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St Mark's School
Headteacher:
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Eucharistic Adoration:
(Stations of Cross in Lent)
St Mark's
Friday 11:40 – 12:10

Holy Family
Tuesday 9:20 – 9:50

Prayer Group:
Mondays 7:00 – 8:30pm
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

Evening Praise and Worship – 2nd Sunday of
Each month at 6:30 pm



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Confession:
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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.

Sunday 17th March 2024 The 5th Week of Lent, Yr. B

News for St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – A pure heart create for me, O God		
		5th week of Lent – Year B
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:		
SATURDAY 16/3/24	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: Maureen Kelway RIP	5th Sunday of Lent
SUNDAY 17/3/24	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: The People of the Parish 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Bishop Alan for his 80 th Birthday	5th Sunday of Lent
TUESDAY 19/3/24	10:00 Holy Family Offered For: Leonard Smith	St. Joseph
WEDNESDAY 20/3/24	9:30 am St. Mark's McGinn Family Intentions 16:00 St Marks' Reception of Body of Michael Galloway RIP	Lent Feria
THURSDAY 21/3/24	12.00 St. Mark's Funeral of Michael Galloway RIP	Lent Feria
FRIDAY 22/3/24	12:15 pm St. Mark's Offered for: Michael Galloway RIP	Lent Feria
SATURDAY 23/3/24	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: Irma Hughs RIP	Palm Sunday
SUNDAY 24/3/24	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: The Pells Family in thaksgiving 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: The People of the Parish	Palm Sunday

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

DONATIONS
**Of Easter Eggs, Bottles
and Chocolate needed for
the Easter Prize Draw**

Please

**SECOND
COLLECTION THIS
WEEKEND FOR
EASTER FLOWERS**

Advance notice of Holy Week and Easter Mass Times
Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday 3pm (10am Holy Family), Saturday Easter Vigil 8pm
and Easter Sunday as normal
More details to follow next week.

Want to help sing for Holy Week? Music rehearsal on Thursday 21st March at 7pm at St Marks.

Michael Galloway RIP Michael's Body will be received into Church at 4pm on Wednesday 20th March and his Funeral Mass will be at 12 noon on Thursday 21st March. All are welcome to attend. Please pray for the repose of Michaels's soul and for Karen and Family at this time.

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 - Raises funds for the Parish and holds a monthly prize draw. 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. For further information visit the Parish Website or scan the QR code here



Repository - Cards for Mother's Day, St Patrick's Day and Easter are now available. Please put the money for them in the red box beside the repository.

The Social & Fundraising Committee – are asking for donations for the Easter raffle. They would like alcohol and adult chocolates/Easter eggs. Also small chocolate Easter eggs and kids gifts for a children's raffle.

Living Stones Prayer Group: is now meeting every Monday at St Mark's from 7.00 - 8.30pm. Come and join us for praise & worship, Adoration, testimony, teaching, sharing of scripture and reflection. During Lent we will be praying the gospel using **Lectio Divina**.

On Saturday 23rd March, the Vigil of Palm Sunday - please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

An invitation to all young adults (age 18-30) to walk The Camino – The pilgrimage to Santiago Compestela will take place on 21st to 29th July and will be led by Bishop Peter Collins. Places are limited and bookings will be on a first come first served basis. For further details or to book see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

ChurchSuite – ChurchSuite is online data management tool that the parish is using to manage our parish database and to help keep everyone in contact with what is happening in the parish. The information gathered from the Time Treasure and Talent programme is being migrated onto ChurchSuite, many of you have already been contacted with a link. Churchsuite is safe, GDPR compliant and trusted by Churches up and down the country. It allows you to manage your own data and privacy whilst allowing the parish office and parish priest to contact you easily and securely. In time rotas for all groups in the parish, the parish diary and other relevant information will move onto ChurchSuite. If you haven't had an email from Fr Luke asking you to sign up, please email the office so that we can email you out a link and you can be added to the system.

News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

<i>The Fifth Sunday of Lent – 17th March 2024: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year B Services during the coming week – Fifth Week of Lent, Year II</i>		
Saturday 16 th March	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Lent, offered the people of the parish. Reader: I Suttle, Offertory: Hennon Family
Sunday 17 th March	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Albertina Vieira RIP. Reader F Vieira, Eucharistic Minister: C Moore.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the souls of James & Catherine Barrett and Roger Mayhew RIP. Reader: T Barker, Offertory: Long 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 Nigel & Dorothy</i>		
Monday 18 th March	Lent Feria	
	No Mass	Today
Tuesday 19 th March	St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	No Mass	Today
Wednesday 20 th March	Lent Feria.	
	12 noon	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Charles Vieira RIP
Thursday 21 st March	Lent Feria	
	10:00 am	Requiem Mass for Wilhelmina Firmin RIP
Friday 22 nd March	Lent Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Albertina Vieira RIP followed by Stations of the Cross.
Saturday 23 rd March	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday of the Pasion of the Lord, offered for the people of the parish.

