

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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October is dedicated to
Our Lady of the Rosary

Sunday 10th October 2021

Dom. XX post Pentecosten

8am (EF) — Maria Stallwood's int.

28th Sunday of the Year
09:30 — Holy Souls

*Anniversary of the Dedication
of our Church*
11:00 — Pro populo

Monday 11th October

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10am — Sr Mary Alban RIP

Tuesday 12th October

*Anniversary of the Dedication
of our Church*

8am (EF) — Pro populo

Wednesday 13th October

S. Edward the Confessor

6pm — Sr Mary Alban RIP

Thursday 14th October

S. Callistus

12:15pm — Ian Whittle RIP

Friday 15th October

S. Teresa of Jesus (of Avila)

10am — for the election of a bishop

Saturday 16th October

S. Hedwig

10am — Roisin Gibson RIP

Vigil of the 29th Sunday of the Year
6pm — Holy Souls

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: 14th Nov.)

60th ANNIVERSARY

OF THE CONSECRATION OF OUR CHURCH IN 1961



Today's 11am Mass,
‘for the Anniversary of the
Dedication of a Church,’
will be offered for the People
of the Parish, living & deceased,
and will be followed by a

BRING & SHARE LUNCH

All Welcome

October Devotions & Benediction

Every Sunday during October at 4:30pm.

‘IN THE COOL OF THE DAY’

Our adult catechetical talks continue on Wednesday at 7pm.

New Parish Group

MOTHERS & TODDLERS

in the parish hall on Thursdays 10am — 12 noon

Come along for coffee, cake, catechism, chatter, and chaos!

THIS WEEK

Sunday 10th

- * 8am (EF) Mass (2nd Sunday)
- * Parish Bring & Share lunch
- * October devotions & Benediction at 4:30pm

Monday 11th at 12 noon Jean Orme's requiem Mass.

Wednesday 13th at 7pm ‘In the Cool of the Day.’ All welcome even if you missed last week's talk.

Thursday 14th from 10am—12 noon Mothers & Toddlers Group (first meeting) in the parish hall.

Friday 15th at 5pm Confirmation class.

Saturday 16th at 4pm First Communion class.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 17th October devotions & Benediction at 4:30pm

Wednesday 20th at 7pm ‘In the Cool of the Day.’ All welcome even if you missed last week's talk.

Thursday 21st from 10am—12 noon Mothers & Toddlers Group meet in the parish hall.

Friday 22nd No Confirmation class (half term).

Saturday 23rd No First Communion class (half term).

Please consider making a **STANDING ORDER** instead of a weekly cash contribution to the parish. Thank you.

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ASSISTED DYING BILL

The Bishops of England & Wales ask that all Catholics pray for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill by joining in the following novena prayer from 13th to 22nd October inclusive:

Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II's apostolic life and mission. Through his heavenly intercession we ask that the 'Assisted Dying' Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care. Grant also that we may grow in love for You and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be....

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Classes continue this week for Confirmation & First Holy Communion candidates:

- * Confirmation: 5pm — 6pm on Friday
- * First Communion: 4pm — 4:45pm on Saturday

Red Missio Boxes Please count the money in your own red box, then take a card from the back of church and follow the instructions about how to send your donation directly to Missio. Thank you.

Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at Our Lady Immaculate & S. Etheldreda, Newmarket. Saturday 6th November at 11^{am} for those affected by infertility. Followed by a talk by Dr Phil Boyle, founder of NeoFertility. See poster in the porch for details.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life. Saturday 23rd October. Led by Bishop Mark Davies. See poster in the porch for details.

Clare Priory Retreat 5th—7th November. 'By His Wounds We Are Healed.' See poster in the porch.

Sick List Prayers are asked for, Lee Porter, Jim Convey, Simon Marriage, Mary Driscoll, Leighton Scott, Helen Hardman, and Ellen Ebelewicz.

Mrs Jean Orme's requiem Mass Will be at 12 noon on Monday 11th October. Fr Frost will celebrate the Mass and Bishop Alan will sit in choir. The requiem will be followed by a private burial.

