

# 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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September is dedicated to  
Our Lady of Sorrows

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022

*25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year*

09:30 — Pro Populo

11:00 — Isabel Lorentzen (RIP)

## Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September

*Requiem*

10am — HM The Queen

## Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

*Feria: Mass of Dom. XV post Pentecosten*

8am (TLM) — Nicholas Aylward RIP (F)

## Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September (EMBER DAY)

*S. Matthew*

6pm — Souls in Purgatory (1/2)

## Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

*Feria*

12:15pm — Souls in Purgatory (2/2)

## Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September (EMBER DAY)

*S. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)*

10am — Louise Otto RIP (F)

## Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September (EMBER DAY)

*Our Lady of Walsingham*

*Principal Patron of the Diocese*

10am — for the Bp & the Diocese

*Vigil of the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year*

6pm — John Clarke RIP

### CONFESSIONS:

**Mon — Sat:** 30 minutes before each Mass

**& Sat:** 5pm — 5:45pm

**1<sup>st</sup> 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 8am. (Next 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Mass: 9<sup>th</sup> Oct.)

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

## WEDNESDAY EVENING TALKS

BEGINNING THIS WEEK, 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER — 7PM  
THE FEAST OF ST MATTHEW



A series of talks and discussions on  
**ST MATTHEW'S GOSPEL**

Unpacking some of the multi-layered riches of the Catholic Faith hidden in the first of the four Gospels. Read at least the first chapter beforehand!

Bring a Bible (it doesn't matter which: Douai-Rheims, RSV, Jerusalem, etc), and a notepad and pencil if you wish to take notes, and join in the discussion.

*St Matthew the Apostle by El Greco (1541-1614)*

### Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September

Our Lady under the title of Walsingham is the principal patron of our diocese. Please join us for Mass as we pray for our Bishop, Alan Hopes, for the appointment of a holy successor, and for all the people of our diocese.

Mass at 10am as usual



**Second Collection Today** for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (formerly Home Mission Sunday) to support the Bishops' work of evangelisation and discipleship throughout England & Wales. Please give generously. Thank you. For more details see [cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday/](http://cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday/)

**An Evening of Recollection for Men** at St Pancras, on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 7pm — 9:30pm, run by Fr Paul Diaper from Opus Dei. All married and single men are welcome for an evening of prayer and recollection.

**Ember Days**, the traditional quarterly days of fasting, abstinence, and penance, fall this week on days which are, in fact, all feast days.

**Please note:** The parish finance committee meeting (scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> Sept.) has been moved to Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm, and will be followed immediately by the parish council meeting at 7pm.

**Parish collection figures for August** Green envelopes: £686:37. Plate: £1,644:24 S/O: £1,355. Dona: £990:57. Total: £4,676:18 (Total for June: £5,163.57.)

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

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## FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

**Lepra Appeal** 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> September *lepra.org.uk*  
**CAFOD** 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> October *cafod.org.uk*  
**Missio (APF)** 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> October *missio.org.uk*

(Might you be willing to help with the red box collection? Please speak to Fr Joseph.)

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**Thursday lunches** will be back, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, beginning 13<sup>th</sup> October. Free, but donations are invited for a nominated charity. All welcome.

**Relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes** Our parish has been booked a slot at St John's Cathedral at 4pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October to venerate the relics of the saint. People are asked to make their own way there and meet together at the main entrance of the Cathedral by 3:45pm. We will meet as a group for some refreshments afterwards in Norwich. Please sign the list at the back of the church, indicating whether you need or can provide a lift.

*There should be time to join the Thursday lunch on 13<sup>th</sup> and then make our way to the Cathedral for the relics.*

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**A Coffee Morning for Macmillan Nurses** will be held on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September from 10:30—12:30 at 23 Rowarth Avenue, Kesgrave, IP5 2FL, hosted by Karen Neller, one of Bernie Wood's Macmillan nurses. All welcome (especially if you bring some cake!)

**First Holy Communion & Confirmation** classes for children who already attend Mass at St Pancras regularly will begin in October. Please collect a registration form from Fr Joseph after Mass.

**Date for your diary** A parish supper on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October. Details to follow.

**Our next Book Club** meeting will be on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm when we will discuss *The Word is Very Near You* by Fr Wilfrid Stinissen. Please join us.