Holy Week: Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, marking the beginning of Holy Week. The services of Holy Week can be found on the notice board in the narthex and on the parish web site. We need volunteers to take part in the reading of the passion on Palm Sunday and readings during Holy Week. There is a sign-up sheet in the church porch – please put your name down against the service where you can take part. We need two additional readers for both the 6 pm Saturday and 8 am Sunday Masses next weekend. At the 10:00 Mass we will be reading the full 12-part version of the Passion according to Mark. There will be a rehearsal for this at 10:30 am on Saturday 23rd in the church. Assigned readers please attend if you can. There are still some of the smaller parts available which would be ideal for our younger parishioners – speak to either Martin or Lucy Pakes. We will also need readers for Maundy Thursday (28th March), the reading of the Good Friday (29th March) Passion and several for the Easter Vigil readings (evening Saturday 30th March). Also for Maundy Thursday, we need 12 volunteers, men and women, to have their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Please see the sign-up sheet for details and put your name down to help where you can.

Gift Aid: Would all those parishioners who normally make their weekly offering using Gift Aid envelopes please note that their new 2024/25 envelopes are now available for collection from the Narthex. If you can't find your envelopes in the box please write your name on the sheet provided for this purpose and they will be made available to you next week. If anyone who has already signed up to giving by Gift Aid has changed their address during the last year, or did not pay sufficient income or capital gains tax to cover the tax reclaimable on their offerings, then please notify either Fr. Luke, Fr. Paul or Chris Croker (Gift Aid Co-ordinator).

Wilhelmina "Helmie" Firmin RIP: Wilhelmina Firmin, known as Helmi, passed away on February 19th aged 97 years. The Firmin family were in the parish for many years living on Bramford Road, but Wilhelmina has been most recently a resident at Sherrington House Care Home. Her requiem will be at St Mary Magdalen church on Thursday 21st March at 10:00 am. Please pray for Wilhelmina and for her family and friends who mourn her passing.

Chrism Mass: The Chrism Mass, one of the main Diocesan events of the year, will be celebrated by Bishop Peter in the Cathedral of St John, Norwich on Tuesday 26th March at 11:30. At this Mass the oils for the Sacraments are blessed, and priests, deacons and people of the Diocese renew their commitment to serve. A coach will be travelling from St Mary's church, Woodbridge Road, departing at 9:00 am and this is open to members of all Ipswich parishes. There will be a fare of £15 return for the coach and if you would like to sign up, please contact the parish secretary at St Mary's by email using secretary@st-mary.org.uk

Easter Preparation: There will be a special cleaning session to prepare the church for Easter. This will be after the Solemn Liturgy on Good Friday. Flower arranging ready for Easter will take place on Saturday 30th March starting at 8:30 am. Everyone is welcome to come along and help. Offers of greenery to decorate the church will be helpful and gratefully received. Any such donations can be left under the table in the church porch from Wednesday 27th March.

Why Should I Be Chosen? Children as young as seven years old have been captivated by the series, while people who have been Christians for forty years or more have said that it has brought the Bible and the character of Jesus to life for them in new ways. Come along and judge for yourself. *The Chosen* is coming to St Mary Magdalen church soon!

First Holy Communion 2024: The instruction classes for this year's First Holy Communion candidates continues, with the next session, the sixth in the programme, taking place on Friday 22nd March at St Mark's church, Hawthorne Drive, starting at 6:00 pm, when the children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please remember all our children in your prayers and pray especially for them on this memorable day. The dates for the remaining classes can be found on the parish web site.

Parish 150 Club: 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, you can sign up on-line on the parish web site – just scan the QR code. Existing members will shortly receive annual renewal instructions by email, or new payment envelopes if you have not registered your email address. If you have any questions about your subscription or payment method, please contact the secretary by email at 150club@marymagdalens.org or speak to Michael Long.



Help Required: Are there any ladies, or indeed gents, out there who are good at needlecraft? We have a need for some help in making some new veils for the tabernacle in church, and some covers for some of the altar ware. If you can help, please speak to Michael Long who can provide more information.

Ladies Tea & Chat: The ladies of the parish would normally meet on the last Friday of each month, but as the last Friday of March is actually Good Friday, there will be no meeting this month. The next session will be Friday 26th April.

Church Organ: As you all are aware, we sadly do not have a resident organist in the parish, but our organ has the capability of playing pre-recorded music which we use each week at 10:00 Mass and on other feast days. Currently we have only two people who are trained to operate the organ, which is not particularly difficult, and we desperately need some more volunteers willing to be trained in its operation so as to relieve the burden on the two and provide more cover. If you can help us in this way, please speak initially to Fr Paul, Chris Croker or Michael Long and we can arrange for training and "shadowing" to allow you to fill this role.

The Sick of the Parish: We ask your prayers for Patrick Doran, Jim Spence 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 Ambrose Andrews (1970), Margaret Savage (1982), Patricia Porteous (1995), Lilliana Zagni (2010), Margaret Stobo (2011), Jean Keenan, Ruby Stendera (1991), Patrick O'Donovan (1993), Joseph Baran (2012), Ranford Barret (2019), Wilfred Murray (1959), Patrick Kearney (1970), Pamela Spencer (1985), Antonio Casarelli (1979), Maureen Westrup née Long (2006) and Roger Mayhew (2020) 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.