



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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)

**Parish Priest:**  
Fr Luke Goymour VF

**Parish School:**  
St Mark's School  
**Headteacher:**  
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**Parish Secretary:**  
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**60791342**  
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:**

11 am 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sundays of each month



## ST MARY MAGDALEN

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**Parish Priest:**  
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**Assistant Priest:**  
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**Confession:**  
5:30pm Saturday  
and by appointment

**Parish School:**  
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**Headteacher:**  
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**Confession:**  
Before Weekday Mass  
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 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

## News at St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – <b>Blessed is the man who has placed his trust in the Lord</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year – Year C		
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:		
<b>SATURDAY</b> 15/2/25	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> Offered For: Brian Rowan	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 16/2/25	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Mae O'Reilly RIP	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 18/2/25	<b>10:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: <b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 19/2/25	<b>9:30 am St. Mark's</b> Offered For: Priest's intentions	<b>Feria</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 20/2/25	<b>NO MASS at St. Mark's</b> 10:00 at St. Mary Magdalens	<b>Feria</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 21/2/25	<b>12:15 pm St. Mark's</b> Offered For: <b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 22/2/25	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> Offered For: Mike Galloway RIP	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 23/2/25	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Louis Allen	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

### 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***

### Adoration:

For the Jubilee Year and for the Mission of our Parishes: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday and Thursday morning at **St Mark's 6:30 am to 7:30 am** followed by a light breakfast **come for as long or as little as you like**, to pray silently in the presence of Jesus for our Parish, for Ipswich and for those in our immediate community to come to know Jesus. Start your day in the presence of God – more info and prayer materials to follow, , **all welcome**

**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. The 2025 Jubilee, with the inspiring theme "Pilgrims of Hope," began on December 24, 2024, and will conclude on January 6, 2026. 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.

**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.  
News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

**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](http://www.radiomariaengland.uk). Join us and let Radio Maria bring faith to life!

**Do you have a gift for music?** St Mark's is building a music ministry to praise God through both traditional hymns and contemporary music, and we need your help! Music is a vital part of our weekly liturgy, and your talent—whether singing, playing an instrument, or contributing in other ways—could make a real difference. Please get in touch and be part of this meaningful and inspiring ministry.

**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](mailto:dford0554@aol.com)



**2025 Medjugorje Parish Pilgrimage** dates 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September. £829.00 when sharing a room. For further details contact [chrismceweneb@gmail.com](mailto:chrismceweneb@gmail.com)

**Kids Church:** For all children primary school aged and especially those who are preparing for First Holy Communion, this will take place on the last Sunday of the month after the 11 am Mass at St Mark's for approximately half an hour, parents are invited to have tea or coffee in the hall whilst we learn, pray and worship in the Church. Starts Next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.

**ST. MARK'S SCHOOL** - are excited to announce the addition of a toddler group to our school community, called Curious Cubs. This group is designed to provide a fun, supportive environment for our younger learners and their families. It will offer a range of activities focused on early development and socialisation. The sessions will take place from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February between 9 and 10.30am at St Mark's School.

**AND** - Judo classes for students in Years 4, 5, and 6! These sessions will provide students with the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of Judo, including discipline, respect, and teamwork, all while having fun and staying active. The sessions take place every Wednesday between 6 and 7 pm. For more information or to sign up, please contact the school office.

### 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 step down. 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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time – 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2025. Readings: Liturgical Year C.**

**Services during the coming week – 6<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Liturgical Year I**

Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish, Reader: A Smith, offertory: Cleary Family Eucharistic Ministers: K Cork, C Moore.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Valerian Lobo RIP. Reader: A James, Offertory: M Mayhew/M Geisel, Eucharistic Ministers: J Poll, M Geisel, R Shorten.
	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 Val &amp; Michael</i>		
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Feria	<b>No Mass Today</b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Feria	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	10:00am	Holy Mass
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Feria	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	12 noon	Holy Mass offered for all members of the Vieira Family living and dead
	10:00am	Holy Mass
	Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Ralph Vieira RIP followed by Exposition, a chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish, Reader: C Riches, offertory: Moore Family Eucharistic Ministers: K Cork, C Moore.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass. Reader: M Pakes, Offertory: Pakes Family, Eucharistic Ministers: M Geisel, R Shorten, M Long.

**Catholic East Anglia:** The February edition of Catholic East Anglia, the free Diocesan newspaper, has been published and copies are available free of charge in the church porch. This issue includes news of the Mass held to mark the start of the Jubilee Year and a report on an ecumenical pilgrimage to Rome led by Bishop Peter Collins. The newspaper is also available electronically and can be found online on the parish website – scan the QR code to take you directly to it.



**Diocesan Year Books:** Also available in the church porch are the new editions of the Diocesan Year Book for 2025 priced at £3.50 per copy. The annual Yearbook contains a comprehensive, up-to-date guide to the Diocese of East Anglia. It can also be read and referenced online on the parish web site – just scan the QR code to take you to it.



**St Mary Magdalen 150 Club:** The February prize draw will take place next Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February in the Garden Room after the 10:00 am Mass. Are you a member of the 150 Club? If not, application forms are available in the church porch or also online on the parish website – the QR code will take you directly to the application form. Please do sign up and help support your parish in this way.



**Bible Study Group:** We will shortly be starting a Bible Study Group in the parish. Come along, learn and pray more in the Scriptures with our Bible Study group. This will be held weekly on Thursday evenings starting at 7:30 pm Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March and the group will start by looking at St Luke's Gospel. The venue is yet to be confirmed, and will be dependent upon the number of people interested. If you are registered on ChurchSuite, you can sign up there, or alternatively please email or speak to Martin Pakes – 07918 174651 martin.pakes@btinternet.com. This would be a good way to do something extra as part of your Lenten preparations.

**Parish AGM:** The Parish AGM will be held in the Garden Room starting at 7pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February. If you would like anything specific to be considered for discussion, please email Fr Luke before the 20<sup>th</sup> February using parishpriest@marymagdalens.org. Alternatively, a note can be left with Fr Paul in the presbytery. If you request a specific agenda topic, please ensure you are present at the meeting to express your view and contribute to the discussion. This will be an open meeting and all are welcome to attend.

**The Chosen – Season 3:** We are soon going to be continuing with our showings of the acclaimed television series depicting the life and times of Jesus Christ – The Chosen. We will begin showing season 3 in the Garden Room on Saturday evenings in March, commencing 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00 pm. For four consecutive Saturday evenings we will show two episodes each evening, with a refreshment break between and a short period of discussion and reflection. This is highly recommended for all parishioners, and guests, young and old, and again it would be good to do something extra for Lent.

**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@marymagdalens.org, and we will organise something for you.

**Alpha Course:** The next Alpha course will start on 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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 the repose of the souls of our faithful departed especially for Maureen Mulligan (1961), Mary Sparrow (1974), Margaret Doolin, Cynthia Woollard (2002), Wilhelmina "Helmi" Firmin (2024), Peter Grimwood (1982), Kathleen Smy (2000), Kate Brown (1976), Margaret Hutchinson, Frederick Adams (1994), Anne Gambo (2012), Felix Hennon (2018), Gladys Cooper (1996) and Helen Hinton (2013) 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.*

## **The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham are coming back!**

**Last year we had a wonderful retreat-mission week led by the sisters from the  
Community of Our Lady of Walsingham. They will be coming back to Ipswich to  
do an Ipswich Retreat Day on**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

**10 – 4pm at St Mark's**

**On the Sunday they will speaking at all Masses at St Mark's and St Mary Magdalen about their  
Walsingham Appeal**