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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:
Fr Luke Goymour VF

Parish School:
St Mark's School
Headteacher:
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St. Marks RC Parish

Eucharistic Adoration:
St Mark's

Wed & Thurs 6:30 - 7:30 am
Friday 11:40 - 12:10*

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:
At 11:15 am Mass every
Sunday

Kids Church: Last Sunday
of the Month in Term Time
after 11:15 Mass



ST MARY MAGDALEN

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Parish Priest:
Fr Luke Goymour VF

Confession:
by appointment

Parish School:
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Headteacher: Jo Berry and
Ross McGill
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Eucharistic Adoration:
Tuesdays at 9:30 am with
Rosary

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 29th March 2026

Responsorial Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Holy Week - Year A

Weekly Mass Schedule at St Mary Magdalen, St Mark's and Holy Family Churches

SATURDAY 28/03/2026	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: Howard Becho RIP	5 th week of Lent
SUNDAY 29/03/2026	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: James and Yva Meadway 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass Offered For: Repose of the soul of Martin Curry RIP (Foundation Mass) 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: People of the Parish	Palm Sunday
TUESDAY 31/03/2026	NO ADORATION AT ST MARY MAGDALEN NO MASS AT HF TODAY 11:30 Chrism Mass at Cathedral, Norwich **See the full Holy Week schedule at the back of this newsletter	Tuesday of Holy Week
WEDNESDAY 01/04/2026	06:30am -7:30am St Mark's: Adoration NO MASS AT ST MARK'S TODAY 09:30 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass Offered For: Priests intentions	Wednesday of Holy Week
THURSDAY 02/04/2026	06:30am -7:30am St Mark's: Adoration NO MASS AT MARY MAGDALEN TODAY 19:30 St Mark's: Mass of the Lord's Supper Offered For: The Priesthood	Maundy Thursday
FRIDAY 03/04/2026	09:45 Ecumenical Walk, Museum St, Methodist Church 11:00 Holy Family: The Seven Last Words 12:00 noon St Mary Magdalen: Stations of the Cross 15:00 St Mark's: Solem Liturgy of the Lord's Passion Offered For: William Cookson RIP	Good Friday
SATURDAY - 04/04/2026	09:30 St Mary Magdalen: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 20:00 St Mark's: The Easter Vigil Offered For: People of the Parish	Easter Saturday
SUNDAY 05/04/2026	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: The Conlon Family 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass Offered For: Repose of the souls of Luisa Avila and Nelson Puentes RIP 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: Lynn Sellers RIP	Easter Sunday
Ipswich Polish Catholic Mission	<i>Mass in Polish is celebrated at St Mary Magdalen Church typically: Sat 6pm, Sun 12 noon. Monday 10 am, Wednesday and Friday 7pm, see their website for full schedule, including First Friday devotions.</i>	

Sunday Homilies

can be *listened to again* on *Spotify* and on all major Podcast platforms just search:
Fr Luke's Homilies

Next

Alpha Course

St Mark's on 29th April - 15th July 2026 @ 7:30-9pm in the hall.

Holy Family on 30th April to 16th July 26 @

Second collection on Good Friday

3rd April

in aid of

The Holy Land Shrines

Please pray daily for the renewal of our parishes and remember Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place weekly at **6:30am – 7:30am at St Mark's** on Wednesdays and Thursdays for this intention.

Christmas & Easter Collections: A gentle reminder that the Christmas and Easter Collections form the main part of a priest's annual salary. Your generosity at these times directly supports your parish priest in his ministry throughout the year. If you would like to contribute this Easter, you can do so in the **traditional way using the baskets at the Easter Sunday Masses**, or - if it's easier - by **bank transfer**, using the reference "**Fr Luke**". Thank you for your kindness and support, which is always deeply appreciated.

Eucharistic Congress Ipswich: The Eucharistic Congress will involve multiple events between 6th September to 13th September centred on Jesus Christ present in the Eucharist and bringing Catholics across together. Information can be found at <https://eucharisticcongressipswich.org/> until we know more schedule specifics we kindly ask you to reserve the date in diaries and calendars, especially the Sunday Mass on 13th which will need to be booked for as there is limited space.

Families in Need (FIND) at St Mark's: We rely heavily on food and money donations from the local community, financial donations can be made online, by bank transfer or cheque. Items in need are: long grain rice, long life whole milk, toiletries for men, women and children, tinned veg, meat, fruit/desserts, coffee, sugar, jam, soup, pet food, fresh veg, fruit, cheese and butter. Thank you for your continued support. The box for your offerings is under the table at the back of St. Mark's.

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is a group of parish volunteers who support people in need through friendship, practical help and compassion. Our next meeting will be at Holy Family, 10am on Thursday 23rd April.

