

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST PANCRAS, IPSWICH

Deum diligere et quæ sunt Dei

'To love God and the things of God'

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June is dedicated to
the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sunday 27th June 2021

13th Sunday of the Year
09:30 — Jo Gunn
11:00 — Private int. — Mim

Monday 28th June

S. Irenaeus
10am — Margaret Wilding RIP

Tuesday 29th June

Ss Peter & Paul
8am (EF) — Nicola Sabino RIP
10am — Private int.—Pat Nothard
6pm — David Lowe RIP

Wednesday 30th June

First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
6pm — Mirta Sadler RIP

Thursday 1st July

Votive Mass of the Precious Blood
12:15pm — Corazon Requina RIP &
Herbert Godbold RIP (1)

Friday 2nd July

Feria
10am — Anne Abbott's int.

Saturday 3rd July

S. Thomas
10am — Corazon Requina RIP &
Herbert Godbold RIP (2)
Vigil of 14th Sunday of the Year
6pm — Pro populo

CONFESSIONS:

Mon — Fri: 20 minutes before each Mass
Sat: 9:30 — 10:00 & 5pm — 5:45pm

ADORATION: Sat: 5pm — 5:45pm

ROSARY: Mon — Fri: after Mass

DEVOTIONS TO O.L. OF IPSWICH &
S. PANCRAS: Sat after 10am Mass

EF Masses: 2nd Sunday of the month at
8am. (Next 2nd Sunday Mass: 11th July.)

DURING THE PANDEMIC — HANDS * FACE * SPACE

Please sanitise your hands as you enter and leave the church, wear a face mask at all times, and maintain a social distance of 1m from members of other households. Please allow yourself to be guided by the instructions of the stewards and the priest, entering and leaving by the designated routes, and scan your COVID-19 App or complete the Track-and-trace slip. Whenever you visit the church for a weekday Mass or for private prayer please try to avoid touching anything. If you do touch pews, for example, please simply spray whatever you have touched with the sanitizing sprays dotted around the church.

Those wishing to receive Holy Communion in the Hand should come to the altar rails first. After they have received Holy Communion, those wishing to receive on the tongue will be invited forward by the priest. Thank you.

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THE SOLEMNITY OF Ss PETER & PAUL HOLY DAY

Tuesday, 29th June
Masses at: 8am (EF) 10am 6pm
Confessions before each Mass,
rosary following the 10am Mass.

Some of the Church's internal debates leave many ordinary Catholics feeling confused, but to be clear, the Church cannot, in fact, change those things that have been revealed by God and which have, in turn, been taught by His Church for centuries. If we want to know what the Church actually teaches on any point, we have only to look at the teachings of the Popes down the ages.

Popes used to use the first person plural, saying 'We...' instead of 'I...' They were not being pompous. Rather, each Pope was saying, 'I cannot teach anything except what my predecessors have taught before me. We, that is, me and all the Popes back to S. Peter, teach such-and-such a thing.' In our own day, more than ever, our Holy Father in Rome needs our prayers to help sustain him in the Truth so that he may serve to uphold the fullness of goodness, truth, and beauty, in the face of the onslaughts of the modern world. The feast of Ss Peter & Paul is a perfect opportunity to pray for the Pope, the successor of S. Peter, and for all the Bishops of the Church, the successors of S. Paul and the Apostles, that they may courageously defend the Faith and proclaim it to all the nations.

Ÿ. Let us pray for Francis, our Pope.

Ŕ. May the Lord preserve him, give him long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and may the Lord not hand him over to the power of his enemies (Ps 40:3)

Ÿ. May your hand be upon your holy servant.

Ŕ. And upon your son whom you have anointed.

Let us pray. O God, Pastor and Ruler of all the faithful, look down, in your mercy, upon your servant, Francis, whom you have appointed to preside over your Church; and grant, we beseech you, that both by word and example, he may edify all those under his charge; so that, with the flock entrusted to him, he may arrive at length unto life everlasting. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

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For Catholic Men A retreat day at Walsingham, led by Fr Henry Whisenant, entitled 'A Life of Prayer & Virtue,' and inspired by the faith, fortitude, and humility of St Joseph, will take place on **Saturday 3rd July 2021**. Please see the diocesan website for more details: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/fr-henry-to-lead-walsingham-retreat-for-catholic-men/>

Fr Joseph has been granted an extension to his leave of absence from the Oxford Oratory, and is very pleased that Bishop Alan wishes him to remain at St Pancras beyond the end of August.

Parish Magazine The summer edition of the parish magazine is now available at the back of church and on our website. Copies are free to all good homes (but very expensive to bad homes).