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**Did you know...?** Blessed Pope Pius IX was not only the longest reigning pope ever (for 32 years from 1846-1878), he was also the first pope to be photographed whilst pope.

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**St Thérèse of Lisieux said,** 'I know that without love all we do is worthless.'

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

**Of your charity** Please pray for those who have died recently, as well for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frederick Wallace, Francis Tynan, Thomas Devine, Christine Peachy, Jean Orme, Anastasia Last, Martin Connolly, Eunice Bartlett, Angel Mahalia, Sheila Jokic, Pauline Roberts, Raymond Johnson, Richard Dunn, Michael Lynch, Frederick Clifford, John Corbett, Mick Cattigan, Adrian Patterson, Elizabeth Heley, Ronald Southgate, Frank Woodward, Nora Mulryan, Maria Leeder, Hubert Boothe, Mary Burns, Meve Windham, Maurice Keating, and Luigi Mariani. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

## Fr Joseph writes:

### The Catholic Church & Tradition — pt II

In pt I we saw that Tradition with a capital 'T' is one of the two sources of Divine revelation alongside Scripture. Both contain and make known the inerrant Word of God. We saw also that Tradition preceded Scripture insofar as it was the handing on of what had been revealed by God that fed into the Church's declaration of which books should be included in the Bible and which should not. In this sense, the Catholic Church is not based on Scripture: rather, Scripture grew out of Tradition. We saw that Tradition—with a capital 'T'—is the handing on by the Church of all that has been Divinely revealed to Her.

Tradition makes itself known in a number of ways. For example, in 1950, when Pope Pius XII officially and infallibly promulgated the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, body and soul, into heaven, he did not simply wake up one morning and think, 'What shall I promulgate today?' The Pope had consulted all the bishops of the Church, and had asked them to consult among their people, asking them to what extent belief in the Assumption was already universal and whether now was the time to make such a proclamation. In fact, there had long been a Church-wide belief in the Assumption of Our Lady, and a feast under this title had been included in many liturgical calendars down the ages. After much prayer and consideration, it was concluded that not only had there been universal belief in the doctrine throughout the Church's history—attested to by numerous writings along the way—but that just after a war which had seen appalling death camps, and widespread death and destruction, with human bodies as well as human souls being, quite literally, thrown onto rubbish heaps and burnt in vast numbers, was exactly the right time to proclaim a dogma which, amongst other things, upheld the sanctity of human life, body and soul, as something ordained by God. The Pope's Apostolic Constitution in which the dogma was promulgated, *Munificentissimus Deus*, is well worth reading seventy years later. (Do not be put off by the Latin title! Go to: *vatican.va*)

Even a pope, then, can act only in line with the already established universal Faith of the Catholic Church and in accordance with what has been Divinely revealed and handed down consistently by Tradition. Just as the one thing that God cannot do is to contradict His own nature (for example, by taking back a gift He has once given, or by making Himself less than all-knowing or all-powerful) so, too, His Church cannot contradict Her own nature by suddenly declaring something to be doctrinally true which had never been believed before, or by going off at a doctrinal tangent, or by reversing what had been universally held and believed up until that point.

Another way in which Tradition can be seen in the Church is, funnily enough, in the dress and speech of the pope. Popes, once they have been elected, choose a new name (Joseph Ratzinger became Pope Benedict), dress exclusively in white, and—at least until the very recent past—use the first person plural pronoun, 'We...' Each of these customs symbolizes the ways in which a mere man allows himself to be absorbed into the office of pope, as it were, and allows the office of pope to shape him rather than the man trying to shape the office.

When a pope says, 'We' he is—it is true—making use of the medieval practice of the 'royal we' whereby he exerts his authority, but this practice also assumed a theological meaning along the way. The 'We' refers to himself and all his predecessors back to St Peter. In other words, no pope can act or speak—especially in matters of dogma and doctrine—except as part of a long continuum that goes back to the very first Vicar of Christ. Dogmatically and doctrinally, no pope has the authority to contradict what previous popes have pronounced and taught. Whilst a new pope's teaching may develop organically what has been proclaimed before (as we saw last week), he cannot hand on to others what he himself has not received from Tradition.

*Tradidi quod et accepi*, that is, 'I handed on what I received.'