Of your charity

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs Jean Orme who died recently as well for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick Lewis, Paula Long, Lucinda Kerrison, Barbara Mucha, Kathleen Crooks, Danny Sweeney, John Monaghan, Elsie Bentley, James Egan, Carolus Mullen, Agnes Cook, Zbigniew Wajszwilli, Ena Adams, Ronald Finbow, Spencer Medlin, Philip McSweeney, Catherine Green, Arthur Walker, Rosa Richards, Patrick Traynor, Josephine Piggott, Eva Gray, Margaret Nicholls, Fr Edgar Hardwick, William Morris, Daniel Coughlan, Frederick Duffield, John Ennis, and Jane Craven. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes: The Mass-Pt XVII During a solemn Mass, the Gospel is surrounded with more ceremony than anything else except the Blessed Sacrament and the altar. From ancient times the Book of the Gospels has been venerated, and is the only book which is bowed before and kissed, incensed, signed with the cross, and carried in procession. Whereas the other readings from the Scriptures during Mass are venerable, they are regarded as the words of the servants of the Word. The Gospel, on the other hand, contains the *verba Verbi*, 'the words of the Word' Himself. 'The Gospel is the mouth of Christ,' says St Augustine. Elsewhere he adds, 'We should listen to the Gospel as though God Himself spoke to us.' The eighth Œcumenical Council of Constantinople (AD 869-70) required the veneration of the Gospels, but the honour is not paid to the book itself, to the paper and print, but to Christ, the Word of God, whom the pages represent. When we kiss or incense the Gospel book, we adore Christ Himself.

The tradition of having two lecterns or ambos — one from which the Epistle or First Reading is read, and a separate one from which the Gospel is proclaimed — is also ancient. This, again, marked the distinction between non-Gospel and Gospel readings, as does the fact that everyone stands to hear the Gospel proclaimed but remains seated to listen to other readings. Properly speaking, the deacon proclaims the Gospel, and it has been the preserve of the deacon to do so since at least the beginning of the fifth century, but with one peculiar exception. In the Middle Ages, the Emperor proclaimed the Gospel at Midnight Mass, *Exiit edictum a Cæsare Augusto*, 'There went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus.' In other words, the Emperor of the day proclaimed the words of the Emperor at the time of the Nativity. So, for example, Charles IV proclaimed the Gospel at Basle in 1347, at Mainz in 1353, and at Cambrai in 1377, and Frederick III proclaimed it in Rome in 1452, in the presence of the Pope no less! And Charles V proclaimed it in Bologna in 1529.

There are no special preparatory prayers during the Mass for whoever reads the Epistle or First Reading. However, for the Gospel the deacon, or priest where there is no deacon, makes a prayer of preparation and asks for a blessing before daring to proclaim the Word of God. Traditionally, these prayers read: *Munda cor meum...* 'Cleanse my heart and my lips, Almighty God, who didst cleanse the lips of the Prophet Isaiah with a burning coal (*Is 6:5-7*); and vouchsafe through Thy gracious mercy so to purify me that I may worthily proclaim Thy holy Gospel. Through Christ Our Lord Amen.' The deacon would then ask the priest for a blessing, or the priest (if he were to read the Gospel) would ask Almighty God for a blessing, saying: *Jube, Domine, benedicere*. 'Pray, Lord, a blessing.' And the priest would bless the deacon saying, 'May the Lord be in your heart and on your lips, that thou may worthily and in becoming manner announce His holy Gospel: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.' The Gospel book is then carried, accompanied by acolytes bearing candles, from the altar to where it is to be proclaimed, and incensed.

As the Gospel is intoned, the deacon makes a small sign of the Cross on the page of the book, then on his forehead, lips, and heart. The people follow suit, quietly muttering a prayer as they do so: 'May the Lord be in my mind, and on my lips, and in my heart. Amen.'

The Gospel is then sung, in a solemn Mass, and having been proclaimed with more ceremony than the other readings (including with the greeting, 'The Lord be with you...') so it concludes with more ceremony, the people acknowledging the Word by chanting, *Laus tibi, Christe*, 'Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.'

It is interesting to note that until the liturgical changes in 1969, exactly the same Gospel had been proclaimed on each day in the Church's year for at least 1,200 years!

The sermon that follows the Gospel was, traditionally, not considered part of the Mass because the Mass is chiefly an act of worship rather than a teaching session, so the priest, traditionally, would remove the maniple from his arm while he preached.