

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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August is dedicated to
the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday 14th August 2022

Dom. X post Pentecosten
8am (TLM) — Pro Populo
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*Transferred feast of the Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

09:30 — Donnamae Allen RIP
11:00 — for the election of a bishop

Monday 15th August

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8am (TLM) — Pro Populo
Feria
10am — Holy Souls

Tuesday 16th August

S. Joachim
8am (TLM) — The Patten Family

Wednesday 17th August

Feria
6pm — Holy Souls

Thursday 18th August

Feria
12:15pm — Holy Souls

Friday 19th August

S. John Eudes
10am — Holy Souls

Saturday 20th August

S. Bernard
10am — Holy Souls
Vigil of the 21st Sunday of the Year
6pm — Holy Souls

CONFESSIONS:

Mon — Sat: 30 minutes before each Mass
& Sat: 5pm — 5:45pm
1st Friday: 7pm — 8pm

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: 11th Sept.)

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



The Assumption (detail) by Guido Reni, 1617

'By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.'

Munificentissimus Deus, Ven. Pius XII, 1950

One of the four dogmas of the Church concerning the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Assumption makes known to us that Our Lady, at the end of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven. Having been preserved free from both original sin and actual sin, she did not suffer the corruption of death by which body and soul become separated. Indeed, in the East, this feast is called the Dormition of the BVM, that is, the Falling Asleep of the BVM. Our Lady's assumption into heavenly glory is the echo not so much of her Son's ascension (as one might think) but of His resurrection, that is, the union of body and soul in a glorified state at the end of one's earthly life. We know that 'death is not of God's fashioning' (Wis 1:13, Knox translation). As a result, the end of Our Lady's earthly life fulfilled the plan God had originally intended for all of us but which the rest of us forfeited through sin. The Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved immaculate as a fitting preparation for the conception of the Word of God in her womb.

PARISH BBQ — SUNDAY, 28TH AUGUST — ALL WELCOME!

A lunchtime BBQ for the whole parish! From 1pm onwards in Bill & Brigitte Newman-Sanders' garden (Topples, Ipswich Rd, Holbrook, IP9 2QT or what3words: nurtures.lowest.pricing). To give us an idea of numbers, please sign the list at the back of church, indicating what dish you can bring (a salad or a pudding) and whether you have any vegetarian requirements. And bring a bottle! All sausages and burgers—meat and vegetarian—as well as chicken pieces will be provided. There will be some parking on-site, but otherwise on the roadside nearby. Please be considerate to other road users and neighbours when you park.

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

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New Editor We are delighted to have found a new editor for our quarterly parish magazine. A big thank-you to Tilly Rampley. Articles for the next edition should be submitted to matilda79r@gmail.com no later than 23rd August (hard copy to Fr Joseph) . Once again, a huge thank you to Stephen Donaghy for his hard work over several years.

Wednesday Evening Mass If you think the Wednesday evening Mass should move from 6pm to 7pm please let Fr Joseph know. Thank you.

Join us to discover some of the treasures of the Catholic Faith hidden in St Matthew's Gospel. Wednesdays at 7pm beginning 21st September.

First Communion Next Year? Please see the poster in the porch or the leaflet at the back of church.

March for Life UK Saturday, 3rd September. See poster in the porch for details or go to marchforlife.co.uk

St Pancras Catholic Book Club will meet for the first time on Monday, 12th September at 7pm in the parish hall. Each quarter we shall meet to discuss a book of spiritual reading, the first of which will be *Revelations of Divine Love* by Julian of Norwich. So, get yourself a copy and start to enjoy some summer reading!

For Diocesan events please see the poster in the porch.

Pilgrimage Walk to the Ecumenical shrine of Our Lady of Grace of Ipswich: Sunday, 4th September.

Washing machine available free. 8-10yrs old in good working order. Speak to Fr Joseph

From Sept. Confessions 7pm—8pm on 1st Fridays.

