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ST MARK

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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)

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Parish School:
St Mark's School
Headteacher:
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Parish Secretary:
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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:
5:30pm Saturday
and by appointment

Parish School:
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Headteacher:
Mrs Lucille Martin

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 31st March 2024.

News for St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad		1st week of Easter – Year B
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:		
SATURDAY 30/3/24	20:00 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: The People of the Parish	Easter Sunday
SUNDAY 31/3/24	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: Richard Deasy RIP 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: James Brown & Family	Easter Sunday
TUESDAY 2/4/24	NO MASS	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Father Luke is away from Monday until Friday. There will be no Masses in the Parish during that time. (Mass is celebrated, however, by Fr Paul At St Mary Magdalen Parish.</p> </div>
WEDNESDAY 3/4/24	NO MASS	
THURSDAY 4/4/24	NO MASS	
FRIDAY 5/4/24	NO MASS	
SATURDAY 6/4/24	17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass Offered For: David Davison RIP	2nd Sunday of Easter
SUNDAY 7/4/24	09:00 Holy Family Offered For: The People of the Parish 11:00 St Mark's Offered For: Judy Stewart in thanksgiving 15:00 St. Mark's – Devotions and Holy Hour	2nd 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

**Easter Egg hunt
after the 11am
Mass at St Mrak's**

**He is Risen!
Wishing you all a
very Happy and
Holy Easter**

Easter offering: Following the custom of the diocese the Easter offering goes to the priest. This, along with the Christmas offering forms the substantial part of his annual income. If you would like to make an offering, either put money in collection baskets, or make a gift online and reference "Fr Luke". Alternatively, you cand hand cash directly to him.

100 CLUB - This month the 100 Club raised £170 for the Parish. Since its launch in 2012 it has raised £20,047. This month's winners are: 1st Prize £93.50 – No. 132; 2nd Prize £51.00 – No. 54; 3rd Prize £25.50 – No.41 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



Tea & Coffee – every Sunday after Mass at St. Mark's and Holy Family. All welcome

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**.

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.

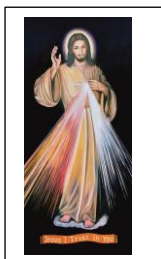
If you haven't had an email from Fr Luke asking you to sign up, please email the office office@stmarksparish.org.uk so that we can email you out a link and you can be added to the system.

Easter Craft and Prayer for all the Family: Thursday 11th April 10 – 12 noon at St Marks, for children and families primary school aged

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

An invitation to all young adults (age 18-30) to walk The Camino – The pilgrimage to Santiago Compostela 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

St. Albans – Open Mornings. An opportunity to visit and experience the school as a live learning environment, see the outstanding facilities and talk with key staff members. On 8th & 9th July. See the poster at the back of the church for further details.




Divine Mercy Novena and Feast. On Good Friday we started a Novena (9 days of prayer) in preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy on 7th April. The novena can be found at <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena> and there are prayer cards available at the back of Church. **There will be devotions and a special Holy Hour at 3pm on Sunday 7th April at St Mark's – All are Welcome.**

News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

<i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – 31st March 2024: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year B Services during the coming week – Easter Octave, Year II</i>		
Saturday 30 th March	8:00 pm	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night. Eucharistic Minister: W Lobo
Sunday 31 st March	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Martin Curry RIP (Foundation Mass). Eucharistic Minister: C Moore.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish. Eucharistic Minister: M Geisel.
<i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass, this week served by Michael & Teresa</i>		
Monday 1 st April	Monday in the Octave of Easter	
	No Mass Today	
Tuesday 2 nd April	Tuesday in the Octave of Easter	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for all members of the Vieira Family, living and dead.
Wednesday 3 rd April	Wednesday in the Octave of Easter	
	12 noon	Holy Mass
Thursday 4 th April	Thursday in the Octave of Easter	
	8:00 pm	Holy Mass offered for Arun's intention (Kitty)
Friday 5 th April	Friday in the Octave of Easter	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Albertina Vieira RIP, followed by Exposition, a chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction
Saturday 6 th April	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Easter, offered for the people of the parish.
Sunday 7 th April	8:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for all members of the Vieira Family, living and dead. Eucharistic Minister: E Cleary
	10:00 am	Holy Mass, Eucharistic Minister R Shorten

