

## Parish Information:

The Parish of St Mark includes St Mark's Church in Ipswich (IP2 0QQ) & The Church of the Holy Family in Brantham (CO11 1TB)

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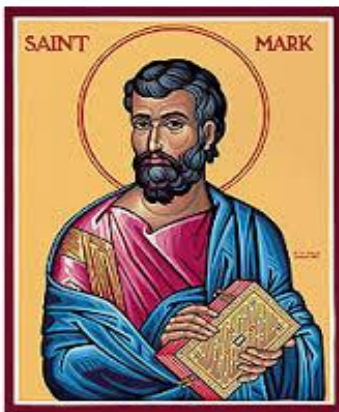
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### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

St Mark's – Fridays – 11:40-12:10

Holy Family – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month – 09:20-09:50

### **MORNING PRAYER:**

Holy Family – Tuesdays – 09:30

### **CONFESSIONS:**

St Mark's – Fridays 11:50-12:10

St Mark's – Saturdays 17:00-17:20

Holy Family – Sundays before Mass

Holy Family – Tuesdays before or after Mass



# ST MARK'S

## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

R.C. Diocese of East Anglia: A Registered Charity (Charity commission No 278742)

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B

Responsorial Psalm: 'a pure heart create for me, O God.'

5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

### MASS & PRAYER TIMES: 18<sup>TH</sup> – 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018

<b>SAT 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>17:30 St Mark's</b> (5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent) Offered For: Maureen Kelway (RIP)
<b>SUN 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> (5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent) Offered For: Philip Evans (RIP) <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> (5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent) Offered For: The People of our Parish
<b>MON 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:30 St Mark's</b> (Sol, S Joseph, Spouse of the BVM) Offered For: Zimife Harris-Eze (RIP)
<b>TUES 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 Holy Family</b> (Lent Feria) Offered For: Ann Partis (RIP)
<b>WED 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>09:30 St Mark's</b> (Lent Feria) Offered For: Holy Souls
<b>THUR 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b> (Lent Feria)
<b>FRI 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>09:00 Mass at St Mark's School</b> <b>11:10 Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confessions</b> <b>11:40 Stations of the Cross</b> <b>12:15 St Mark's Mass</b> (Lent Feria) Offered For: Persecuted Christians <b>12:45 Lent Lunch</b>
<b>SAT 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>17:30 St Mark's</b> (Palm Sunday of the passion of the Lord) Offered For: The People of our Parish
<b>SUN 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> (Palm Sunday of the passion of the Lord) Offered For: Paul McCaffrey (RIP) <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> (Palm Sunday of the passion of the Lord) Offered For: Our Observance of Holy Week



FROM: 'LAUDATO SI'  
POPE FRANCIS

### **THE MESSAGE OF EACH CREATURE IN THE HARMONY OF CREATION:**

God has joined us so closely to the world around us that we can feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment, and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement.

### **HOSPITAL**

The hospital Chaplain is Fr Adrian Gates. He can be contacted on 01473 726701 or the hospital can also page him on bleep 817. Please let Fr Gates know as soon as possible if a friend or relative is admitted to hospital. Please let Fr Christopher know of anyone who is ill at home or homebound, so that they can receive appropriate pastoral care.

## NOTICES

### THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

The collection at the end of Mass this weekend is for the Bishop's Lenten Charities: Aid to the Church in Need; and "Don't Screen us out", a charity which helps families who have children with Downs Syndrome.

### LENT GROUP

Looking at the question Jesus put to his disciples, "Who do you say I am?", the Lent Group meets in the Hall at St Mark's on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. All are welcome.

### EASTER CARDS

These are reasonably priced and are on sale in St Mark's Repository.

### EASTER SHOPPING

Don't forget that Cafod World Gifts are available all year and there is a special Easter Blessings gift card – just ask! Two gifts from the range qualify for UK Government matched funding. Further information at [cafod.org.uk/worldgifts](http://cafod.org.uk/worldgifts) or phone 0808 140 0014. And when it comes to eggs, think Fairtrade chocolate!

### RECONCILIATION SERVICE

The Lenten Reconciliation Service takes place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm. In addition to Fr Christopher priests from the Deanery will be available to hear confessions and declare God's forgiveness in the words of absolution.

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on the first Bank Holiday in May, Monday the 7<sup>th</sup>. A parish coach has been booked with pick up points at Holy Family, Brantham and St Mark's Ipswich. The fare is £15. Please sign the list at the back of Church if you wish to come.

### SENIORS' TEA PARTY

This meets this coming Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March in the Hall at 2pm. All are welcome.

### EASTER RAFFLE

We are holding an Easter raffle which will be drawn after 11am Mass on Palm Sunday. Prizes include a bottle of whisky, a bottle of Drambuie and one of prosecco in an adult draw. A separate raffle for children will be for Easter eggs. Tickets are £1 per strip for adults and 50p per strip for the children's raffle and they will be sold after Mass on Saturday/Sunday at St Mark's from 25<sup>th</sup> February until Palm Sunday. Donations of Easter eggs for the children's raffle can be left at the back of church. Many thanks for your support.

### WEDNESDAY WORD

Please find at the back of Church Fr Henry Wansbrough's commentary on next Sunday's Mass Reading. Alternatively go online to [www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org)

## NOTICES

### HOLY WEEK 2018 THE SACRED TRIDUUM

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY – 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**7:30pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watch of the Passion at the Altar of Repose until 10pm

#### **GOOD FRIDAY – 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**3pm** Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

#### **HOLY SATURDAY – 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**

**8pm** Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter  
N.B No 5:30pm Mass

#### **EASTER SUNDAY – 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL**

**9:00am** Mass at Holy Family, Brantham

**11:00am** Mass at St Mark's, Ipswich

### ST MARK'S PRAYER GROUP

St Mark's Prayer Group shall take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March in the Hall at 7:30pm. All are welcome. Just turn up.

### FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS

Next Sunday – Easter Flowers

Good Friday – The Sacred Sites in the Holy Land

### ON THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM

Some 20 miles north of Jerusalem lies Aboud, one of Palestine's 'ancient villages', famous for its olives and grapes since biblical times.

Today, the villagers – half of them Muslim, half Christian – are living with the reality of Israeli occupation: settlements and the Separation Wall have taken 40% of their land; other issues include the random closure of access roads, and controls of trade.

Everyday life can be difficult. For example, if roads are closed how do you get to hospital, to college, to your olive groves? And, if you can't get to the market, what do you do with your surplus olive oil – your livelihood?

Some years ago, the Diocese of East Anglia – as part of its Building Bridges programme – set up a basic factory in Aboud to make olive oil soap. This initiative helps support growers and also provides some employment; what's more, profits are used for the community like funding university students and running children's summer camps.

This weekend there is a display of photos from Aboud at St Mark's, and later at Holy Family. The soap, £2 per bar, is on sale at both churches. Further information from Catherine: 01473 730293

### THANK YOU

Thank you for last week's collection which was £545.93 and for the second collection which amounted to £81.48 and was for the Parish Maintenance Fund. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Thank you!