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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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Parish School:
St Mark's School
Headteacher:
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Eucharistic Adoration:
St Mark's
Friday 11:40 – 12:10

Holy Family
Tuesday 9:20 – 9:50

Prayer Group:
1st, 3rd & 5th Monday
6:00 pm Adoration
7:00 pm 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



ST MARY MAGDALEN

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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

Parish School:
St Pancras Catholic Primary
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Headteacher:
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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
Sort Code: 20-44-51
A/c Number: 70777323

Catholic Chaplain to the Ipswich Hospital: Awaiting new appointment. If you or a family member are going into hospital, please advise either Fr Paul or Fr Luke.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - Sunday 11th February 2024

News for St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation 6th WEEK OF THE YEAR – Year B	
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:	
SATURDAY 10/1/24	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 11/2/24	09:00 Holy Family 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered For: Anne Elizabeth Wilkins RIP 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Annette Murphy RIP 18.30 Evening Prayer with Praise and Worship
TUESDAY 13/3/24	10:00 am Holy Family Feria Offered for: Mary & Graeme in Thanksgiving
WEDNESDAY 14/2/24	9:30 am St. Mark's ASH WEDNESDAY Offered for: Julia Salmon RIP 7:30 pm Holy Family: Offered for People of the Parish
THURSDAY 15/2/24	NO MASS at St. Mark's Lent Feria 10:00 at St. Mary Magdalen 6:30 pm Prayer for Chantry (St Marks)
FRIDAY 16/2/24	12:15 pm St. Mark's Lent Feria Offered for: Chris Richards RIP
SATURDAY 17/2/24	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Offered For: Alice Myers Riley RIP
SUNDAY 18/2/24	09:00 Holy Family FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Offered For: The People of the Parish 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Richard Barnes 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**

Prayer for Chantry
Ecumenical prayer 6:30
Thursday at St Marks

THIS SUNDAY and every
2nd Sunday
Evening Prayer with Praise
and Worship at 6.30 pm

Parish Mission Coming Soon!



The Big Lent Walk - Cafod invite you to take part in this event during Lent. To find out more visit their website at cafod.org.uk

Medjugorje 2024 – The pilgrimage to Medjugorje this year is from 19th September to 26th September. The details are as the successful pilgrimage last year and the price is the same, £779 per person for a shared room. For information contact Chris McEwen on chrismceweneb@gmail.com or 07967 568852

FIND, thanks us for our continuing generosity - Their current needs are crisps, squash, tinned potatoes, fruit, steak, mince, peas, carrots, and rice pudding. Also Pasta sauce

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.

100 CLUB - Pick up an application form to join or take a further number at the back of the church or contact Graeme Forsyth at mgforsyth@outlook.com or on 01206 399049. Visit the Parish Website or scan the QR code here



A new group is forming in the Diocese to help to reduce modern slavery here. During 2022, in our Diocese alone, 746 souls were found enslaved and rescued. Police describe this number of enslaved people, as the tip of the iceberg. Pope Francis wants us to "find" enslaved people. All that means is learning (simply) to spot the signs and safely report them to the Modern Slavery Helpline 08000 121 700. The new group is looking for young & older volunteers to join the group. No previous knowledge or experience required, just a wish to end slavery in our diocese. Please contact john_simong@hotmail.com to discuss possibly volunteering and read the leaflet about St Bakhita (regarded as the patron saint of Modern Slavery) at <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/caritas-east-anglia/modern-slavery>

Lent start on Wednesday. Ash Wednesday Masses as advertised above for St Mark's and Holy Family and below for St Mary Magdalen Please note times and locations! i.e evening Masses at Holy Family and St Mary Magdalen, not St Mark's. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Prayer.

Stations of the Cross in Lent: Tuesdays before Mass and Friday's before Mass in place of Adoration

The Parish Mission Starts Next Weekend.

Starts this
Sunday
Night





you're
INVITED

ST MARK'S CHURCH
Second Sundays 6:30pm

ST. MARK
Roman Catholic Church
ST. MARY MAGDALEN
Roman Catholic Church
180 Hawthorn Drive, Ipswich IP2 0QQ

