing congregation sizes, the Ipswich Polish Catholic Community have outgrown the facilities available to them at St Mary's, Woodbridge Road, and we are pleased to be able to welcome them to St Mary Magdalen church for their Sunday Mass which is celebrated at 12 noon. With effect from Sunday 5th January, they will celebrate weekly Mass in our church, enjoy tea and coffee in the Garden Room afterwards and once a month will use the church hall for Sunday catechism classes. As a parish, this will not affect our own Mass times, but will make greater use of the parish facilities for their intended purpose and generate a valuable regular source of income for us. The situation will be reviewed after 6 and again at 12 months.

St Mary Magdalen 150 Club: The November prize draw of the parish 150 Club will be made today in the Garden Room after the 10:00 Mass. Why not join us and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and get to know some of your fellow parishioners a little better? The December prize draw, which will include the third quarter bonus prizes, will be delayed until Sunday 12th January due to holiday absence.

Alpha Course: The Alpha Course continues this week with session 6 on Wednesday 4th December at 12:30 pm in the Garden Room at St Mary Magdalen church which is repeated at 7:30 pm in St Mark's church hall. This week's session is entitled *How and Why Should I Read the Bible?*

The Sick of the Parish: We ask your continuing prayers for Patrick Doran, Celia Moore, 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: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Leslie Jermy who passed away in Ipswich Hospital on Tuesday 26th November, and remember his wife Magdalen, daughters Hannah and Rebecca and all his family and friends who mourn his passing. Also, of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of our faithful departed and especially for Charles "Rod" Long (1992), Miriam Wiseman (1993), Percy "Ron" Bates (1997), Cynthia O'Mara (2015), Valerie Jenkins (2017), Agnes Eaton (1999), Casilda Janssen (1973), Walter Richardson (1996), Mary McGinley (1993), Pamela Dee (2013), George Grimwood (1969), Alice Keohane (1981), Caterina Golecki (1981), Johann Janssen (1981), Ida James (2023) and Gertrude Quinn (1984) 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

Important Dates and Notices in Summary:

Tuesday 3rd December 7pm At St Mary Magdalen Fr Luke's induction as Parish Priest by Bishop Peter

Monday 9th December at St Mark's 7 pm Solemnity of Immaculate Conception, Blessing of New Image of Our Lady of Ipswich

Thursday December 5th Young Adults Meeting 7pm

Saturday 14th December at St Mark's Nativity Festival 10-1 pm

Sunday 22nd December at St Mark's: Advent Carol Service at 4pm

Monday 23rd December at St Mark's Christmas Craft n' pray for families

Christmas Masses at St Mary Magdalen: Christmas Eve 10 pm Christmas Day 10 am

St Mark's Christmas Eve: 5:30, 8pm at Holy Family and 11:30 pm for Midnight at St Mark's

Christmas Day 9 am at Holy Family and 11 am at St Mark's

From this weekend we use the new Lectionary with English Standard Version of the Bible, and we reintroduce the option of receiving Holy Communion under both kinds. (from the chalice)