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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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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
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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 9th August 2026

Responsorial Psalm:

Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

19th Week of the Year – Year A

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

SATURDAY 08/08/2026	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: People of the Parish	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 09/08/2026	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: Fr Christopher Smith 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Offered For: Repose of the soul of Rosario "Roan" Tablante RIP. 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: Rosemary Lambert RIP	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
TUESDAY 11/08/2026	09:30 St Mary Magdalen: Adoration and Rosary 10:00 Holy Family: Mass and Adoration from 9:20am Offered For: Michael Sellers RIP	St Clare V Mem
WEDNESDAY 12/08/2026	06:30 St Mark's: Adoration until 07:30am 09:30 St Mark's Offered For: Hugh Anthony Finnegan RIP	Feria
THURSDAY 13/08/2026	06:30 St Mark's: Adoration until 07:30am 12:30 St Mark's: Funeral Service for Antoinette Watts RIP 10:00 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass Offered For: Elisa Computaro	Feria
FRIDAY 14/08/2026	12:15 St Mark's Offered For: Mae Rafferty	St Maximillian Mary Kolbe, PM Mem
SATURDAY 15/08/2026	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: People of the Parish	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 16/08/2026	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: Fr Michael Ryan 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Offered For: The Long & Andrews families living and dead 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: Patrick Murphy RIP	Solemnity of the Assumption of the BV Mary
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***

New to the Parish?

Welcome!
Please stay for a cup of tea and a chat after Sunday mass.

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?

Church Suite 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.

The Solemnity of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation, just as each Sunday. This means that unless there is a grave reason it is a mortal sin not to attend Mass this day.

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 or book online, see below. 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**

Bible Exhibition Monday 10-14th August, Ipswich Town Hall: Free admission, 10am-4pm. Displays of Archaeological artifacts, display of old bibles, video presentations and interactive displays.

St Vincent de Paul Charity: Next SVP meeting will be at 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! Please continue to drop off men's clothes and thank you for your generosity it's making a huge difference, they know we care.

Volunteers needed to help clean St Mary Magdalen's Church: Can you offer up a little time for the Lord? We desperately need more helpers, the more people on the rota the better. Please message Linis Dolby with your availability on 07722861188.

Bible Group at St Mary Magdalen: The Bible Study Group will continue this week as normal on Thursday with a morning session at 10:30 am followed by a second session at 7:15 in the evening – both sessions being in the Garden Room. 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. This is open to all – why not come along and join us in the church at 9:30 am?

Parish 150 Club: The delayed July prize draw took place in the Garden Room after Mass last Sunday. Congratulations to the winners Mrs L Dolby, Mr & Mrs Iannelli, Mrs L Bond and Mr F Vieira. Full details of the prizes and winners can be found in the church porch and on the parish web site. 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: The new card reader terminal is proving to be very popular and successful. It is available in the church porch and can be used to accept debit or credit card payments for anything in church that you might normally pay for with cash if you do not have any coins with you, including votive candles. If you wish to make any form of donation by card, please ask one of the greeters before or after Mass.

Medjugorje: On 16th September, a number of parishioners will be travelling to Medjugorje, a village in Bosnia and Herzegovina famous as a Catholic pilgrimage site. Since 1981, millions of visitors have travelled there because six local children reported visions of the Virgin Mary, known as Our Lady of Medjugorje or the Queen of Peace. In the porch there are some cards which you can complete to denote any special intention you may have, and these will be taken to Medjugorje and your intention remembered at a special Mass in the central church. Please hand any completed cards to Michael or Collett Long.

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 Jacqueline Luzny (1995), Noreen Lawrence (2001) Giuseppe De Dona (2009), Magdalen Jermy (2025), Carole Johnson (2018), William Kerr (1970), Cyril Robinson (1970), Iris Harvey (2006), Alice Ashard (2000), Veronica Hudson (1978), Douglas Clark (2006) and Violet Akehurst (1979) 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.*

Prayer in Preparation for the Ipswich Deanery

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 6th to 13th September 2026

Lord Jesus Christ, who has left to us in the Blessed Sacrament a memorial of your Passion, grant to us, we pray, the grace to prepare worthily for ‘the festival divine’ by which our belief in your presence in the Holy Eucharist may be deepened and our devotion to you rekindled.

Through your Sacramental presence among us, and by our acts of homage, may there be raised up in our parishes a renewed spirit of faith and fervor, that our hearts may burn with the fire of your love and our deeds show forth the beauty of your holiness. Amen

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, pray for us.

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.*