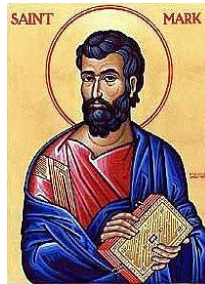


# ST MARK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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## The 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time, Year B

“Why do you have these thoughts in your hearts? Which of these is easier: to say to the paralytic, "your sins are forgiven" or to say, "get up, pick up your stretcher and walk?"”

Mark 2:8-9

**Parish Information:** The Parish of St Mark includes St Mark's Church, Ipswich and The Church of the Holy Family, Brantham.

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**Mass & Prayer times for the Coming Week: February 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> – 17:30 (Vigil) - St Mark's** (7<sup>th</sup> Year B)  
Offered for: Paddy McEwen (RIP)

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – 09:00 - Holy Family** (7<sup>th</sup> Year B)  
Offered for: People of the Parish  
**– 11:00 - St Mark's** (7<sup>th</sup> Year B)  
Offered for: Bridget Fanning's Intention

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – 09:30 - St Mark's** (Feria)  
Offered for: Canon Burrows (RIP)

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – 10:00 - Holy Family** (Feria)  
Offered for: Baxter Family (RIP)

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – 19:30 - St Mark's - 19:30 - Holy Family** (Ash Wednesday)  
Offered for: Donor's Intention

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – No Mass** (Feria)  
Offered for:

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – 12:15am – St Mark's** (Feria)  
Offered for: Fr Doupe (RIP)

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> – 17:30 – St Mark's** (8<sup>th</sup> Year B)  
Offered for: Brigid Meeneghan (RIP)

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> – 09:00 – Holy Family** (8<sup>th</sup> Year B)  
Offered for: People of the Parish  
**– 11:00 – St Mark's** (8<sup>th</sup> Year B)  
Offered for: Liz Morris' Intention

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**Rosary – Fridays – St Mark's – 11:15**

**Eucharistic Adoration – Fridays – St Marks – 11:45**

– 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month – St Mark's – 16:00

**Morning Prayer:** Mondays & Wednesdays – St Mark's – 09:00  
Tuesdays – Holy Family – 09:30

**Confessions:** with Fr C S - St Mark's, Ipswich: Friday 11:50am – 12:10pm.  
with Fr P H - St Mark's, Ipswich: Saturday 5pm – 5:20pm.  
Holy Family: Sunday (Before Mass), Tuesday (before or after Mass)

**Mass Intentions** - If you would like to have a Mass offered for someone, living or deceased, or for a particular intention (exams, interview, etc.), please collect a pre-printed envelope at the back of the church, either St Mark's or Holy Family. Details of your request can be entered on the front of the envelopes.

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## **Notices**

### **Catholic Women's League**

The CWL would like to invite all Ladies to join them for their next meeting which will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February in the hall at St Pancras' church. The meeting starts at 2:30pm with a pre-Lenten Talk by Deacon Clive Brooks.

### **Passionist Family Group's Movement**

The PFG's movement would like to invite everyone to a talk in St Mary's Parish hall, Woodbridge Road. The talk will take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March starting at 2pm, and will be given by the founder of the PFG's movement, Fr Paul McGrath, who will be coming all the way from Australia. Fr Paul will explain his intention to set up a group here in Ipswich.

### **Journey in Faith programme**

The Journey in Faith classes meet on Mondays in the church hall at 7:30pm.

### **South Atlantic Hideaway - The Island of St Helena**

St Helena, a pinpoint in the south Atlantic, is famous for being the island of Napoleon's exile. There is, however, much more to this remote, inaccessible island than Napoleon. The illustrated talk on 7<sup>th</sup> March will reveal an astonishing landscape, time rich way of life, chequered past...and uncertain future.

### **Fairtrade Fortnight - 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - 11<sup>th</sup> March**

What's your supermarket doing? Look out for special promotions! But if you think its range of Fairtrade goods is too limited, do let their customer service team know. Remember, Fairtrade guarantees a better deal for farmers and workers in the developing world.

### **Repository at St Mark's**

Please use the Repository at the back of the church for all your religious gifts, including prayer books and Homemade Cards for various occasions. If you need any help or product information please contact Jo Mann on 07748732357.

### **Learning Together**

A Schedule of all the 'Learning Together' days is on the notice board at the back of the church. The topics are varied, thus there should be something for everyone!

### **Marriage and family Life**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Diocesan celebration of Marriage and Family Life will take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at St John's Cathedral, Norwich. More info to follow.

### **Thank you**

Thank you for last week's collection which was £503.30. Your continued financial support is much needed and very much appreciated.

## **Dates for your diary!**

**29/02/12**- The next Senior's Tea Party will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> February in St Mark's hall between 2 and 4pm. All are welcome!

**02/03/12** – Women's Day of Prayer at St Mark's starting at 7pm and led by Catherine Dell, and at Holy Family Church, Brantham starting at 2pm led by Sr Barbara Brent.

**03/03/12** - A 'Learning Together Day' will take place at the Parish Centre, Newmarket, led by Fr Denis McBride CSSR from 11am – 3pm.

**07/03/12** – On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March there will be an illustrated talk by Catherine Dell on 'The Island of St Helena'.

**10/03/12** – Reflection day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, led by Sr Barbara Brent RJM.

**31/03/12** - A 'Learning Together Day' will take place at St Mary's Parish Hall, Woodbridge Road, led by Pat Deegan from 11am – 3pm.

**20/04/12** – Parish Quiz at St Joseph's College starting at 7pm.

**28/04/12** - A 'Learning Together Day' will take place at the Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge, led by Dr Oonagh O'Brien from 11am – 3pm.

**07/05/12** – Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, travelling by coach.

**12/05/12** - A 'Learning Together Day' will take place at the Parish Centre, Newmarket, led by Rev. Dr. Adrian Graffy, from 11am – 3pm.

**26/05/12** - A 'Learning Together Day' will take place at St Luke's Parish church, Peterborough, led by Dr Caroline Farey from 11am – 3pm.

**10/06/12** – Holy Family Strawberry Tea from 3pm to 5pm.

## **Tea & Coffee**

Please join us in the hall at Holy Family after the 9am Mass, and at St Mark's after the 11am Mass for a cup of Tea or Coffee and a chat; all are welcome.

## **Hospital**

If you, or a member of your family are admitted to hospital and would like a visit from the chaplain please ring **Fr Adrian Gates Tel. 01473 726701**.

The hospital can also page him on bleep **817**. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the sick at home please contact Fr Christopher.

## **Future Notices**

All notices to be considered for inclusion in the newsletter should be submitted to the parish office by Monday of each week. Six months notice is required for a wedding. Please speak to Fr Christopher for more Information. Baptisms are by arrangement with either Fr Christopher or Fr Pádraig.

**Please make sure your telephone is switched off whilst in church. The church building is a house of prayer where we can leave the world and enter in to the presence of God for silent meditation and reflection. Please respect the needs of others for private pray before and after Mass. Thank you.**