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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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St. Marks RC Parish A/C

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 am Mass every
Sunday



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Confession:
Before Weekday Mass at
request

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 11th May 2025

News at St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – We are his people the sheep of his flock		
4th week of Easter – Year C		
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:		
SATURDAY 10/5/25	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: The People of the Parish	4th Sunday of Easter
SUNDAY 11/5/25	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: Christopher Moss 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Margaret & Roger Willett	4th Sunday of Easter
TUESDAY 13/5/25	10:00 Holy Family Offered For: Cis O'Brian	Easter Feria
WEDNESDAY 14/5/25	9:30 am St. Mark's Offered For: Priest's intentions	St. Matthaïs
THURSDAY 15/5/25	NO MASS at St. Mark's 10:00 at St. Mary Magdalens	Easter Feria
FRIDAY 16/5/25	12:15 pm St. Mark's Offered For: David Burrows RIP	Easter Feria
SATURDAY 17/5/25	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: The People of the Parish	5th Sunday of Easter
SUNDAY 18/5/25	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: Peter Moss RIP 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Anne Marie Hui	5th Sunday of Easter

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
after all
Masses this
weekend for
Vocation
Sunday**

Good Shepherd Sunday: This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday; a day when we reflect on how the ministry of Christ as Priest, Prophet and Shepherd continues in the Church through the ordained priesthood. Priests do not fall from Heaven ready-made. The call to priesthood needs to be heard, vocations need to be nurtured, and funding is needed to provide for priestly formation. The cost of training a priest is more than £150,000. We all have our part to play in praying and encouraging vocations and in financially supporting for the formation of our future parish priests. Please continue to pray for priestly vocations and be as generous as possible towards the Second Collection on Good Shepherd's Sunday

Day for Anyone Thinking About a Vocation to the Priesthood: The Diocese is organising a short day of recollection for anyone open to the possibility of discerning a calling to the priesthood. Held at the parish church in Thetford on the 24th of May, beginning with Mass at 10:30am, the day is open to those at any stage of discernment, including those who may simply be curious about beginning to explore this path. It will include times of prayer, as well as input from Fr Gregory Pearson (of the Dominicans), Fr Christopher Smith, (Diocesan Director of Vocations) and Prof Richard Macquire (Cathedral Heritage Officer). For more information and to express interest in attending, you are warmly encouraged to contact Fr Christopher Smith at christopher.smith@rcdea.org.uk

FIND - The donation box is still under the table at the back of the Church the Church. **They need:** Fresh fruit, Tinned carrots and sweetcorn, Pot noodles sugar, squash, UHT milk, treats, biscuits and jam.

Welcoming our parishioners at 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

Join Radio Maria for a Worldwide Rosary live from the Chapel of the Apparitions at the heart of the Fátima Shrine. Pray with our global family on Tuesday, 13th May at 4pm. Listen on DAB+, online at RadioRariaEngland.uk, on the free Radio Maria Play app, or on your smart speaker by saying, "Play Radio Maria England."

Evening of Divine Mercy and Our Lady of Ipswich with Fr Chris Alar MIC on Friday 6th June at St Mark's 6pm
***Save the Date! ***

House of the Divine Will, Neatherd Moor, NR20 4AZ between midday and 5pm. Teas, coffees, cream teas and a variety of homemade cakes will be on offer for a suggested donation of £5.00, and do feel free to bring a picnic lunch. All ages welcome! Please note that, unfortunately, we do not have disabled access at this time and the ground is uneven in places. If driving, we ask that you be mindful of the 10mph speed limit on the approach to our convent. Email office@walsinghamcommunity.org or call the sisters on 01362 692574 for further information. We look forward to welcoming you!

Parish Family BBQ Sunday 25th May after 11 am Mass (Kid's Church incorporated!) Our parish BBQ will take place this year following the 11 am Mass at St Mark's. There will be a short 'kids Church' activity whilst things get set up and time to gather and socialize in the garden. Burgers and hotdogs will be provided but please bring and share a salad/side or a dessert. Suggested donation: £5 per family to help with costs,

News at St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

Fourth Sunday of Easter – 11th May, 2025. Readings: Liturgical Year C. **Services during the coming week – The Fourth Week of Easter, Liturgical Year I**

Sunday 11 th May	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish. Reader: F Vieira, Offertory: Cork Family Eucharistic Ministers: K Cork, C Moore.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass. Reader: M Pakes, Offertory: Pakes Family, Eucharistic Ministers: S Snell, 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 Louise & Val</i>
Monday 12 th May	Easter Feria	No Mass Today at St Mary Magdalen Church
Tuesday 13 th May	Easter Feria	10:00 am Holy Mass offered for all members of the Vieira Family, living and dead.
Wednesday 14 th May	St Matthias	
	12 noon	Holy Mass.
	7:30 pm	Alpha Course, session 3, in St Mark's church hall.
Thursday 15 th May	Easter Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Florence Dooley RIP.
	7:15 pm	Bible study group meets in the Garden Room
Friday 16 th May	Easter 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.
Fifth Sunday of Easter		
Sunday 18 th May	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish. Reader: J Cleary, Offertory: Moore Family Eucharistic Ministers: K Cork, C Moore.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass. Reader: N Fox, Offertory: Long Family, Eucharistic Ministers: J Poll, M Geisel, R Shorten

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations - and teaching young people how to discern God's call - is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. *"Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit."* - Pope Saint John Paul II. Join the Universal Church today in observing the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, as we ask the Lord to send labourers into His harvest! This day is a reminder to pray for and support those discerning the priesthood, religious life, and other vocations in the Church, and in support of vocations locally, there will be a second collection taken today for the Diocesan Priests' Training Fund.



