

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 30th April 2023

4th Sunday of Easter

09:30 — John & Mary Barker RIP (F)

11:00 — Holy Souls

Monday 1st May

St. Joseph

10am — for the *Domus* of the Parish

Tuesday 2nd May

St. Athanasius

8am (TLM) — Holy Souls

Wednesday 3rd May

Ss Philip & James

6pm — Mary Crilly

Thursday 4th May

The Martyrs of England & Wales

12:15pm — Sam Flory

Friday 5th May

Easter feria

10am — Benefactors of the Parish

Saturday 6th May

Our Lady on Saturday

10am — Janice Ong RIP

Vigil of 5th 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 WALSINGHAM



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). Contact Anne Smitheram on 01206 323886 or at edmundsmitheram@talktalk.net



MAY PROCESSION

Sunday, 7th May

3pm

*(at which First Communion children
are asked to be present)*

All welcome for the crowning of the statue
of Our Lady. Please bring flower petals
to scatter before her.

OUR PATRONAL FEAST OF ST PANCRAS

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,

With a bring-and-share supper in the hall afterwards.

Please bring a dish, savoury or sweet. Thank you.



VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Second Collection today for the East Anglian diocesan priests' training fund. Please give as generously as you can to help ensure that there are priests in Ipswich in the future. But above all, please pray for vocations to the priesthood.

O Lord, grant us priests.

O Lord, grant us holy priests.

O Lord, grant us many holy priests.

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

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MARY'S MEALS At the start of Lent we sent off a cheque for £1,085:72, money collected between early December and Ash Wednesday from Thursday lunches and other donations. Now Lent is over—with money from Lent lunches, the cake sale, and other donations—we have just sent off another cheque for an astonishing **£2,730:41**. Well done everyone, and a big thank-you!

SYRIA One of the places that Mary's Meals is able to operate is war-torn and earthquake-ridden Syria. Sr Helen, of the Congregation of Religious of Jesus and Mary, has worked in Syria recently and will be giving a PowerPoint presentation, based on her experiences, at St Mary's Church, Woodbridge Rd, on Saturday, 13th May, 9:30 for 9:45am. All welcome.

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>

Bernie Wood writes: 'Please pray for Philippa Wood and Stephen Chew, who will be married on Friday 5th May at 2pm at the Holy Family Catholic Church, Kesgrave. We would love our St Pancras friends to feel welcome to join us for the ceremony.'

First Friday Confessions 5th May, 7pm– 8pm.

Swashbuckling fun with children's author Tracey Corderoy. Saturday, 13th May, 10:30—12 noon, in St Pancras parish hall. See poster at the back of church or go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/swashbuckling-fun-with-tracey-corderoy-tickets-607311293427>

Day of Recollection Tuesday, 23rd May. For women starting at 2pm, and for men at 7pm.

Family Enrichment Conference Saturday, 10th June, in Newmarket. See poster at the back of church for details or go to: familyeventconference.eventbrite.co.uk

Wednesday evening discussions on Matthew's Gospel continue this week at 7pm in the parish hall.

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*.

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

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: Stephen Wisiorek, Ernest Fell, Mary Barker, Remique Kieseakoms, Mary Cud-den, Mary Mongam, Bonny Mornard, Pasquale Iachetta, Annie McCallion, Thomas Dalzell, Jan Sniechowski, Carmela Palladino, Daniel Robinson, Ellen Bird, Cecilia Adcock, Raymond Savage, Bernadette Cooper, Norah Smith, Elizabeth Mallett, Antonio Tella, Helen Stoneman, Florence Ashmore, William Dighton, Ismal Esteller, Stephen Samora, Frances Cooke, Martin King, and Irene McDonald. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

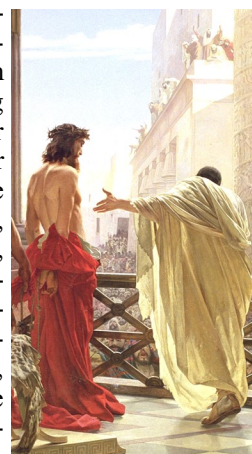
Fr Joseph writes: In part sixteen of our forty-part series on the Nicene Creed we consider the historicity Gospel events.

UNDER PONTIUS PILATE

It is sometimes argued that none – or at least, very few – of the events recorded in the Bible can be proved historically, and that any appeal to the Bible itself becomes self-referential and the argument circular. That is, to refer to an historically unverified document to prove the historicity of an event recorded in that same document is historically meaningless. In the face of such criticism it is worth remembering that the Bible is not, of course, a single document written by a single author, but is a whole library of documents which have been collected at different times during Judeo-Christian history. Indeed, the very fact that the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, do not agree in certain details may be said to point to their veracity rather than otherwise. After all, if the Gospel narrative were an artificial construct, surely an editor would have tried to make the accounts agree with each other in order to make them seem more convincing, would he not?

St Luke, in particular, goes out of his way to situate the events that he relates into an historical context: Zechariah received his visit from the archangel Gabriel 'in the days of Herod, king of Judea,' whilst the birth of Christ took place at the time of Caesar Augustus' census, 'when Quirinius was governor of Syria.' St John the Baptist began his preaching, 'in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee... [and during] the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas' (Lk 1:5; 2:1-2; 3:1-2 respectively).

Josephus (AD 37 – c. 100), the Romano-Jewish historian, provides valuable insights into first century Judaism and early Christianity, mentioning many of the people and events familiar from the Gospel stories, including, for example, Quirinius' census, Herod the Great, Pontius Pilate, John the Baptist, and, in one version of his *Jewish War*, Jesus Himself. Likewise, Philo of Alexandria (c. 20 BC – c. AD 50), the Hellenistic Jewish philosopher and a contemporary of Jesus and the Apostles, records tensions between Pontius Pilate and the Jews of Palestine, whilst Tacitus (c. AD 56 – c. 120), the Roman historian, refers to Christ, His execution by Pontius Pilate, and the existence of early Christians in Rome.



Ecce Homo (detail)
by Antonio Ciseri
(1821-1891)

The historicity of the events in the life of Christ is important because Christianity provides the definitive revelation of God to His creatures in the person of His Incarnate Son, Jesus of Nazareth. More important still, the events which effect our redemption are concrete, real events by which God makes use of His own created order to bring about the redemption of that created order. The wood of the manger in Bethlehem, the wine at Cana in Galilee, the wood of the Cross, and the flesh of the risen Christ touched by the hand of Doubting Thomas, are all material realities. Christianity is not a mere theoretical philosophy, nor yet a myth (in the modern sense of the word meaning a fabrication). Christianity is based on, and draws its life, teaching, and authority from, actual historical events.