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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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60791342
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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Confession:
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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 12th April 2026 Divine Mercy Sunday

Responsorial Psalm:

Give praise to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

2nd week of Easter – Year A

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

SATURDAY 11/04/2026	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: People of the Parish	Divine Mercy Sunday
SUNDAY 12/04/2026	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: Caroline and Andrew McGowan 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass Offered For: Repose of the soul of Doreen Andrews RIP 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: Pauline Harris RIP 15:00 St Mark's: Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Feast of Mercy	Divine Mercy Sunday
TUESDAY 14/04/2026	09:30 St Mary Magdalen: Adoration and Rosary 10:00 Holy Family Mass and Adoration from 9.20am Offered For: Monsignor Peter Leeming RIP 14:00 St Mary Magdalen: Funeral Mass for Noel Browne RIP	Easter Feria
WEDNESDAY 15/04/2026	09:30 St Mark's Offered For: Mary Dove	Easter Feria
THURSDAY 16/04/2026	NO MASS TODAY 10:30 St Mary Magdalen: Requiem Mass for Giuseppe (Joe) Di Mascio RIP	Easter Feria
FRIDAY 17/04/2026	12:15 St Mark's Offered For: Bridget DaCosta RIP	Easter Feria
SATURDAY - 18/04/2026	17:15 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: People of the Parish	2nd week of Easter
SUNDAY 19/04/2026	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: Fr Luke 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass Offered For: Repose of the soul of Ernie Lacey RIP 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: Hugh Cronin RIP	3rd Sunday of Easter
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>	

Stay Connected with Our Parish Family! We use ChurchSuite as our only parish database — it's how we keep in touch with you, support you pastorally, and make sure you're updated with everything happening across St Mark's, Holy Family Brantham, and St Mary Magdalen.

If you haven't yet signed up, please take a moment to do so:

- Visit <https://churchsuite.com>
- Search for St Mark, Holy Family & St Mary Magdalen Parishes
- Create your account and please keep emails enabled — this isn't marketing; it's simply how Fr Luke and the parish team stay in contact with you.
- Alternatively, if you'd prefer a direct link, just email to operations@stmarksparish.org.uk and we'll send one over. Thank you for helping us keep our parish family connected and cared for.

Sunday Homilies

can be *listened to again* on *Spotify*

and on all major
Podcast platforms
just search:

**Fr Luke's
Homilies**

**SECOND
COLLECTION
NEXT WEEK**

In aid of

*Diocesan Priest's
Training Fund*

Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday this Sunday

12th April

***Please attend
Confession. The
time schedule is
at the back of the
newsletter.***

***Wishing you
all a very
Happy and
Holy Easter***

From Fr Luke

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.

Parish Forum at Holy Family: To be held immediately after mass on Sunday 26th April. The agenda is at the back of the church please read it and take the opportunity to add to it any items you would like to discuss.

Alpha Invitations: Please take an invitation for yourself or to give to a friend, work colleague or family member to invite them to join one of our next Alpha courses starting at the end of this month. Signing up is easy using the QR code on the invitation or going to our parish website where you can find details of the dates, times and venues. You can also sign up on the sheet at the back of the church and take a flyer with the details. Join us for food, inspiring teaching and faith moving conversations. Any queries, please contact Clare: clare@stmarksparish.org.uk

Free Community Pantry at St Mark's: The Lion's Pantry is a simple way to support anyone who needs help with food. It is a free community pantry. No sign-up. No questions. If you need something, take what you need. If you can give something, please do. You will find the pantry in the shed outside the church hall at St Mark's, It is open every day. **How it works:** Take food if you need it, leave food if you can, respect others by taking only what you need, This works because people give and people receive. **How you can help** - You can support the pantry in two ways. **1. Donate food**, you can leave items directly in the shed outside the church hall. Useful items include: Tinned food, beans, soup, vegetables, Pasta, rice, noodles, Tea, coffee, long-life milk, Cereals and snacks, Toiletries. Please make sure food is sealed and in date. **2. Give financially**, bank details at the front of the newsletter, please quote Pantry. Money helps us keep the pantry stocked when donations run low. Every £10 can provide several meals. Regular giving helps keep the shelves full week after week. Further details are on St Mark's website at <https://stmarksparish.org.uk/the-lions-pantry>

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

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.

The Easter Octave: Friday Abstinence this week, occurring as it does in the Easter Octave, is dispensed.

Bible Group at Mary Magdalen: Bible group will resume this Thursday, 17th April at 7:15pm in the Garden Room. This is open to all – just come along and bring your bible with you. Spares will be available if you don't have one.

Rosary: Rosary and Adoration at Mary Magdalen: Will take place on Tuesday. This is open to all – why not come along and join us in the church at 9:30 am?

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 at St Mary Magdalen: The final draw of the Club year, the March prize draw, was made in the Garden Room after Mass last Sunday. A list of all the prize-winners can be found in the church porch and on the parish web site. Members should have received an email this week with the details to renew their subscription for the new year. For people in the parish that are not members and who would like to join, there are paper application forms in the church porch and an on-line application form on the parish website – scan the QR code to take you straight there. We have sadly lost a number of our generous subscribers during this last year and we desperately need new members to sign up to maintain the membership levels – we need 17 new subscriptions just to maintain last year's membership level.

Gift Aid Envelopes at 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.

Parish Forum at St Mary Magdalen– Next Steps: Following the recent Parish Forum Meeting, we have arranged a Parish Helpers Fair, to follow up on the many suggestions made at the Forum. This will take place in the Church Hall on Sunday 26th April, immediately after the 9:45 a.m. Mass. Coffee and tea after Mass, will be served in the Hall instead of the Garden Room for this week only, which will also give you an opportunity to admire the newly refurbished Hall kitchen! So, if you would like to see some activities at Mass that we don't currently offer, such as Children's Church or choir/other music during Mass, do come along and share your ideas. If you have ever wondered about becoming an altar server, a special minister or a reader at Mass, but didn't know who to ask, this is also the event to find out more and maybe even offer to get involved. We could also do with more people joining the team welcoming people at the start of Mass and serving tea and coffee afterwards. Each table at the Fair will cover a different parish activity, with volunteers who are currently involved in that activity or willing to take new ideas forward, so this is a chance to come along and chat, thank people for their service and add your thoughts and suggestions for them to take to take forward. Even if you don't want to get directly involved or have any ideas to share, do come along anyway and let's make this a lovely social event for the parish - if there are any keen bakers out there, please bring something along to share! If you'd like to know more before the event itself, do speak to Lucy or Martin Pakes after the 9.45 a.m. Mass.

The Sick of the Parish at St Mary Magdalen: 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.*

Our Own Dear Departed at St Mary Magdalen: Of your charity, please pray for Timothy Curran (2000), Silvana Zivkovic (2024), Margaret Flynn (1963), Doreen Andrews (2005), Daniello De Dona (2020), Terence Sparkes (1997), Ernie Lacey (2005), Audrey Smith (2004), Herbert Littleboy (1976), Albertina Vieira (1979), Winifred 'Joan' Long (2011) and David Cuddon (2011) whose anniversaries occur about this time. A full list of parish anniversaries can be found on the parish web site. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Upcoming dates for this week:

St Mark's Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday – 12 April

- 3:00pm Divine Mercy celebrations (Sung Chaplet Holy Hour and Devotions)

Extra Confession times for Divine Mercy:

St Mark's Saturday - 11 April

- 10:00am to 12:00 noon and again from 4:00pm to 5:00pm – St Mark's
- 5:00pm every Saturday (regular weekly Confession time)

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