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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
St Mark
Fridays 11:40-12:10

Holy Family
Tuesday – 09:20 - 09:50

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

CONFESSIONS:
St Mark Saturdays: 17:00
and by appointment

Children's Liturgy:
at 11 am on 1st, 3rd and
5th Sundays of the month.



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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.

Bank: Barclays
Account Name:
St Mary Magdalen
Roman Catholic Parish
Account number: 70777323
Sort code: 20-44-51

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 – My Soul rejoices in my God <div style="text-align: right;">3rd Sunday of Advent – Year B</div>	
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:	
SATURDAY 16/12/23	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass 3rd Sunday of Advent Offered For: The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 17/12/23	09:00 Holy Family 3rd Sunday of Advent Offered For: Beryl Edwards RIP 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Lynn Sellers RIP
TUESDAY 19/12/23	10:00 am Holy Family Advent Feria Offered for: Viv Stizasi
WEDNESDAY 20/12/23	9:30 am St. Mark's Advent Feria Offered for: Ray Travasso Int.
THURSDAY 21/12/23	NO MASS at St. Mark's Advent Feria 10:00 at St. Mary Magdalens
FRIDAY 22/12/23	12:15 pm St. Mark's (No Adoration This Friday) Advent Feria Offered for: Priest's intentions
SATURDAY 23/12/23	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass 4th Sunday of Advent Offered For: Julian & Gloria
SUNDAY* 24/12/23	09:00 Holy Family *4th Sunday of Advent Offered For: The People of the Parish 11:00 St Mark's (5:30 pm First Mass of Christmas) Offered For: The deceased relatives of John & Betty Stubbs

*See Black Box for Christmas Mass times

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.

East Anglia Children's Hospices There will be a Christmas Card for Charity wall again this year. Give a card to your friends in the Parish and support EACH at the same time. Your cards will be put on the wall beside the leaflet table at the back of the church. Just put your donation for EACH in the box and hang up your card. Thank you.

FIND, thanks us for our continuing generosity -

Their current needs are crisp, squash, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, steak, mince, peas, carrots, and rice pudding. Also Pasta sauce. **AND For Christmas by 9th December** please... The suggestions are VOUCHERS FROM Supermarkets, Primark, M&S and toy shops. Tins /tubes of sweets and biscuits. Lego sets for all ages.

Donations of money is acceptable too

Medjugorje 2024 – The pilgrimage to Medjugorje next year is from 19th September to 26th September. The details are as the successful pilgrimage earlier this 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

Support a Young Person on a Volunteer trip to South Africa: Iona MacQueen (formerly of our diocese) writes: "I am going on a charity volunteer trip to South Africa. I will be working with children in townships from broken homes and living in poverty. I am so passionate about giving these young people opportunities and spreading God's love, hope and Joy. If you would like to help me, go, you can donate to the following website to help my trip – I would be so grateful! www.fundmytravel.com/campaign/Kc2XDm1a4d

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

Christmas Collection: As is the custom of the diocese the collection taken for Christmas (not 4th Sunday of Advent) goes to Fr Luke and along with the Easter collection constitutes the main part of his annual income.

There will be a second collection this weekend for Christmas flowers.

Young Adults Meeting
18- 30 (ish)
Tuesday 19th December 7pm
at Weatherspoon's
Contact Jess at

jessicamccall@btinternet.com

Alpha Breaks now for
Christmas and
resumes on 10th
January 2024

Christmas Craft n' Pray

10- 12 Noon
Friday 22nd Faith based
craft activities, snacks,
games for children
primary aged and
families.

Christmas gifts and giving – visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts to buy gifts to help people improve their lives..... and marysmeals.org.uk to help feed the hungry – any donations made to them will be doubled by a generous benefactor.

Well done to St Mark's school, staff and students for the excellent CSI (Catholic School Inspection) result: The full report can be read on the school website. <https://stmarkscatholicprimary.co.uk/inspection-reports/> (CSI 2023)

"St. Mark's Catholic Primary School currently has space in their Reception class. If you would like to apply for a place please complete an ADM1 form and a Supplementary Information Form and you can find both of these here: <https://stmarkscatholicprimary.co.uk/admission/> Please return the forms to the school, and do contact the school if you have any queries on 01473 601748 or via email to admin@st-marks.suffolk.sch.uk"

Divine Mercy - Copies of the painting, which was installed and blessed last Sunday are available as prayer cards this weekend. To see more work by the artist, Ben Goymour, Go to <https://www.bengoymour.com/>

Don't miss our last bring and buy Coffee morning before Christmas, This Thursday the 21st December.

Mulled Wine , mince pies, mega raffle and lots of fun at ; Paddock Gate White Horse Road East Bergholt CO7 6TR
10.30 till 12.00

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. Please cut around the stamp leaving just a small border.

Christmas Mass Times: Sunday 24th December, Christmas Eve 5:30 pm Children and Family Mass, (Carols from 5pm)at St Marks.

