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The Parish of St Mark includes St Mark's Church in Ipswich  
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**Parish Priest:**  
Fr Luke Goymour

**Holy Family**  
Tuesday – 09:20 - 09:50

**Parish school:**  
St Mark's School  
**Headteacher:**  
Dr Michael Keller

**PRAYER GROUPS:**  
**St Mark**  
1st and 3rd & 5th Monday  
6:00pm: Adoration  
7:00pm – Praise, worship,  
scripture, reflection in Hall

**Parish Secretary:**  
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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**  
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**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.

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Catholic chaplain to the Ipswich hospitals: Awaiting new appointment. Please contact either Fr Paul, Fr Luke or one of the other Ipswich priests if you or a family member are going in to hospital.

## News for St Mark's Catholic Parish

### Responsorial Psalm – **For you my soul is thirsting O God, my God**

32<sup>nd</sup> WEEK OF THE YEAR – Year A

#### MASS & PRAYER TIMES:

<b>SAT 11th</b>	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday</b>
<b>SUN 12th</b>	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: Anne Kelly RIP <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: John West RIP	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday</b>
<b>TUES 14th</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>WED 15th</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>THUR 16th</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>FRI 17th</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>SAT 18th</b>	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> Offered For: Rev. Fr. Simon Simmonds RIP	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>SUN 19th</b>	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Sir Jude Ozor RIP	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

Thank you for your participation in the Time, Talent and Treasure Programme. Your Forms are being processed and we will be in touch in due course. God bless you.

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 DRAW

Tickets on sale after Mass

**Alpha Course: What's life about? Curious about your Faith? Starts Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Info at back of Church, Register now (closed on 8<sup>th</sup> Nov) Friendly, informal discussion, over a free hot meal!**

**Fr Luke** is finishing Jury Service this week and begins his annual, canonical retreat. Apologies for the disruption in Masses and pastoral availability at this time.

**Holy Souls:** Masses for the holy souls are offered through November. Please add the names of those you want remembered at Mass in the book of life at the front of Church.

**Gift Aid** - We intend to make a claim in November for the period of April 2022-2023 and would like to remind you that it is essential that you are still paying UK income or Capital Gains Tax in an amount equal to the claim. Unless we are informed to the contrary, we will be claiming tax on your behalf. If anyone would like to boost their donations at no extra cost the gift aid forms are available on the table at the back of the church. Kindly email me with any changes since you last completed the form at [sharoncullum247@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sharoncullum247@yahoo.co.uk)

**Confirmation Class** Confirmation class began on 4<sup>th</sup> November from 10-4pm at St Mark's forms available at the back of Church, **First Holy Communion Registration is now Closed!**

#### At the Repository

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.

**Want to become a Catholic?** Then consider joining our RCIA programme, please fill out a form and return to Fr Luke **ASAP** (The Alpha course will form part of this year's RCIA course) Members of the RCIA are also invited to meet with Fr Luke on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm

**Social & Fundraising** - This year our main fundraiser, the Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 2nd December. We, the Parish Fundraising Group really would appreciate your help, if you could volunteer for a couple of hours on Friday morning to help bring down heavy boxes from upstairs and set the tables up. And/or on Saturday morning to help run co-run one of the stalls. There is a list on the church notice board near the doors, of stall helpers still required, please pop your name and phone number on it. Thank you for your support.

**\*This weekend Fr Paul is at St Mark's Parish whilst Fr Luke celebrates the Masses at St Mary Magdalen Parish\***

**Thank you to everyone who has bought raffle tickets and contributed items to the Christmas Fayre, we have lots of lovely things. We don't need anymore cuddly toys but we would appreciate alcohol for the tombola , toys and gifts, cushions and anything else you find taking up space at home!**

**FIND, thanks us for our generosity** - and is asking especially for soup, tinned potatoes, pasta and pasta sauce, rice , tinned fruit and shampoo

**Mary's Meals** – Ask for your help in raising funds by making and selling art and craft items. See their new campaign **Make for Meals** on their website [www.marysmeals.org](http://www.marysmeals.org)

**Ipswich in Prayer Breakfast** – 18<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 to 9am at the Salvation Army Citadel, 588 Woodbridge Road Ipswich IP4 4PH. Please let them know if you will be attending and if you have any special dietary requirements. [Paulbutcher333@gmail.com](mailto:Paulbutcher333@gmail.com) or 07734665314 or WhatsApp.

**St. Albans** – are seeking to recruit a School Chaplain. For further details visit the school website <https://www.st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk/vacancies>

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Beryl Edwards who sadly went Home to God last Sunday morning. Please keep Edwin and all the family in your prayers.**

## News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

*Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Remembrance Day - 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023*

*Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A*

*Services during the coming week – Thirty-second Week of the Year, Year I*

Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday, offered for Kathleen Bakowski. Reader: I Suttle, Offertory: Hennon Family
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	8:00 am 10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the repose of the soul of Annick Smith RIP. Reader: F Vieira, Offertory: Cleary Family, Eucharistic Minister: E Cleary Holy Mass, offered for the people of the parish. Reader: N Fox, Offertory: Pakes Family, Eucharistic Minister: R Shorten
<i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass, prepared &amp; served by Michael &amp; Molly</i>		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria <b>No Mass Today</b>	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the Vieira Family
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria 12 noon	Holy Mass, offered for the repose of the soul of Albertina Vieira RIP
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the Deceased Members of the Long Family (Foundation Mass)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the repose of the soul of Fr Martin Orme RIP followed by Exposition and a Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for Stan Bakowski.

