

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

09:30 — M.C. Abraham &  
Br Fidelis OCD RIP

11:00 — Nelson Collingwood RIP

## Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May

*Easter feria*

10am — Holy Souls

6pm — for the Confirmation candidates

## Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

*S. Paschal Baylon*

8am (TLM) — Anne Abbott's int.

## Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May

*Easter feria*

6pm — Fr Leeder RIP

## Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May

*S. Dunstan*

12:15pm — Pat Maile RIP

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May

*S. Bernadine of Siena*

10am — Holy Souls

## Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May

*S. Christopher Magallanes & Comps.*

10am — for the election of a bishop

*Vigil of 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

6pm — Holy Souls

### CONFESSIONS:

Mon — Sat: 30 minutes before each  
Mass, and 5pm — 5:45pm on Sat.

**ADORATION:** Sat: 5pm — 5:45pm

**ROSARY:** Mon — Fri: after Mass

### DEVOTIONS TO O.L. OF IPSWICH &

**S. PANCRAS:** Sat after 10am Mass

**TLM Masses:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month  
at 8am. (Next 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Mass: 12<sup>th</sup> Jun)

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

## CONFIRMATION MASS

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> 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, and meet  
the Bishop.

Please join us for a  
bring-and-share supper  
afterwards.



## RETURN OF THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION

The Catholic Bishops of England & Wales have issued a statement in which  
they recognise that most Covid restrictions have been lifted. They write:

***"We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented  
Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and  
Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply."***

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM



### Tuesday 31st May

Beginning with Mass at noon at the Chapel of  
Reconciliation, this year's pilgrimage incorpo-  
rates the official Children's Pilgrimage on the  
same day with a children's liturgy led by Fr  
Pat Cleary. Later, there will be Benediction of  
the Blessed Sacrament in the priory grounds.  
The day will end at about 4:30pm. (Bring a  
picnic lunch.) All welcome. Go to:

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/diocesan-pilgrimage-set-for-return-to-walsingham/>

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

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**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.

**New Choir Members** We are urgently in need of new voices for our 11am Sunday Mass choir, especially—but not only—male voices (tenors and bases). Enthusiasm is a must! Whatever your level of proficiency, *please* come to rehearsals for a month and see how you get on. Contact Fr Joseph. Thank you.

**Fr Adrian Gates** will join Dr Phil Roberts in giving a talk at the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace of Ipswich on Saturday, 21st May 2022, at St Mary at the Elms, at 11:am. (Tea/coffee from 10:30am.) All welcome.

**The Annual Missionary Appeal** will be given this year on the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> June, by the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver. You can visit their website in advance at: [claveriansisters.com](http://claveriansisters.com)

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#### PARISH EVENTS

**St Pancras Corpus Christi procession**  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm

**St Pancras First Communion Mass**  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am

*(N.B. the 11am Mass will start at 11:30am)*

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#### DIOCESAN EVENTS

*See the diocesan website for details: [rcdea.org.uk](http://rcdea.org.uk)*

**Ignite Catholic Youth Festival** 30<sup>th</sup> May — 1<sup>st</sup> Jun 2022. A weekend for those in Yr 8+

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** 19<sup>th</sup> — 26<sup>th</sup> August.  
**Diocesan Summer Camp** for 8-14 year olds. 26<sup>th</sup>–29<sup>th</sup> August.

**The Relics of S. Bernadette of Lourdes** will visit our Cathedral 13<sup>th</sup>—15<sup>th</sup> October and OLEM in Cambridge 15<sup>th</sup>—16<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

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**Sick List** Prayers are asked for Rosemary Pease, Jim Convey, Simon Marriage, Mary Driscoll, Leighton Scott, and Bernie Wood.