8pm Mass of Christmas Night at Holy Family Brantham,

Monday 25th December: Christmas Day 9 am Holy Family, Brantham, 11 am at St Marks.

News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

The Third Sunday of Advent – 17th December 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year B Services during the coming week – Third Week of Advent, Year II

Saturday 16 th December	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent, offered for the People of the Parish, Reader: R Cork, Offertory: Cork Family.
Sunday 17 th December	8:00 am 10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Agnes Humble (Foundation Mass). Reader: C Moore, Eucharistic Minister: C Moore. Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Richard Fox RIP. Reader: N Fox, Offertory: Fox Family, Eucharistic Minister: R Shorten
<i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass prepared and served by Nigel & Dorothy</i>		
Monday 18 th December	Advent Feria No Mass Today	
Tuesday 19 th December	Advent Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for Sheila Tunney
Wednesday 20 th December	Advent Feria 12 noon	Holy Mass offered for Johanna O'Connor RIP
Thursday 21 st December	Advent Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass
Friday 22 nd December	Advent Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass followed by Exposition and a Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday 23 rd December	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent, offered for the people of the parish.

For Christmas Mass Times see below

Advent Wreath – Gaudete Sunday: Certain Sundays throughout the liturgical year have taken their names from the first word in Latin of the Introit, the entrance antiphon at Mass. *Gaudete Sunday* is one of these. The name comes from Philippians 4:4-5 *Gaudete in Domino semper* – Rejoice in the Lord always. *Gaudete Sunday* is a joyous celebration. Although it takes place during the penitential period of Advent, *Gaudete Sunday* serves as a mid-point break from the austere practices to rejoice in the nearness of Jesus' return. Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season, so the priest normally wears purple vestments, but on *Gaudete Sunday*, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens

the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. Similarly, today, the pink or rose-coloured candle of our Advent Wreath is lit. This pink candle is customarily called the Shepherds Candle and it represents joy:

“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.’”

Dependent Priests Fund: The Dependent Priests Fund is a charity run by priests of the diocese, but independent of the diocese, to support priests in mainly medical, but also in general need. There will be a retiring collection taken for this cause after each Mass this weekend – collectors please note. Please Gift Aid your donations if you can, but note that, as this is a charity independent of the diocese, it has a separate charity registration number and as such the special Gift Aid envelopes provided must be used and not the printed Diocesan ones.

Christmas Mass Times: On Sunday 24th December, morning Masses will be at 8:00 am and 10:am as normal, celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Advent. On Sunday evening at 10:00 pm the Mass of Christmas Night will be celebrated and on Monday December 25th, there will be the Mass of Christmas Day at 10:00 am. Please note that there will be no 8:00 am Mass on Christmas morning. Catholics are obliged to attend Mass for both the 4th Sunday of Advent and for Christmas.

Christmas Flowers: The church will be prepared for Christmas on Friday 22nd December starting at 1:00 pm when the flowers will be arranged, tree decorated and crib set up. Lots of help will be needed and no experience is necessary – just a willingness to help out and a spirit of enthusiasm.

Parish 150 Club: The delayed November prize draw of the parish 150 Club will be made in the Garden Room after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday 17th 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.



Catholic East Anglia: The December edition of Catholic East Anglia, the Diocesan newspaper, is available in the church porch. This is free – please do take a copy home and read it. The edition includes a report on the first Caritas East Anglia Festival and the visit of an East Timor Cardinal to two diocesan parishes. Also included is a report on the new Director of Music for the diocese, a tribute to a renowned Norfolk nun and Bishop Peter meeting all East Anglian school heads for the first time. The newspaper is also available to read on-line on the parish web site – just scan the QR code to take you straight to it.



FIND Christmas Appeal: The last day to receive vouchers or store cards for the FIND Christmas appeal is today. 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 this weekend.

Ida James RIP: A long standing member of the St Mary Magdalen parish, Ida sadly passed away on December 6th and her funeral will be held at St Mary Magdalen church on 9th January at 10:00 am. Please remember Ida in your prayers, her son Anthony and all those who mourn her passing.

The Alpha Course: The Alpha course now takes a break until after Christmas. The sessions will restart in January with the next session, the sixth of the eleven part course, on Wednesday 10th January.

Christmas Offering: The collection taken at next weekend’s three Christmas Masses will form the traditional personal gift from the parish community to our priest, Fr Paul.

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 Douglas Eno (1977), Agnes Humble (1999), Frederick Lowry-Corry (2006), Kathleen McCullar (1963), John Woodstock (1993), Valerie Jenkins (2017), Giuseppe Nelli (2011), Jean Ward (nee Marchant) (2021), Elvira Cucurrullo (1974), Fr Alfred S Bull, former parish priest (1980), Bernice Chaisty (2015), Richard Fox (2019), Ron Green (2022), Richard Miller (1971), Eric Mountford (2004), Deacon Clive Brooks (2022) and Michael Dooley (1989) 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.