

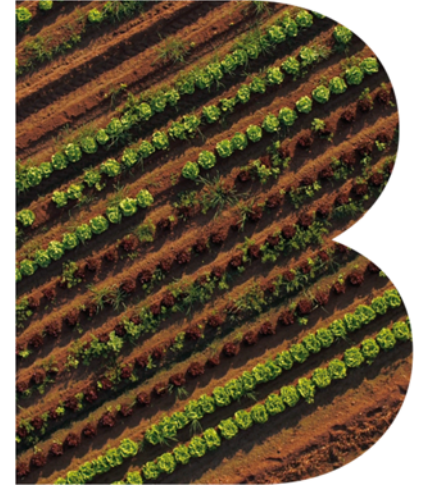


1. CHURCH OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

TOURIST ROUTE THROUGH NORTHERN VILLAGES - BENIFARAIG



GENERAL MAP OF THE ROUTE



LOCATION OF THE TOURIST ATTRACTION



HISTORY

The construction of the Parish Church of Saint Mary Magdalene dates back to the 17th century. Specifically, its door bears the inscription "Ave Maria. 1686" above the stone lintel. The sundial on the bell tower has an inscription dating it to 1852 (**photos 1 and 2**).

Both the church and the bell tower are made of brick, with the latter having a square plan and a terrace-shaped roof. Inside, the church has a single nave with side chapels between buttresses, covered by a barrel vault with lunettes divided into five sections. In the side chapels, 17th-century Manises tile wainscoting can be observed. A corridor leads to the Communion Chapel, which has a Greek cross plan and is covered by a dome with lunettes.

The local festivities take place between July and August and consist of six different celebrations: Saint Teresa, the Daughters of Mary, Saint Isidore the Labourer, Saint Mary Magdalene, the Virgin of August, and the True Holy Christ.

The procession held on the night of August 6th is particularly emblematic, venerating the True Holy Christ (**photo 3**). This image dates back to the 15th century, predating the construction of the church, and tradition says it was already worshipped by Saint Vincent Ferrer, Saint Louis Bertrand, and Saint John of Ribera. During this procession, the Christ is accompanied by candles known as "atxes" (**photos 4 and 5**).

The church was declared an Asset of Local Relevance in 2015 in the "Catalogue of Protected Assets and Spaces" of the General Urban Development Plan of the city of Valencia.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Address: Plaça de Vicent torregrossa Valls (Retor), 1

Telephone number: 963 63 43 53

ACCESIBILITY

Parking: Disabled parking space at Plaça de Vicent Torregrossa Valls (Retor), in front of the church.

Access: Accesible square with ramps and wheelchair accesible entrance to the church.





PHOTO 1. Church of Saint Mary Magdalene



PHOTO 2. Detail of sculpture above the main door



PHOTO 3. The True Holy Christ (photo: fiestasancristobal.es)



PHOTO 4. Procession of the True Holy Christ with "les atxes" (photo: fiestasancristobal.es)





PHOTO 5. Procession of the True Holy Christ with "les atxes" (photo: fiestasancristobal.es)