**Of your charity** Please pray for all who have died recently, as well for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ellen Keenan, Ethel Bradford, Gabrele Kaninski, Alfons Kuszewski, Lilian Fitzpatrick, Joshua Harris, George Streater, Eleanor Wells, Petro Hopej, Jean Zwozdiak, Edward Tynan, Anthony O'Dowd, Edward Tyrrell, Elizabeth Scoggins, Elsie Patrick, Rosemary Shorter, Mary de Bono, Biase Scrocca, Charlotte Bellingham, Kathleen Shapland, Matilda Duffield, Kathleen Sleightholme, Joseph Vogel, May Augustin, Ellen Thrower, William Mitchell, Marguerite Wright, Olivia O'Farrell, Violette Mason, Robert Bradley, Flora Mann, George Morgan, Charles Read, and Julian Petryszyn. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

**Fr Joseph writes: The Mass-Pt XXXVI** At this stage of the Canon of the Mass, the priest, once again, reminds himself that he is a sinner, and calls upon all present to remind themselves that they are sinners: at the words, 'though sinners,' the priest strikes his breast in penitence.

*To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners, hope in your abundant mercies, graciously grant some share and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and all your Saints; admit us, we beseech you, into their company, not weighing our merits, but granting us your pardon, through Christ our Lord.*

The first list of saints earlier in the Canon differs from this list insofar as, previously, we prayed that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints we might be defended and protected from harm here below. In this second list, we pray that we might one day join them in heaven above. But why pray to these particular saints? First, we pray to St John the Baptist of whom Our Lord said, 'There has not risen among them that are born of women a greater than John the Baptist' (Mt 11:11). Stephen is the first Christian martyr, stoned on the instructions of Saul who would later become St. Paul (Acts 6-7). St. Matthias was elected to take the place of Judas (Acts 1:15-26). St. Ignatius was a disciple of St Peter and followed him as bishop of Antioch. There is also a tradition that Ignatius was the boy whom Christ placed before His disciples saying, 'Whosoever shall receive one such child as this in my name, receives me' (Mk 9:35-36 *et par*). Alexander is either one of the sons of St. Felicity or he was the fifth Pope, Alexander I. Although water had previously been added to the wine in the chalice at the Offertory, it was Pope Alexander I who first insisted that water should be added, teaching that it represents the weakness of humanity which is strengthened and transformed by the fortified wine of Christ's divinity. Marcellinus and Peter were martyred under the fierce persecution of Diocletian when all Christians throughout the Roman Empire were obliged to adore the Emperor or die by torture. Marcellinus was a priest, and Peter an Exorcist (one of the minor Orders below Acolyte and Deacon). Both were imprisoned, but when Peter managed to convert his gaoler and his family, and have them baptised by Marcellinus, they were tortured to death. Interestingly, under this particular persecution, Marcellinus and Peter were the only two clerics in Rome to die for the Faith, all other clerics either apostatised or escaped.

Having listed seven men, the Canon now lists seven women martyrs. (Curiously, none of the Eucharistic Prayers written in the twentieth century mentions any women saints.) Felicity was a slave who was eight months pregnant when arrested. She gave birth safely before being thrown to the lions in the amphitheatre in Carthage along with Perpetua, a noble-born woman of the aristocracy. In fact, the beasts did not finish them off, so they were both finally beheaded. A memorial stone with their names on it was discovered in Carthage in a 1907 archaeological dig. Less is known for certain about the remaining five, but Agatha was martyred in Sicily under the Emperor Decian in 251. Part of her torture was to have her breasts cut off. Lucy was born in Sicily about fifty years later and, like Agatha, chose to keep her vow of virginity for the sake of Christ rather than be married. Her would-be husband denounced her as a Christian and she was martyred in 303. Agnes was thirteen years old when she was martyred and it was said that 'no fetters could be found small enough for her wrists.' Cecilia was martyred even earlier, in 117, under the Emperor Marcus Aurelius. Anastasia, a Greek girl, died in the Diocletian persecution on Christmas Day, which is, therefore, also her feast day.