

# 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 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year  
09:30 — Pro Populo  
11:00 — Paul Poulain RIP

## Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Ss Cosmas & Damian  
10am — Elizabeth Bartlett RIP (F)

## Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Ss Cosmas & Damian  
8am (TLM) — Charles, Cecil, & Olive  
Prime RIP (F)

## Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Requiem  
1pm — John Donoghue RIP  
S. Wenceslaus  
6pm — Chika's ints.

## Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Ss Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael  
12:15pm — Cecily Butters RIP (F)

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

S. Jerome  
10am — Walter McNeela

## Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October

S. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (of Lisieux)  
10am — Dallastone family RIP (F)  
Vigil of the 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year  
6pm — Mary Mummery 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.)

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## THE FEAST OF THE THREE ARCHANGELS

### THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

*Michael, The Likeness of God  
Gabriel, The Strength of God  
Raphael, The Healing of God*

### WEDNESDAY EVENING TALKS

Having postponed the first talk last week, God willing we shall begin this week on

WEDNESDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER — 7PM

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.

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.

### OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

Hymn, *fervorino*, the rosary, & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Each Sunday afternoon throughout October

4:30pm

### SPECIAL APPEAL & SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR LEPRO

Today, 600 people will be diagnosed with leprosy; 50 of those will be children. Over 3 million people across the globe are living with undiagnosed leprosy. Leprosy is not a disease of the past, it still exists and it is still destroying lives. Please give as generously as you can. Thank you.

**The Parish Finance Committee** will meet tomorrow, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm followed by the Parish Council at 7pm.

**Run-for-All** The event that was originally scheduled for the weekend that Her Late Majesty died is now scheduled for Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

**Mass intentions** not said last week will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

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

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## FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

CAFOD 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> October [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

Missio (APF) 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> October [missio.org.uk](http://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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**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...?** Alzheimer's disease was discovered by, and named after, a Catholic psychiatrist and neuropathologist called Alois Alzheimer (1864-1915) who is credited with identifying and publishing the first case of presenile dementia.

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**St Cyril of Jerusalem said,** 'Since Christ Himself has said, "This is My Body" who shall dare to doubt that it is His Body?'

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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: George McGahey, Gladys Adams, James McGovern, Phyllis Tilehurst, Filippo Tucciarone, Ambrose Molloy, Amelia Gallo, John Brinsley, Ann Laukkanen, Kathleen Clutterham, Catherine Apostoledis, Catherine Riordan, Austin Gaffney, Gwendoline Bastarica, Mary Hatfield, Eileen Woodward, Albert Rice, Lilian Tescum, Phyllis Forshaw, Albert Carey, Paul Egan, James Doyle, Adrian Patterson, Cecil Parker, Laurence Keogh, Cecily Butters, William Cushnahan, Mary Ferguson, William Cronin, Francisco Assuncao, Edward Somers, Iwan Maksymowycz, and Sally Scarlett. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

## Fr Joseph writes:

### The Catholic Church & Tradition — pt III

The liturgy, that is, the ceremonies that frame the Church's acts of worship, has always been regarded as the jewelled crown of our holy religion. Into this crown have been set all of the most beautiful treasures of the Catholic Faith so that each dogma and doctrine, one after another, sparkles with the light of Divine revelation. The Church's liturgy is formed by Her Faith and, in turn, forms the Faith of Her members. Like any earthly crown, the Church's liturgy has been carefully crafted with tender devotion to detail and, once set, has been preserved by the custodianship of centuries of Tradition.

In 1947, in the middle of a century torn with war and unrest, the Venerable Pope Pius XII issued a papal encyclical called *Mediator Dei* ('The Mediator between God and men') The encyclical is worth reading in full (go to [vatican.va](http://vatican.va)). Exploring the nature, the meaning, and the value of the Church's majestic liturgy, the Pope sets the Church's life of worship into theological and historical contexts.

In the course of this exploration, the Pope says, 'The entire liturgy... has the Catholic faith for its content, inasmuch as it bears public witness to the faith of the Church.' In other words, the liturgy, and especially the Mass, is a summary of all that the Catholic Church holds, believes, and professes. Were anything to be altered in the liturgy, it would suppose a change in what the Catholic Church holds to be true. This, in turn, fits in with the old maxim, *lex orandi, lex credendi*, which means, 'the law of what is prayed is the law of what is believed.' In other words, how we pray is an expression of what we believe. The implied warning is, if you change how we pray then you change what we believe. Pope Pius XII understood this well and warned against change.

In particular, the Pope warned against any attempt to reintroduce ancient practices and customs into today's liturgy just because they are ancient. 'But,' the Pope writes, 'an ancient custom is not to be considered better... just because it has the flavour of antiquity.' He adds, 'It would be wrong, for example, to want the altar restored to its ancient form of table; to want black eliminated from the liturgical colours, and pictures and statues excluded from our churches; to require crucifixes that do not represent the bitter sufferings of the divine Redeemer.' This attitude the Pope calls 'archaeologism,' and condemned it outright. But why?

The Church has always held, as we saw last week, that doctrine—and anything within the life of the Church that expresses Her doctrine—can only develop organically, slowly, bit-by-bit, and according to its own nature, not unlike any plant growing in your garden. Pope Pius XII put it succinctly when he said, 'The Church is without question a living organism, and as an organism, in respect of the sacred liturgy also, she grows, matures, develops, adapts and accommodates herself to temporal needs and circumstances, provided only that the integrity of her doctrine be safeguarded.'

At one point, the Pope says of the liturgy that, 'its object is the Sacrifice, the Sacraments, and the offering of praise to God; its purpose is to unite our souls with Christ and to sanctify them through the divine Redeemer, that Christ may be honoured and through Him and in Him honour be given to the Blessed Trinity.' In other words, the liturgy touches intimately upon the very foundations of what has been divinely revealed and upon what all Catholics believe and profess. As a result, he was quite sure that were the liturgy to be altered—if the way in which Catholics worshipped God were ever changed—then what Catholics actually believe about God Himself, and our relationship to Him, would also change.

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