CAFOD: Thank you for your generous support this Family Fast Day – your kindness is helping families like Shorai's in Zimbabwe and Rejoice's in South Sudan grow food, even in the face of drought and floods. You have shown what it means to love your neighbour this Lent – fasting, praying and giving so families can put food on the table. Find out how your donations are helping to build a better world at cafod.org.uk/thankyou PS **It's not too late to donate** – pick up a CAFOD envelope in church or visit cafod.org.uk/envelope

St Mark's 100 CLUB – This club raises funds for the Parish and hold a monthly prize draw where three cash prizes are won. 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.



Mary's Meals: Need our help with the Crisis in Haiti visit marysmeals.org.uk for 0800 698 1212 for more information.

Bible Group Mary Magdalen: There will be no meeting of the Bible Study Group this week, being Maundy Thursday. Normal service will resume on Thursday 9th April.

Joe Di Mascio RIP: Many of you will remember Giuseppe Di Mascio, known to everyone as Joe, who was an active parishioner and Eucharistic Minister at St Mary Magdalen for many years. Sadly Joe passed away in Ipswich Hospital on 7th March aged 82, joining his wife Joan, who herself only passed away in December, in the Lord's love and care. His funeral service will be held at St Mary Magdalen church on Thursday 16th April at 10:30, followed by interment at Ipswich Lawn Cemetery. Please remember Joe in your prayers and also pray for the family and friends he leaves behind.

Parish 150 Club Mary Magdalen: The final draw of the Club year, the March prize draw, will be made in the Garden Room after Mass on Easter Sunday morning, 5th April. We have sadly lost several of our generous subscribers and we desperately need 17 new subscriptions just to maintain this year's membership level. If you are not a member, please do give serious thought to joining so you can help your parish financially in this additional way, and maybe win a prize too! Last Sunday somebody rang and kindly left a message about increasing their membership level. Unfortunately, that person did not leave their name, so we have no idea who it was. Can you please make yourself known?

Gift Aid Envelopes St Mary Magdalen: Would all those parishioners who normally make their weekly offering using Gift Aid envelopes please note that their new 2026/27 envelopes are now available for collection from the Narthex. If you can't find your envelope in the box please write your name on the sheet provided for this purpose and it will be made available for collection next week. If you don't currently have a Gift Aid envelope with which to make your cash offertory but would like one, please also write your name on the list and it will be arranged for you. 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 Chis Croker, Treasurer and Gift Aid Coordinator.

St Mary Magdalen: The Sick of the Parish: We ask for your continuing prayers for Anna de Dona, Charles, 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.*

St Mary Magdalen - Our Own Dear Departed: Of your charity, please pray for Wendy Hall (1995) Anita Thompson (2007), Ruby Shuttleworth (1969), Rose Adams (1987), Maria Soronenho (2011), Timothy Keohane (1985), Winifred Razzell (2005), Brian Shevlin(1998) and Lorris Savage (1982) whose anniversaries occur at this time. A full list of parish anniversaries can be found on the parish website. *May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

Holy Week Schedule – Walk With the Lord Through His Passion

Join us throughout Holy Week as we enter into the mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection across our three Churches.

Palm Sunday - 29 March – Holy Week begins, Masses as usual.

Tuesday Of Holy Week 31 March

- 11:30 am – Chrism Mass, St John the Baptist Cathedral, Norwich

Spy Wednesday – 1 April

- 6:30–7:30 am – Adoration, St Mark's
- 9:30 am – Mass, St Mary Magdalen

Maundy Thursday – 2 April

- 6:30–7:30 am – Adoration, St Mark's
- 7:30 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper, St Mark's

Good Friday – 3 April

- 9:45 am – Ecumenical Walk of Witness, Ipswich (starting at Museum Street Methodist Church)
- 11:00 am – The Seven Last Words, Holy Family, Brantham
- 12 Noon – Stations of the Cross at St Mary Magdalen's
- 3:00 pm – Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, St Mark's

Holy Saturday – 4 April

- 9:30 am – Office of Readings & Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalen
 - 8:00 pm – The Easter Vigil, St Mark's
- The great celebration of the Lord's Resurrection — Easter begins!*

Easter Sunday

- Usual Sunday Masses:
- 8:00 am – Holy Family, Brantham
- 9:45 am – St Mary Magdalen
- 11:15 am – St Mark's

Let's walk together with Christ through these sacred days and rejoice in the hope of the Resurrection.

Remember to pray for the Mission of our Parishes:

God our Father,

we give you thanks and praise for calling us to share in the fullness of life and love that Jesus won for us.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon our parish community.

Changed by your Spirit, may we become a community of disciples, attentive to the needs of all who come through our doors, and even those who don't.

We pray for your blessing upon every person in our parish community, and on all who live in and around our parish.

May they know your love, your presence, and your power in their lives.

For all who are struggling at this moment, we ask that you enter their lives and lift them.

May our parish become a place of adoration,

where the hungry are fed, the sick are healed, the bereaved are comforted, and all are made whole.

Softener our hearts to your will.

Make us open to what you desire to do in and through our parish, and give us the courage and strength to follow your call.

We make this prayer in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Please pray this prayer often and remember Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place weekly at 6:30 am at St Mark's on Wednesday and Thursdays for this intention