



# 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:**  
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**Parish School:**  
St Mark's School  
**Headteacher:**  
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**Eucharistic Adoration:**

St Mark's  
Tues & Wed 6:30 – 7:30 am

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 Every Sunday



## 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

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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:**  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025**

## News at St Mark's Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord		
8 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year – Year C		
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:		
<b>SATURDAY</b> 1/3/25	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> St. David Patron of Wales
<b>SUNDAY</b> 2/3/25	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: The deceased members of the Goodchild family <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Roger & Margaret – 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 4/3/25	<b>10:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: Mary Bird RIP	<b>Feria</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 5/3/25	<b>9:30 am St. Mark's</b> Offered For: Richard Barnes RIP <b>7:00 pm Holy Family</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 6/3/25	<b>NO MASS at St. Mark's</b> 10:00 at St. Mary Magdalens	<b>Lent Feria</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 7/3/25	<b>12:15 pm St. Mark's</b> Offered For: Lorna Angela Cooper RIP (FM)	<b>Lent Feria</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8/3/25	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> Offered For: Howard Beeho RIP	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9/3/25	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Catherine Creegan	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</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***

### LENT

#### Ash Wednesday:

**Adoration** 6:30 to 7:30 am at  
 St. Mark's

#### Mass at :

St. Mark's 9.30 am  
 Holy Family 7:00 pm  
 St. Mary Magdalen's 10am &  
 6pm

#### Lent Course:

St. Mary Magdalen's, for  
 5 weeks from Wednesday  
 12<sup>th</sup> March 7:00pm to 8:00pm

#### Reconciliation Service

15<sup>th</sup> March at St. Mark's

#### The Chosen:

Screening of series 3 every  
 Saturday from 8<sup>th</sup> March at  
 St. Mary Magdalen's

**Over the next few weekends there will be some postcards at the back of the Church.** They have been provided by SPUC. Please use them to Lobby your MP on the Assisted Dying Bill. If you don't know who your MP is please visit [information@SPUC.org.uk](mailto:information@SPUC.org.uk)

**Welcoming our parishioners to Mass** - is a very important ministry and plays a crucial role at church by creating a warm and inviting atmosphere for both new visitors and regular members, setting the tone for the worship experience and making people feel welcomed and valued, often contributing significantly to a positive first impression of the church community. We are wanting to increase the number of people that welcome at Mass, both when they arrive and when they leave. If you are interested in this important ministry as an individual or as a family group, then please do get in touch with Joanna McCall at [joanna@stmarksparish.org.uk](mailto:joanna@stmarksparish.org.uk)

**Ursuline Convent High School Brentwood 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** -On the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025, the Brentwood Ursuline High School will celebrate 125 years since the school was founded by Mother Clare. An invitation for the celebrations has been extended to all alumnae to join the celebrations. The school will be open from 1pm on that day and there will be a Mass at Brentwood Cathedral at 11:15am prior to this. If you wish to attend, please contact the [brentwoodursulinealumnae@gmail.com](mailto:brentwoodursulinealumnae@gmail.com) for more information and booking details. If anyone would like to go but doesn't have transport, please contact Joanna McCall at [joanna@stmarksparish.org.uk](mailto:joanna@stmarksparish.org.uk).

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at - Chantry Methodist Church at 2.00pm & at Holy Family Brantham at 2.30pm

**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. 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.

**St. Patrick's Day lunch** – on 15<sup>th</sup> March. £20 per person. Details at the back of the Church.

**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.

**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!

**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)



**ST. MARK'S SCHOOL** - Toddler group called Curious Cubs at 9 to 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.

**Community of Our Lady of Walsingham - House Appeal** - The Community seeks donations to establish a mission house in Walsingham where they can expand their work of spiritual accompaniment, hospitality and supporting young people to grow in faith. The community will pray for all benefactors and are grateful for donations of any amount which can be made

at [www.walsinghamcommunity.org/maryshouseappeal](http://www.walsinghamcommunity.org/maryshouseappeal) Web: [www.walsinghamcommunity.org](http://www.walsinghamcommunity.org)

**Pilgrimage** – Hope in the Wilderness - 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> March for further details visit [walsingham.org.uk/our-retreats](http://walsingham.org.uk/our-retreats)

**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 stepdown. 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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary time – 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2025. Readings: Liturgical Year C.**