Alpha Course: The new Alpha course continues next Wednesday evening. The third session, entitled *Why Did Jesus Die?*, will be held in St Mark's church hall, 180 Hawthorn Drive, Ipswich, IP2 0QQ starting at 7:30 in the evening.

St Mary Magdalen 150 Club: The combined April and May prize draws will be made in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass on Sunday 25th May. As a result of a number of subscribers who have, for one reason or another, decided not to renew their membership this year, there is plenty of room for new members. 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.



St Vincent de Paul Group: The next meeting of the parish St Vincent De Paul (SVP) group will take place in St Mark's church hall on Thursday 15th May at 10:00 am. Meetings start and finish with the special SVP prayers and last strictly no more than one hour. All are welcome to come along and find out more.

Date for your Diaries: On Saturday 31st May there will be something new for Ipswich – a Deanery based Walking Pilgrimage of Our Lady of Ipswich to mark the feast of the Visitation. The walk will start from each of St Mary's, St

Marks, and St Mary Magdalens churches and the three groups will come together at St Pancras church for the Angelus at 12 noon followed by the Mass of the Feast of the Visitation at 12:15. The walk from St Mary Magdalen will start at 10:45. This event offers us all a chance to witness our faith and devotion, especially to Our Lady, and it would be a very good thing for as many as possible to join in and make the event a great success.

New Readers: Would you like to join our team of readers – to proclaim God's Word at Mass and take a fuller part in the liturgy? There will be a training and practice session for new readers on Saturday 14th June starting at 10:30 in the church. Anyone who wants to read will get a chance to try without the pressure of a congregation present. If you are interested please turn up on the day, or for more information speak to Martin Pakes or email him – readers@marymagdalens.org.

Catholic East Anglia: The May edition of Catholic East Anglia, the Diocesan newspaper, is out now and free copies are available in the church porch. Please do take one home and catch up on news and events across the Diocese. The edition includes news of Bishop Peter Collins' tribute to Pope Francis and also includes reports on the Easter celebrations at the Cathedral and across the Diocese. The newspaper can also be read on-line on the parish web site – simply scan the QR code to the right and you will be taken directly to the article.



Churchsuite: St Mark's with Holy Family and St Mary Magdalen Parishes are utilising ChurchSuite, a computerised management system specifically designed to support churches in the various administrative and record keeping functions that are necessary to ensure an efficient organisation. In our modern world, communicating with people and keeping them informed of plans, events and announcements is increasingly important, but without modern tools and channels this is increasingly difficult to achieve. The old days of announcing things in the parish newsletter is very slow, restrictive and outdated and web sites and social media tend to rely on people looking for information rather than having it automatically delivered to them. Churchsuite offers the capability of providing this proactivity in communicating, as well as providing a central repository for things like duty rotas, events, calendars etc. One key aspect of Churchsuite is to compile and hold contact information for parishioners in a fully GDPR compliant database. This then allows the parish priest and authorised persons within the parish to be able to contact people as required for the purposes of parish administration whilst ensuring that the personal information provided by parishioners remains confidential. The records kept in Churchsuite supersede the information previously held in various paper-based parish records, and in order to ensure the efficiency of these records, it is important that all parishioners register their details to ensure they can be contacted as and when required. If you have not registered for Churchsuite, or you are new to the parish community, please do sign up and register your contact information. You can do so on-line on the parish web site – just scan the QR code to do directly there.



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 Eileen Mills (1997), Michael Byrne (2005), Mary Hollis (2010), Reginald Park (1989), Frank Gay (1972), John Smith (2007), Clare Jermy (1980), Stanley Poll (1993) and Terence Sparkes (1997) 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.



Pope Leo XIV – We have a Pope! Please pray for Pope Leo as he begins his new ministry as our shepherd. Pope Leo is the first American and first Augustinian Pope, he was a missionary for many years, Parish priest, seminary professor, bishop in Peru and is highly educated in theology and Canon Law speaking 5 Languages! His first words were those of Christ: "Peace be with you."

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Our Lady of Ipswich
Walking Pilgrimage
The Ipswich Deanery of St Edward



Walking and praying from four locations across Ipswich to come together for Mass at St Pancras for the Feast of the Visitation, Saturday 31st May 2025

Starting from:

- +St Mark's, Hawthorn Drive at 10:30 am
- +St Mary Magdalen, Norwich Road at 10:45 am
- +St Mary's Woodbridge Road at 11:15 am
- +Lady Lane at 11:30 am

+Angelus at 12 Noon + Holy Mass at 12:15 at St Pancras +