

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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April is dedicated to
the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 23rd April 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter
09:30 — Pro Populo
11:00 — Sebastian Abbott

Monday 24th April

S. George (transferred from 23rd)
10am — Joe & Vera Collins RIP (F)

Tuesday 25th April

S. Mark
8am (TLM) — Ursula Willis

Wednesday 26th April

Easter feria
6pm — The *Domus* of the Parish

Thursday 27th April

Easter feria
12:15pm — Deirdre Willis McSweeney

Friday 28th April

Easter feria
10am — Holy Souls

Saturday 29th April

St Catherine of Siena
10am — Mark Abbott
Vigil of 4th Sunday of Easter
6pm — Pro Populo

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: 14th May)

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

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DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM

Monday, 1st May

12 noon in the Friday Market square:
Regina Cæli followed by
rosary procession along the holy mile

2pm at the Chapel of Reconciliation:
Penance Service & Confessions

3pm at the Chapel of Reconciliation:
Pontifical Mass with Bishop Peter Collins.

A coach will be leaving St Mark's church at
9am (£12 per person). Please contact
Anne Smitheram on 01206 323886 or at
edmundsmitheram@talktalk.net

WE HAVE A PACKED SUMMER AT ST PANCRAS!

Please take a copy of our leaflet from the back of the church
giving details of all that will be happening. The first two events are:

The Parish May Procession on Sunday, 7th May at 3pm
(at which First Communion children are expected to be present)

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Our Patronal Feast of St Pancras on Friday, 12th May

Masses at 8am (TLM) and 12:15pm
with Confessions before both Masses and the rosary after the 12:15pm Mass
And at 7pm our Parish Confirmation Mass
with our new bishop, the Rt Rev Peter Collins,



Visitation of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of
Our Lady of Fatima

and the relics of St Francisco and St Jacinta

St Mary's Catholic Church,
Woodbridge Road

29th—30th April 2023

See poster at the back of the church for details.

Recent Collections

February: Standing orders: £1,863; Dona: £1,442:34; green envelopes:
£802:39; collection plate: £2,062:44. Total: £6,170:17.

March: Standing orders: £1,501; Dona: £1,968:25; green envelopes:
£675:56; collection plate: £2,118:53. Total: £6,263:34.

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

BANK: Barclays ACCOUNT NAME: St Pancras Catholic Church SORT CODE: 20-44-51 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00775843

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DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

Ignite Catholic Youth Festival

29th — 30th April 2023. The East of England's premier Catholic event for teenagers is set to make a return in 2023 with lively music, powerful speakers and passionate prayer. Visit www.ignitefestival.co.uk for more information. The festival is followed by a Walk to Walsingham to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage the following day (Monday 1st May).

Diocesan Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Tuesday, 30th May

See poster in the porch for details

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

8th — 25th August 2023. See the pilgrimage website — <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/east-anglia-ca>

Wednesday evening discussions on Matthew's Gospel continue this week at 7pm in the parish hall. All welcome. Come along even if you haven't been before.

Second Collection for Diocesan priests' training fund next weekend, 29th/30th April.

Thursday lunches will resume at 1pm on 11th May (the 2nd Thursday of the month).

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

The Book Club will meet on Monday, 12th June to discuss *The Story of A Soul* by St Thérèse of Lisieux, and on Monday, 11th September to discuss St Augustine's *Confessions*. There are several editions of both of these books: for the purposes of our meeting, any edition will be acceptable.

Summer Programme 2023 Please take a leaflet from the back of church, giving details of our packed summer programme, and put the dates in your diary, whether that's on your mobile device or in an old fashioned pocket or desk diary like mine! *Fr Joseph*

Sick List Prayers are asked for Rosemary Pease, Jim Convey, Mary Driscoll, Leighton Scott, Bernie Wood, Larry Crowley, Brian Price, Mick Shapland, and Judy Fell.

Of your charity Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, and of all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Semen Boyko, Jean Sumner, Patrick Lewis, Joseph Collins, Vera O'Sullivan, Kathleen Mitchell, Teresa Donohoe, Rosina Bove, Roberts Halls, Ted Brown, Eustacchio Palumbo, Donna-Marie Frankis, Adam Borowiak, Comfort Glover, Giulio Zagni, Alice Lawler, Rosemary McTiernan, and Barry Jackson. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

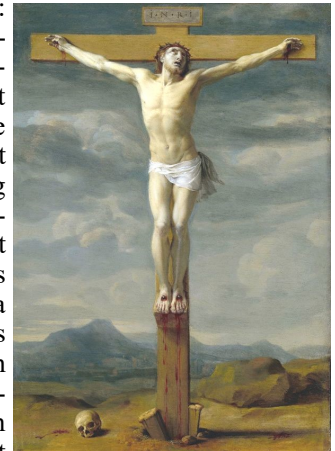
Fr Joseph writes: We continue our look at the Nicene Creed which we interrupted for Lent. In part fifteen of our forty-part series we consider the merit of the Crucifixion.

FOR OUR SAKE HE WAS CRUCIFIED

God, being infinitely blessed and perfect in Himself, gains nothing from our salvation. Nothing can be added to God that would increase His happiness or blessedness. God has no need of His creatures. The Son of God came into the world and was crucified for our sake, for the sake of sinners. The work of our redemption was a gratuitous act on the part of God. He created us because He loved us; and He has redeemed us because He loves us. We do not deserve, and cannot earn, redemption and a place in heaven. Whilst we must indeed co-operate with God's grace and play our part, still our efforts will not save us: only God's grace can save us.

God is the infinite Creator who chose to create us. Our very existence is dependent upon His love sustaining us in being. Everything we are, and everything we have, comes from God. We are contingent beings, wholly dependent upon God for everything. As such, we finite creatures have no absolute rights or entitlements against Him. Nor can we merit anything from Him in strict justice. God does not owe us anything.

There are two forms of merit: *condign* and *congruous*. *Condign* merit is based on an equality between service and return. It is measured by commutative justice, for example a contract of employment, or of buying and selling, where the recompense matches the value of what is given. When an employee is not paid for the work done, or a buyer fails to pay for the goods exchanged, there is a violation of strict justice. *Congruous* merit, on the other hand, is based on distributive justice such that meritorious works are rewarded gratuitously. To withhold such a reward would not be to violate a right or justice. When Catholics say that we may merit heaven it is only as a result of congruous merit whereby God, having promised us a reward for living a life of virtue, will keep His promise if we stay close to Him.



Crucifixion
by Eustache Le Sueur
1616-1655

As a result, we can know that God does not redeem us through any sense of obligation on His part but does so simply because He loves us, and wills that we be saved from the consequences of our sins and come to participate in that state of eternal blessedness which is already His in heaven.

To this end, the Son of God chose to lay down His life for our sake: 'No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down of my own accord' (Jn 10:18). In contrast to the pride and disobedience of Adam in the Garden of Eden, the Second Adam, 'did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself... and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross' (Phil 2:6-8). Where the first Adam, seeking to become God, tried to *take* from God, the Second Adam stripped Himself of the outward appearances of the divine and *gave* His life, and in so doing restored to a fallen human race what Adam had forfeited.