

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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May is dedicated to
the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 1st May 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter

09:30 — Pro Populo

11:00 — Pat Maile RIP

Monday 2nd May

S. Athanasius

10am — Holy Souls

Tuesday 3rd May

Easter feria

8am (TLM) — Patrick Willis ints.

Wednesday 4th May

The English Martyrs

6pm — Michellina Sabino

Thursday 5th May

Easter feria

12:15pm — Holy Souls

Friday 6th May

Easter feria

10am — Holy Souls

Saturday 7th May

Easter feria

10am — Alberto de Pasquale

Vigil of 4th Sunday of Easter

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

TLM Masses: 2nd Sunday of the month
at 8am. (Next 2nd Sunday Mass: 8th May)

*Traditional Latin Masses (TLM) are said
according to the Missal used before the
Second Vatican Council.*

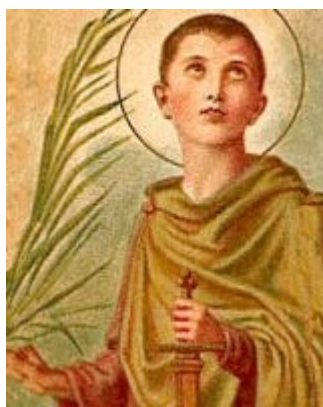
Three Big Occasions in Quick Succession!

MAY DEVOTIONS & PROCESSION

Sunday, 8th May at 3pm

**'Bring flowers of the rarest,
bring blossoms the fairest'**

*Children, please bring petals
to strew at the feet of
Our Blessed Lady
during the procession*



PATRONAL FEAST OF S. PANCRAS, MARTYR

Thursday, 12th May

Masses at: 8am (TLM) & 12:15pm

SOLEMN MASS AT 6PM

WITH VISITING PREACHER

followed by a bring-and-share supper

Confessions before 8am & 12:15 Masses
(not before the 6pm Mass)

Rosary after 12:15 Mass.

CONFIRMATION MASS

Monday, 16th May at 6pm

Bishop Alan will be conferring the
Sacrament of Confirmation
on a handful of our parishioners.

Please come and pray for them and for our
parish, meet the Bishop, and join us for
a bring-and-share supper afterwards



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

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SECOND COLLECTION next weekend for the diocesan priests' training fund.

MARY'S MEALS We will have a total soon.

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM FR JOSEPH: A big thank-you for your very generous Easter offering as well as for the many gifts and cards. Your kindness is deeply appreciated. Thank you, and God bless you.

Green Envelopes The new boxes of green offertory envelopes are now available at the back of church.

Easter House Blessings Traditionally, Catholic homes have been blessed during Eastertide with the newly blessed Easter Holy Water. If you would like your home blessed please e-mail Fr Joseph.

The Latest Edition of the diocesan newspaper is available at the back of church.

St Pancras Corpus Christi procession

Sunday 19th June at 3pm

St Pancras First Communion Mass

Sunday 26th June at 9:30am

Ignite Catholic Youth Festival 30th May — 1st May 2022. A weekend for those in Yr 8+ at the Sacred Heart School, Swaffham. Go to www.ignitefestival.co.uk

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham Tuesday 31st May. Beginning with Mass at 12 noon and ending around 4pm with Benediction in the Priory grounds.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 19th — 26th August 2022. See the pilgrimage website — <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association#!>

Diocesan Summer Camp for 8-14 year olds. 26th –29th August. For details, please e-mail: diocesansummercamps@gmail.com

The Relics of S. Bernadette of Lourdes Will be visiting our diocese as part of a nationwide tour. They will visit the Cathedral 13th—15th October 2022 and OLEM in Cambridge 15th—16th October.

Sick List

Prayers are asked for Rosemary Pease, Jim Convey, Simon Marriage, Mary Driscoll, and Leighton Scott.

Of your charity

Please pray for all who have died recently, as well for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Thomas Dalzell, Jan Sniechowski, Carmela Palladine, Daniel Robinson, Ellen Bird, Cecilia Adcock, Raymond Savage, Bernadette Cooper, Norah Smith, Elizabeth Mallett, Antonio Tella, Helen Stoneman, Florence Ashmore, William Dighton, Ismal Esteller, Stephen Samora, Frances Coore, Martin King, Irene McDonald, Very Rev Provost Augustine Peacock, Mgr Squirrell, Florence Garate, Mary Thompson, Trevor Belcher, and Frank Hughes. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes: The Mass-Pt XXXIV We pick up from where we left off before Lent as we come to the next part of the Canon of the Mass, the 'Supra quæ propitio':

Be pleased to look upon these offerings with a serene and kindly countenance, and to accept them, as once you were pleased to accept the gifts of your servant Abel the just, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith, and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek, a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

Once again, we ask Almighty God to accept what we offer Him. To our modern way of thinking, this seems strange. Do we really need to keep asking Him, again and again, to accept our gifts? Yes we do because just as we must not become complacent after we have been Baptized, and think that everything is now well between us and God (because we go on sinning), so we need continually to beg God to find our poor, human offerings worthy of His acceptance. Even so, each petition from the priest and from the people serves a slightly different purpose. In this case, the prayer is asking that the gifts of Bread and Wine—which have now, through the miracle of transubstantiation, become the Sacred Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ—find favour in God's sight and are not refused by the Father, just as gifts from earlier servants, patriarchs, and priests were not refused.

Of course, Almighty God will not refuse His own Son, so what we are actually asking for in this prayer is that *our offering* of His Son be found acceptable. Have we—and especially, has the priest—offered the Holy Sacrifice worthily? Have we (and, again, has the priest) even tried to become as 'pure... holy... [and] spotless' as the Divine Victim? Has our action of offering the Eucharistic and Sacramental sacrifice of Our Lord's Body and Blood to the Father been undertaken in a fitting manner? Or has our offering been slipshod, lackadaisical, or mere humdrum routine?

Immediately we call to mind the sacrifices offered by Abel, Abraham, and Melchizedek.

Unlike his brother Cain's offering, Abel's gift to God was of the 'firstlings of his flock, and of their fat' (Gen 4:4). In other words, he made a gift of the choice offerings of his livestock, the best he had to offer. Only the best is good enough for God, and that is what Abel gave to Him. Any flawed offerings, he kept for himself.

Abraham, as we all know, was perfectly willing to sacrifice his own son. He may not have been very happy with the idea, but he was, nonetheless, willing to obey because he trusted—had perfect faith—in Almighty God. His great faith was rewarded by his being made the father of as many decedents 'as the stars of heaven, and as the sand that is by the sea shore' (Gen 22). So it is that Abraham's offering made him our 'father in faith.'

Melchizedek is mentioned in the Psalms and in the Letter to the Hebrews but only makes a personal appearance once in the whole Bible. Following a battle in which Abraham (still called Abram at this point) rescues Lot, his nephew, Melchizedek, the priest-king of Salem (that is, Jerusalem), went out to meet Abraham, 'bringing forth bread and wine, for he was the priest of the most high God,' and bestowed blessings upon him (Gen 14:18). Melchizedek is mentioned almost in a vacuum, as it were, without any further mention of his origin or his destiny. We know nothing more about him. He appeared, offered gifts of bread and wine, and disappeared again. Insofar as his origin and his end are both mysterious, he offered bread and wine, and that he was both the king and the priest of Salem, the City of Peace, he is said to be a type or model for Christ's priesthood. Christ is a priest according to the order of Melchizedek, and all Catholic priests are said to be priests according to the order of Melchizedek too.