News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11th February 2024: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year B Services during the coming week – Sixth Week of the Year, Year II		
Saturday 10 th February	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of the 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for the people of the parish. Reader: R Cork, Offertory: Cork Family
Sunday 11 th February	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Elsie Robinson RIP (Foundation Mass). Reader: A Smith, Offertory: Moore Family, Eucharistic Minister: E Cleary.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Eric List RIP (Foundation Mass). Reader: T Barker, Offertory: Fox Family, Eucharistic Minister: M Long.
<i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass, this week served by Rosemary & Dorothy</i>		
Monday 12 th February	Feria	
	No Mass	Today
Tuesday 13 th February	Feria	
	11:00 am	Requiem Mass for Patrick Mullan RIP
Wednesday 14 th February	Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, a day of fasting and abstinence.	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass and distribution of ashes, offered for the repose of the soul of Margaret Brownlee RIP
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass and distribution of ashes, offered for the repose of the soul of Mathew Joseph RIP
Thursday 15 th February	Lent Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for Mrs Coutinho
Friday 16 th February	Lent Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the repose of the soul of Lucy Mathew RIP, followed by Stations of the Cross.
Saturday 17 th February	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Lent, offered for the people of the parish.

Today's Gospel: In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy, a disfiguring, infectious skin disease. Today we know much more about this disease, but in Jesus' time religious and social taboos dictated the behaviour of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community. In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important

statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses. Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honour. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honours the Law of Moses. Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power and even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing. *Courtesy Loyola Press*

World Day of Prayer: Today 11th February, is World Day of Prayer for the sick, the Diocesan Day of Prayer for engaged couples and a Day of Prayer for the unemployed. Today we are all asked to pray especially for these special intentions.

Ash Wednesday:

By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return. Genesis 3:19

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting - the practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolise the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: *Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.* Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer, fasting and abstinence which marks the beginning of Lent, a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm at both of which ashes will be distributed, and whilst not a Holyday of Obligation, it is good to attend Mass on this day to mark the beginning of this penitential season and begin preparations for Easter in the right way.

Diocesan Year Book: The Diocesan Year Book 2024 has now been published, and copies are available in the church porch priced at £3 per copy. A digital copy of the Year Book is also available on the parish web site, from where it can be downloaded or referred to as required. To find the Yearbook on line, simply scan the QR code.



The Alpha Course: The Alpha course now takes a break as Wednesday this week is Ash Wednesday and the following week is half term holiday. The final session of the Alpha course will be held on Wednesday 28th February, at 12:30 pm in the St Mary Magdalen Garden Room and at 7:30 pm at St Mark's church hall.

What is Chosen?: *The Chosen* is probably the most successful TV show you have never heard of. It is a groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus Christ, seen through the eyes of those who knew him. Set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first-century Israel, the seven-season show shares an authentic and intimate look at Jesus' revolutionary life and teachings. *The Chosen* is based on the true stories of the gospels of Jesus Christ.

First Holy Communion 2024: The instruction classes for this year's First Holy Communion candidates take a break for half term holidays. The next class, the third in the programme, will be on Friday 1st March at St Mark's church, Hawthorne Drive, starting at 6:00 pm, and Saturday 2nd March when the class will be held at St Mary Magdalen church starting at 9:30 am. The full schedule of dates for the remaining classes can be found on the parish web site.

Patrick "Paddy" Mullan RIP: Patrick Mullan, a long standing parishioner in the parish, passed away in hospital on 14th January. His funeral will be held at St Mary Magdalen church on Tuesday at 11:00 am. Please pray for the repose of Patrick's soul, and also remember in your prayers his widow Martha and all his family and friends who mourn his passing.

Social Events: The next social event in the parish will be the Quiz Night, to be held in the parish hall on Saturday 9th March starting at 7:00 pm. Tickets, costing £8 each which includes a supper of jacket potato and chilli, will be available after each weekend Mass from this weekend. There will be a vegetarian food option too. This will be a BODAG event (Bring Own Drink And Glasses). Teams of 6 will take part in the quiz so why not get together with friends and family to form a team – otherwise you can join in with others to form a team on the night. There will be prizes awarded to the winning and second place teams, and good evening will be had by all.

Parish 150 Club: Due to the short length of the month of February, the February prize draw of the parish 150 Club will be made on Sunday 3rd March in the Garden Room after the 10:00 am Mass. As we approach the end of the Club's financial year 31st March, we are especially on the lookout for additional members. Some of our supporters have sadly passed away during the year, others have moved away from the parish and so there is plenty of room for new joiners just to make up the numbers. If you are not a member, why not sign up today and help support your parish. Application forms are available in the church porch or, even quicker, you can sign up on-line on the parish web site – just scan the QR code.



The Sick of the Parish: We ask your prayers for Patrick Doran, Sheila 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 and especially for 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, Harry McAuliffe (2006) and Maureen Mulligan (1961) 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.