School Vacancies *Head of School* at St Mary & St Peter Catholic Primary School, Gorleston. And *Executive Headteacher* at St Mary's (Lowestoft) & St Mary & St Peter (Gorleston) **For details see:** <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/schools/school-vacancies/>

The SPUC is holding a Mass lobby of MPs on **Friday 16th July** and **Saturday 17th July 2021**. We are asking pro-life supporters up and down the country to organise a meeting with their MP, at the MP's constituency office, on one of these dates. The DIY abortion policy is still in place, and there is a renewed threat of assisted suicide being legalised. Please ask your MP to lobby the Health Secretary to **end DIY abortion**. Please ask your MP to **vote against assisted suicide**. SPUC has produced dedicated briefings to help you lobby your MP. Please go to www.spuc.org.uk/MassLobby2021

Work continues A laser survey was conducted on the church building during the week which will enable any structural work in the future to go ahead, including the installation of a new altar. Watch this space. In the house, the kitchen walls have been plastered, various fittings have been put in place, plumbing has been installed, and white goods and units have been delivered. And some of the dust has subsided!

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Sick List

Prayers are asked for Lee Porter, Judy Fell, Jim Convey, Simon Marriage, and Mary Driscoll.

Of your charity

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, especially Mirta Sadler, David Lowe, Christopher List, and Neil Ward, as well for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ailen Zlotex, Margaret Topple, Francesco Tucciapone, John Kennedy, Alice Steel, Margaret Corbett, Brian Monaghan, Danzil Blake, Margaret Gleeson, Maria Petrovic, Lucille Hambling, Leo O'Connor, John Leek, Gwendoline Blake, Margaret Robinson, Jemaleh Sargent, Frank Morris, Monk Matthew, Concetta Corino, Lubomira Dederska, John O'Reilly, Christopher Thrower, Wanda Pizzey, Eleanor Peck, Agnes Smith, William Bartolo, Michael O'Hara, Ivy Lockwood, Michael Connolly, and Joyce Rands. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes: The Mass-Pt III We have seen that on Calvary Our Lord offered up the sacrifice of His life as the supreme act of *homage* to the Father of behalf of a fallen race who had failed to give the homage to God that was due to Him; as an act of *thanksgiving* on behalf of a race that had signally failed to thank God properly for His untold blessings and graces; as an act of propitiation, or *satisfaction*, for our sins because we finite creatures cannot offer sufficient amends for our sins to an infinite God; and as an act of *supplication* in which He pleaded to the Father for the needs of a fallen race.

Homage, thanksgiving, satisfaction, and supplication.

Before looking at how these four acts are incorporated into the Mass, we must stress that because the Mass is first and foremost the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary continued in time and in sacramental form, the Mass is chiefly something that Our Lord does, not something that we do.

When we go to Mass we are drawn into Christ's work of redemption and, as He offers these four great acts, we are caught in the updraft, as it were, of His offering to the Father. In other words, we go to Mass not, chiefly, to get something out of it (although, goodness' knows, we receive far more than we give), but to give to Christ our own acts of homage, thanksgiving, satisfaction and supplication, so that, receiving what we have offered to Him, He can purify our gifts and offer them to the Father on our behalf.

The four ends (or purposes) of the Mass, then, are the same as these four acts of Christ on Calvary. Here, we give the traditional vocabulary alongside more familiar terms:

- (1) The Mass is *latreutic* (from the Greek meaning 'service' or 'worship'), that is, the Mass is first and foremost an act of **ADORATION** or homage or worship.
- (2) The Mass is *eucharistic* (from the Greek meaning 'thanksgiving'), that is, the Mass is an act of **THANKSGIVING** for all the benefits God has bestowed on us.
- (3) The Mass is *propitiatory* (from the Latin meaning 'to appease' or 'make favourable'), that is, the Mass is an act of **ATONEMENT**, appeasing the injustice done to God by our sins.
- (4) The Mass is *impetratory* (from the Latin meaning 'to obtain by request'), that is, in the Mass we plead for the fulfilment of our needs through an act of **SUPPLICATION**.

It is interesting to note that traditionally the Mass is not considered *pedagogic* (from the Greek meaning 'guide' or 'teacher'). In other words, we do not go to Mass to be instructed: the Mass is an act of worship, not an act of learning. Remember, the Mass is a continuation of Christ's work of redemption on Calvary where Christ hung on the Cross to gain for us salvation from our sins and from the consequences of our sins. He was not on the Cross to learn something new, and we do not go to Mass to learn something new (even though we may well learn something whilst we are at Mass).

Having said that, the moment of Crucifixion was one of the definitive moments of divine revelation. On the Cross, God reveals to us the very definition of love. By meditating upon, and contemplating, Christ's Crucifixion, we have before us a whole book on the topic of love. In fact, St Maximilian Kolbe said, 'The Cross is the school of love.' In the Crucifixion we have all the lessons we need, and all the answers we are looking for. We need look nowhere else.

All of this may be said of the Mass too. The Church's liturgy (all the actions, gestures, and prayers of the Mass) is so rich and multi-layered that, peeling back layer after layer, we can find guidance and spiritual nourishment for every eventuality in life. How come? Because the Mass, like the Cross, opens for us the very doors to heaven itself.