**Services during the coming week – 8<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Liturgical Year I**

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	8:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish, Reader: F Vieira, offertory: Cork Family Eucharistic Ministers: K Cork, C Moore.
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Jamie Campbell RIP (Foundation Mass). Reader: N Fox, Offertory: Long Family, Eucharistic Ministers: R Shorten, M Long, W Lobo.
	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 Dorothy &amp; Val</i>		
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Feria	<b>No Mass Today</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Feria	10:00am Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Ralph Vieira RIP
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday, the First Day of Lent	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish and distribution of the Ashes
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	6:00 pm	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish and distribution of the Ashes
	Lent Feria	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00am	Holy Mass
	Lent Feria	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00 am	Holy Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March - The First Sunday of Lent**

8:00 am Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Leslie Robinson RIP (Foundation Mass), Reader: J Cleary, offertory: Cleary Family Eucharistic Ministers: K Cork, C Moore.  
10:00 am Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish. Reader: J Iannelli, Offertory: Fox Family, Eucharistic Ministers: M Long, W Lobo, A James.

**Lent 2025:** Wednesday of this week is Ash Wednesday and it marks the beginning of the penitential season of Lent 2025. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting - the practice includes the

wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolise the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the Ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: *Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.* Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer, fasting and abstinence which marks the beginning of Lent, a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm at both of which ashes will be distributed, and whilst Ash Wednesday is not a Holyday of Obligation, it is good to attend Mass on this day to mark the beginning of this penitential season and begin preparations for Easter in the right way.

**Bible Study Group** – whilst not specifically a Lenten function, we will start our parish Bible Study Group on Thursday this week. This will be in the Garden Room at 7:15 pm, and the group will start by looking at St Luke's Gospel. Coming along to the group and learning more about the Gospel would be a good additional activity to undertake as part of your Lenten preparation.

**The Chosen** – also starting in Lent, we will be showing Season 3 of the Chosen over four consecutive Saturday evenings starting Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00 pm. 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.

**Stations of the Cross** – on each Friday in Lent after the 10:00 am Mass, there will be Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross is one of the most simple, yet powerful, ways to prayerfully walk alongside Jesus and encounter him like never before. Attending Mass on Friday and making the Stations of the Cross would again be a good Lenten observance.

**Lenten Course** – for 5 consecutive Wednesday evenings starting 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00 pm in the Garden Room, Fr Luke will lead a reflective journey through the Apostles' Creed using the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This series of sessions again provides an ideal opportunity for us all to enhance our Lenten observance this year.

**St Mary Magdalen 150 Club:** Last Sunday, the February prize draw of the parish 150 Club was made in the Garden Room. Congratulations to the monthly prize winners – Mrs R Shorten, Mr A T Long, Mr P Boast and Mr M Campbell. The March prize draw, which is the final draw of the Club year and includes the major annual Bonus Prizes, will be made in the garden Room after 10:00 am Mass on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March. A full list of February prize-winners can be found in the church porch, and on the parish web site. Scan the QR code to take you directly there. Are you a member of the 150 Club? If not, application forms are available in the church porch and also online on the parish website. Please do sign up and help support your parish in this way.



**Parish AGM:** The Parish AGM took place last Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you to all who attended. Minutes of the meeting will be published in due course.

**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@marymagalens.org](mailto:contact@marymagalens.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](mailto: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.



**Message from the Parish Treasurer:** Would the following parishioners please pick up a letter from the parish treasurer from the letter rack in the Narthex: A E & C J Coates, R Herath, D Payne de Cramill, S Fosker, V Borja Herrera, A & L Kuriak, J S Kalagira, J Claxton and T B Rose. Thank you.

**The Sick of the Parish:** We ask this week that pray especially for Michael Head who is still in hospital following a fall, and 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 soul of Michael Quigley who passed away in Ipswich Hospital suddenly and unexpectedly on 17<sup>th</sup> February, and for Florence Pratt (1976), Ellen Armes (2018), Jamie Campbell (2021), Audrey Gould (2000), James O'Mara (1983), Mary Irvine, Edward Millar (1998), Josephine Ratcliff (1999), Patrick McDermott-Roe (2010), Francis Doyle (1986), Catherine Coyle, Francis Coyle, Edward "Ted" Razzell (2013), Joseph Hynes (2017), Archbishop Peter Smith, 2nd Bishop of East Anglia (2020), Daniel Keenan, Norah Andrews (1961) and Margaret Dowsing (2016) 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.*

**Churchsuite:** St Mark's with Holy Family and St Mary Magdalen Parishes are utilising ChurchSuite to efficiently manage their **church contact database** and ensure seamless communication with parishioners. By using this system. ChurchSuite helps both parishes **build a stronger, more connected church community** by enhancing communication, fostering engagement, and simplifying administration. Not registered? See a member of the PMC or Leadership team, visit the church website **Contact** page or email [office@stmarksparish.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarksparish.org.uk)