Today's Gospel: Each of the four Gospels reports that the women who had been followers of Jesus discovered the empty tomb after his death. Today we read from the Gospel of Mark, which contains the most succinct of all the reports of Jesus' Resurrection in the Gospels. In today's Gospel, Mark reports the names of three women who go to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. They are Mary Magdalene, Salome, and Mary, the mother of James. According to Mark, these are the same women who were among those watching Jesus' Crucifixion from a distance. Mark reports that these women were followers of Jesus in Galilee and that they ministered to him. Mark also reports that Mary Magdalene and Mary observed where Jesus' body was laid. After his death, these women come again to minister to Jesus. Mary Magdalene, Salome, and Mary, the mother of James, go to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. It is clear from Mark's report of their conversation that they had not worked out all the necessary details. They know that a very large stone was used to seal Jesus' tomb, but they do not know how they are going to remove it. When they arrive at the tomb, they find that the stone has already been rolled back and upon entering the tomb, they meet an angel who tells them that

Jesus has been raised from the dead. The angel then recalls Jesus' promise to his disciples that he would go before them to Galilee. Amazement would seem to be a natural reaction to the experience that the women had that morning, yet the angel chides them for being amazed. Perhaps the reason is found in the words that follow, as the angel reminds them that Jesus himself had told his disciples that he would see them again in Galilee. If the women had listened and heeded Jesus' words, they would not have been surprised to find the tomb empty. This highlights a theme of Mark's Gospel: the disciples of Jesus are often clueless about the true identity of Jesus and confounded by his message to them. Nonetheless, we can find some hope for the disciples, just as there is hope for us when we find ourselves unsure about Jesus. The disciples in today's Gospel were faithful followers of Jesus and remained present through Jesus' death on the cross. In fact, they came to the tomb that morning expecting to minister to Jesus once again but instead, they were sent to minister in a different way, as apostles to Peter and the other disciples. Because we hear this Gospel proclaimed today, we know that they honoured Jesus by accepting this mission. *Courtesy Loyola Press.*


Catholic East Anglia: The April edition of the monthly Diocesan newspaper is now available in the church porch. These are free so please do take a copy and read it. The edition includes a report on Bishop Peter's welcome at the Rite of Election, and a picture of his meeting with Pope Francis. Also included is a story about the second Caritas East Anglia Festival in Ipswich, Lenten Station Masses across the Diocese, a three-church Ipswich mission and a first-ever Day of Prayer for Engaged Couples. The newspaper is also available to read on-line on the parish web site - click the QR code to take you to it. 

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).


Easter Offering: A reminder that the collection taken at the three Easter Masses this weekend will form the traditional personal gift from the parish to our priest Fr Paul. Please be generous.

When Will I Be Chosen?: Dates for your diaries – the first showing of *The Chosen* will be held in the parish hall starting at 6:30 pm on the first four Saturdays in June: the 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. We want as many people as possible to come along and watch this amazing production so put these dates in your diaries now. There will be two episodes shown each session, with a break for tea and coffee in between. There is no charge for this so please do come along and see for yourself.

First Holy Communion 2024: The instruction classes for this year's First Holy Communion candidates takes a break for the Easter holidays – the next session is 19th April at St Mark's church, Hawthorne Drive, starting at 6:00 pm, and 20th April at St Mary Magdalen at 9:30 am. The dates for the remaining classes can be found on the parish web site.

Parish 150 Club: The final draw of the 150 Club year will take place Easter Sunday after the 10:00 am Mass. This draw will include the end of year bonus prizes – the major prizes of the year. 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. 

Church Organ: Thank you to the three persons who have come forward and volunteered to help operate the organ for our singing at the 10:00 Mass. It's not too late to join them. We need some more volunteers willing to be trained in its operation so as to relieve the burden on individuals 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.

St Albans Roman Catholic High School: The school is very proud to say that it has a full intake of year 7 pupils this September with a substantial waitlist. With the deadline for applications for September 2025 intake October, there is little time to make a decision and the school wants to make sure that all of our Catholic families know when they can come and visit the school before the summer holidays. There will be two open mornings at the school which will provide an opportunity to visit the school and experience it as a live learning environment, see the outstanding facilities and talk with key staff. These open mornings will be between 9:10 and 10:25 am Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th of July, and places can be booked on the school web site – scan the QR code to take you there. 

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

Brian Shevlin (1998), Timothy Keohane (1985), Winifred Razzell (2005), Lorris Savage (1982), Margarita Baron (1963), Michelle Adamez (1965), William Osborne (1991), Elaine Carter (2019), Yvonne Lynch (2010) and Peter Copple (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.