Did you know...? The Vatican flag as we know it today dates from 1825. The gold and white of the flag, and of the two keys of St Peter, represent heavenly and earthly powers. The triple tiara is an image of the one worn by Pius XI who was pope when the Lateran Treaty was signed in 1929 and the Vatican officially became its own country. (Before then, there had been the Papal States.) A Vatican flag was taken to the moon in Apollo 11, and is now on display in the Vatican museum alongside some moon rocks.

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St Bernard said, 'I believe though I do not understand; and I hold by faith what I cannot grasp with the mind.'

Sick List

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

Of your charity

Please pray for those who have died recently, as well for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Vivian Holden, Cecily Coney, Joseph Capocci, Lilian Bazire, Mary Sweeny, Bridget Maile, John Lewis, Patrick Cudon, Natalie Kozak, Helen Sullivan, Lilian Ward, Margaret Reeve, Horace Fox, Maurice Deenihan, Daisy Taylor, and Sean O'Farrell. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes: The Mass-Pt XXXIX In this and next week's newsletters we consider some concluding remarks about the Mass, and sum up the most important points. This week, what are the **four ends** of the Mass?

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered **(i)** to give glory and honour to God; **(ii)** to thank Him for all His benefits; **(iii)** to make satisfaction to God for our sins, and to obtain the grace of repentance; **(iv)** and to obtain all other graces and blessings through Our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know that the Mass is the continuation in time, and under sacramental form, of the Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross on Calvary. Indeed, Calvary and the Mass are one and the same sacrifice. If we remember that the sacrifice of Calvary stands in a time vacuum, as it were, (or perhaps we could almost say, outside of time), then perhaps it is slightly easier to see how Calvary and the Mass are one and the same thing. As a result, the Mass accomplishes exactly the same goals—or ends—as Christ's death on Calvary accomplished.

(i) The first duty of God's creatures is to worship and pay homage to their Creator (Dt 6:5; Mt 22:37). On the Cross, the Son of God rendered to His Father the supreme act of adoration by giving up His whole life as an offering to God. As He did so, He gave to God the level and intensity and fullness of worship that we, collectively as the human race as well as individual members of the human race, had failed to give to our Creator. Therefore, the Son's perfect offering made satisfaction for our failing. Both Calvary and the Mass, then, are acts of adoration.

(ii) The second thing that creatures owe to their Creator is thanks for all that they have received from Him. Once again, our thanks—especially our often half-hearted or even reluctant thanks—are insufficient response for all that God has given us. On the Cross, by returning to God an offering which was fully human and yet infinitely divine, Our Lord gave thanks to the Father on behalf of the whole human race. Both Calvary and the Mass are acts of thanksgiving. Indeed, both the Mass and the Blessed Sacrament Itself are also called the Eucharist, which comes from the Greek word meaning thanksgiving.

(iii) We cannot make up for our sins; we cannot make satisfaction for what we have done wrong, either individually or as a race. We cannot bridge the gap that exists between Creator and creatures—between God and mankind—as a result of sin. Only someone who is both man and God can bridge that gap and make satisfaction—can atone—for our sins. By taking human form, the Son of God can offer up satisfaction for all who share human nature. And because He is God, Christ's offering has an infinite value. Therefore, His offering is sufficient (indeed, much more than sufficient) to make satisfaction for our sins, and His offering is pleasing and acceptable to the Father. At the same time, Our Lord entreats the Father with 'prayer and supplication' (Heb 5:7), pleading especially that we may be given the grace of repentance. Both on Calvary and in the Mass, then, Christ makes satisfaction for our sins and pleads on our behalf for the grace of repentance.

(iv) Finally, on the Cross the Son of God pleads to the Father to bestow upon a fallen race all the graces and blessings of the heavenly places (Eph 1:3), entreating the Father to grant all that we need (not necessarily all that we want) for a healthy spiritual life, for a life of virtue, and for our material needs also. Both on Calvary and in the Mass, then, Christ offers up supplication on our behalf.

These **four ends of the Mass** are mirrored in the four **ACTS** of prayer that we make whenever we pray, for when we pray we offer up an act of **A**doration, **C**ontrition, **T**hanksgiving, or **S**upplication. Or a combination of some or all of the above. In doing so, we join our **ACTS** of prayer to the actions of Christ on the Cross and to the **four ends of Mass**.