**Today's Gospel:** In this week's Gospel reading, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. It follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted and teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared....The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realisation that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him? *Courtesy Loyola Press*

**Remembrance Day:** Today is Remembrance Sunday - a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. We remember the Armed Forces, and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those of all nations and nationalities who have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism. At the end of the 10:00 Mass, we will pause for a two-minute silence to reflect on the service and sacrifice the Armed Forces make on our behalf.

**The Alpha Course:** On Wednesday this week, the first session of the Alpha course will be held at 12:30 in the Garden Room at St Mary Magdalens and at 7:30 pm in the hall at St Marks for those that have registered. The St Mary Magdalen session will include a light lunch and the evening session at St Mark's will include a cooked meal.

**Welcome:** Today we welcome Alias Zizka into the Catholic Church and our parish community when he is baptised at 12 noon. Please remember Alias in your prayers and also pray for his parents and godparents that they may guide their child to a full and meaningful relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**Find Christmas Appeal 2023:** Like last year, FIND is again focusing its Christmas appeal on gift vouchers and store gift cards which can be passed to those in Ipswich less fortunate than us. Between now and Christmas, FIND will be issuing some 900 food boxes to make sure it can provide for Christmas and January. Having store vouchers will enable people to buy fresh foods or gifts of toys, clothes and other items. Suggested providers are Sainsbury's, ASDA, ALDI, Co-op, Waitrose, Smythes, The Entertainer toy store, Argos, Primark and M&S. Any vouchers donated must have receipts with them so that it is certain that they have been 'loaded'. If you are able to respond to this appeal, please put any donated vouchers or gift cards, along with the corresponding receipt, in an envelope marked FIND Christmas Appeal and drop it in the collection plate at any Mass no later than Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December to allow for collection and distribution.

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**Parish 150 Club:** The November prize draw of the parish 150 Club is due to be made on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. However, owing to holiday absences, this draw will be postponed and will instead be made after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December. There is plenty of room for new subscribers – why not sign up today and your numbers can then be entered in the next prize draw? 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.



**Hall Working Party:** Thank you to all those who gave up their time on Saturday morning to help with the ongoing work tidying up the church hall. The opportunity was also taken to complete the lighting upgrade in the hall. The old fluorescent lighting has all now been replaced with bright and effective energy-efficient LED lighting which will both reduce running costs and simplify ongoing maintenance.

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**Book of Remembrance:** In the Catholic Church the month of November begins with the Solemnity of All Saints' on November 1<sup>st</sup>, followed by the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed – All Souls' Day' on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Together these days mark the start of a month of remembrance, often referred to as the month of the dead, during which we remember and pray especially for our loved ones who have gone before us and whose loss we feel. On the table at the back of the church there is a Book of Remembrance, and you are all invited to write in this the names of those family members and friends who have died, who will then be remembered especially during Masses throughout this month.

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**Free to a Good Home:** If anybody has use for some 1500mm (5 ft) fluorescent light fittings complete with tube and diffuser, there are still some available free of charge. These are rather dusty, but otherwise in good working order and would suit perhaps a garage or a shed. These are offered on a first come - first served basis without warranty. If you are interested, please email [contact@marymagdalens.org](mailto:contact@marymagdalens.org) and collection can be arranged, else these will be disposed of after the end of the month.

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**Wreath Making Workshop:** On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November a Christmas Wreath workshop will take place in the Garden Room between 7 and 9 pm. The cost will be £15 with all equipment provided, but if you have any special decorations you would like to incorporate, then do bring them along. For further information, and to book your place, please contact Janet Irving on 07837 152179.

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**Christmas Sing-a-Long:** On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, a Christmas Sing-a-Long concert will be held in the parish hall starting at 7:00 pm. You are all invited to come along and bring with you any (portable) musical instruments you might play and your best Christmas voice to join in. Music will be provided by the Martlesham Ukulele Players. Tickets, costing £5 which includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie, will be available after weekend Masses.

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**The Sick of the Parish:** We ask your prayers for Patrick Doran, Ida James 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.*

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**Our Own Dear Departed:** Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Emily "Pat" McCreery (1987), Peter "Paddy" Pratt (2004), Helen Kerr (2003), Martin Creswell (2013), Agnes Collings (1967), Michael Chapman (2010), Pamela Oliver (2010), Norah Scoging (1965), Kathleen Royal (1983), Malcolm Lewis (1992), Anthony Hinton (1997), Christina Fisher (2018) and Catherine Boar née Cleary (2018) 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.*

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