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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:
Dr Michael Keller

Parish Secretary:
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Parish Safeguarding Rep:
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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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Parish Priest:
Fr Luke Goymour VF

Confession:
by appointment

Parish School:
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Headteacher: Jo Berry and
Ross McGill
Safeguarding
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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:
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 26th July 2026

Responsorial Psalm:

O LORD, how I love your law!

17th Week of the Year – Year A

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

SATURDAY 25/07/2026	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: Haley Dosser RIP	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 26/07/2026	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: Polly Furness 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Offered For: Repose of the soul of Millie von Fragstein RIP 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: People of the Parish	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
TUESDAY 28/07/2026	09:30 St Mary Magdalen: Adoration and Rosary 10:00 Holy Family: Mass and Adoration from 9:20am Offered For: Rev Fr David Hennessy	Feria
WEDNESDAY 29/07/2026	06:30 St Mark's: Adoration until 07:30am 09:30 St Mark's Offered For: Bridie Elvin	Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus
THURSDAY 30/07/2026	06:30 St Mark's: Adoration until 07:30am 10:00 St Mary Magdalen Offered For: Priest's Intentions	Feria
FRIDAY 31/07/2026	12:15 St Mark's Offered For: John West RIP	St Ignatius of Loyola P
SATURDAY 01/08/2026	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: People of the Parish	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 02/08/2026	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: Richard Sagrera RIP 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Offered For: Repose of the soul of Wilson Borja RIP 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: Austin and Oma Adigwe	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ipswich Polish Catholic Mission	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.	

Sunday Homilies

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

This Sunday
is the World Day
of Prayer
for Grandparents
and the Elderly

Adoration and
Rosary at
St Mary
Magdalen
Tuesday 9:30am

Holy Family
Tuesday 9:20am

St Mark's
*Wednesday &
Thursday
6:30am*

New to the Parish?

ChurchSuite is 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:

- Email the Parish Office and we'll send you an invite.
- Alternatively, visit <https://stmarksparish.org.uk/churchsuite>
- 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.
- Thank you for helping us keep our parish family connected and cared for.

Eucharistic Congress Ipswich - Principal Mass, Sunday 13 September: If you do not want to book your seat online, there are forms at the back of church so we can do it for you. If anyone is having difficulty booking their place, please mention it to a member of the Senior Leadership Team or Hospitality team after mass and/or return your completed forms to them. The Eucharistic Congress Ipswich takes place across a week of prayer, teaching, and worship hosted by parishes across Ipswich between 6th –13th September 2026. Advance booking for the Principal Mass on Sunday 13th is essential. **Book your place online and find out more at eucharisticcongressipswich.org**

Lions Pantry at St Mark's: Please continue to drop into the box at the back of church any tinned foods, packets, jars and cereal you can spare. Thank you for supporting the pantry and the local community.

Request from St Vincent de Paul Charity: Can you donate any men's clothes and/or shoes you no longer need? If so, please bring them to any of our churches, the welcomers at church who will store them and ensure they are given to an SVP member for collection and delivery to Lightfoot House, Ipswich who are an organisation operated by HM Prison and Probation Service, thank you to those who have already donated. They were surprised to receive donations and delighted by your kindness. **Next SVP meeting will be in St Mark's Church Hall on Thursday 13th August at 11am.** We need more helpers please come along to find out how you can help even 1 hour a month would be great!

St Alban's Catholic High School in Ipswich: Are looking for new governors to support and strengthen its Local Governing Body. The school is blessed with a dedicated team and it is now seeking additional members who can bring their skills, experience and commitment to our school community. It would especially welcome parishioners with experience in HR, finance, legal work, health and safety or those with an education background, but all expressions of interest are valued. If you feel you could offer your time and expertise, or would simply like to know more, please contact the chair of governors by email using STACHairofgovs@stalbens-staff.org. Your contribution could make a real difference to the lives of our young people.

Today at St Mary Magdalen: Today we welcome back Fr Luke from his holiday and hope that he is suitably refreshed in mind and body. We extend our grateful thanks to Fr Chris Dobson who looked after us so well in Fr Luke's absence.

Sheila Cooper RIP: Many of you will remember Sheila Cooper who was heavily involved in the parish in the 1980s. Sheila had been suffering for many years with her health and finally succumbed on Saturday 18th July when she passed away in her care home. Please remember Sheila in your prayers and pray also for her friends and family who mourn her passing.

Bible Group at St Mary Magdalen: There is no morning Bible Study on Thursday 30th July this week, however, the second session at 7:15 in the evening is on in the Garden Room as usual. Bible group meetings are open to all – just come along and bring your bible with you. Spares will be available if you don't have one.

Adoration and Rosary at St Mary Magdalen: Adoration and Rosary will take place at 9:30 am on Tuesday 28th July. This is open to all – why not come along and join us in the church at 9:30am?

Catholic East Anglia: The free Diocesan newspaper July edition, is out now and you can collect a paper copy from the church porch. Please do take one home with you and catch up on the news from around the Diocese including a write up on the Corpus Christi celebrations at the cathedral, the history of Clare Priory, a report on the annual Marriage celebration Mass at the Cathedral, Canon David Bagstaff on vocations and the recent retreat for the priests of the Diocese in France.

Parish 150 Club: The July prize draw will be delayed by one week and will take place in the Garden Room after the Mass next Sunday, Sunday 2nd August. There is plenty of room for new members, and if you 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 to it.



Card Reader terminal: With the general decline in the use of cash in society, reflected in the lower amounts realised in the collection plate at Masses, the parish has now obtained a card reader terminal and can accept credit and debit card payments for any purpose – Mass offerings, second collections, general collection or special appeals etc. Those that have already used this will appreciate it offers a very quick and easy way to make donations or payments in support of the parish. The terminal will be in the church porch and can be used both before and after Mass as required.

Hymn Books: We would like to purchase new hymn books to replace the current outdated and, in some cases, slightly dilapidated versions. The new books, which will be more comprehensive, cost £7 each. If you missed the recent special collection for this purpose it is not too late. Please put any further donations in the collection plate in an envelope marked "Hymn books" or if you have no cash on you, try out the new card terminal mentioned above!

Children's Liturgy Group: Following suggestions made at the recent Parish Forum, we are trying to set up Children's Church for the 9:45 am Mass. We have two volunteers to run the sessions, but we need a minimum of three adults per session for Safeguarding reasons, and more to allow a rota system to operate. If you would be willing to help with the sessions, please email childrensliturgy@marymagdalens.org or speak to Lucy Pakes at Mass. Thank you!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: We are looking to commission further Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion as the number that we have has dwindled recently. The lay person commissioned in this role assists the priest in distributing the Eucharist at Mass and administering the Precious Blood from the chalice when Communion is offered under both kinds. The Minister may also be asked to assist in taking Holy Communion to parishioners who are sick or housebound. If you feel you could be of service to the parish in this role, please speak initially to Fr Luke, or one of our existing ministers.

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.

Our Own Dear Departed: Of your charity, please pray for Stephen Moss (1963), James Barrett (1973), Frederick Scoging (1976), Michael Rock (2005), Karl Barc (1989), Mary Sheridan (1986), John Perry (1986), Josef Szczepanko (1986), Mark Cooper (1999), Cyril Robinson (1970), Anne Mongan (1978), Ann Garnett (1988) and Leonard Gray (2007) 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.

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.

Soften 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. Wednesday's only while Fr Luke is away.*