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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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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

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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:
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 15th March 2026

Responsorial Psalm:

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

4th Week of Lent - Year A

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

SATURDAY 14/03/2026	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: Lilly Hosford	4th Sunday of Lent
SUNDAY 15/03/2026	8:00 Holy Family Offered For: People of the Parish 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass Offered For: Priest's intentions 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: Roji Bastine	4th Sunday of Lent
TUESDAY 17/03/2026	09:30 St Mary Magdalen: Exposition, Adoration and Rosary 09:15 Holy Family: Stations of the Cross, Mass Offered For: Jan Cavanagh	St Patrick
WEDNESDAY 18/03/2026	09:30 St Mark's Offered For: Nuala Creegan	Lent Feria
THURSDAY 19/03/2026	10:00 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass 09:15 Holy Family: Stations of the Cross, Rosary	St Joseph
FRIDAY 20/03/2026	NO MASS OR ADORATION TODAY Fr Luke will be attending Monsignor Peter's funeral in Norwich, see below	
SATURDAY 21/03/2026	17:30 St Mark's Anticipatory Mass Offered For: Marjorie Kearney RIP	4th week of Lent
SUNDAY 22/03/2026	08:00 Holy Family Offered For: People of the Parish 09:45 St Mary Magdalen Holy Mass Offered For: Priest's intentions 11:15 St Mark's Offered For: Pamela Jones RIP	5th Sunday of Lent
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

Adoration and Rosary at St Mary Madalen Parish. **Tuesday at 9:30 am**

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

Monsignor Peter Leeming RIP: Mgr Peter was a Parish Priest in Ipswich for 17 years, his Requiem Mass is at 10am Cathedral Church of St John the Baptist, Norwich. Please keep him in your prayers.

St Marks Parish Forum: We welcome parishioners from St Marks to a Parish Forum on the 22nd March straight after 11:15 Sunday Mass.

Gift Aid envelopes St Mark's: Over the next few weekends boxes will be handed to parishioners who normally use them and/or in St Mark's they will be left near the hall for collection. If you do not receive your box or if you are a UK tax payer and want to use the envelopes please email the Parish office.

Eucharistic Congress Ipswich: The Eucharistic Congress will involve multiple event 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.

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is a group of parish volunteers who support people in need through friendship, practical help and compassion. So far, we have visited lonely parishioners, taken them shopping or to their appointments, delivered urgent food parcels and raised mobility concerns on their behalf. Our next meeting will be at Holy Family, 10am on Thursday 23rd April. All members are DBS approved. We welcome new members, please do join us to find out more.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage: 16th September – 23 September 7 nights £849 per person based on 2 sharing, single person supplement £210, direct from Stanstead, 10kg bags included includes transfers, 20kg checked in can be added for £60 return. 7 nights accommodation at Hotel Leone. Half board, full religious programme. Please use the QR code or link to contact Joe Walsh Tours for further details and to book or call Reservations: 0808 1890468 or use this link <https://joewalsh tours.co.uk/private-groups/medjugorje-pilgrimage-fr-luke-goymour/>



Lætare Sunday: Today is the fourth or middle, Sunday of Lent, called Lætare Sunday from the first words of the Introit at Mass, Lætare Jerusalem ;Rejoice, O Jerusalem Strictly speaking, the Thursday before Lætare Sunday is the middle day of Lent, and it was at one time observed as such, but afterwards the special signs of joy permitted on this day, intended to encourage the faithful in their course through the season of penance, were transferred to the following Sunday. On this Sunday the priest wears rose coloured vestments instead of the normal purple worn at other times during Lent. It is also Mothering Sunday is a holiday celebrated by Catholic and Protestant Christians in some parts of Europe. It falls on the fourth Sunday in Lent, exactly three weeks before Easter. During the 16th century, people returned to their mother church for a service to be held on Lætare Sunday; in this context, one's mother church was either the church where you were baptised, the local parish church, or the nearest cathedral. Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone a-mothering Today, the secular celebration of Mother's Day has come to represent a day when children honour the mother of the family, by presenting gifts and cards in recognition of the service and sacrifice made by their mothers in raising their children, and a day when we pray especially for all mothers.

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.

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 Alberto Computaro (2001), Marion Keenan, Margaret Quinn, Ambrose Andrews (1970), Margaret Savage (1982), Patricia Porteous (1995), Lilliana Zagni (2010), Margaret Stobo (2011), Jean Keenan, Ruby Stendera (1991), Patrick O'Donovan (1993), Joseph Baran (2012) and Ranford Barret (2019) 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*

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 parishes.

Palm Sunday - 29 March

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
- 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.

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