

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 7th May 2023

5th Sunday of Easter

09:30 — Trevor Belcher RIP (F)

11:00 — Jacqueline Lewry RIP

Monday 8th May

Easter feria

10am — Richard Ware

Tuesday 9th May

St. Gregory Nazianzen

8am (TLM) — Kenneth Welch RIP

Wednesday 10th May

Easter feria

6pm — Beatrice Stoppard RIP (F)

Thursday 11th May

Easter feria

12:15pm — Walter McNeela RIP

Friday 12th May

Patronal feast of St. Pancras

8am (TLM) — Pro Populo

10am — for the Souls in Purgatory

7pm — Confirmation candidates

Saturday 13th May

Our Lady of Fatima

10am — Holy Souls

Vigil of 6th Sunday of Easter

6pm — Jean Johnson's int.

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.

MAY PROCESSION THIS AFTERNOON

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.

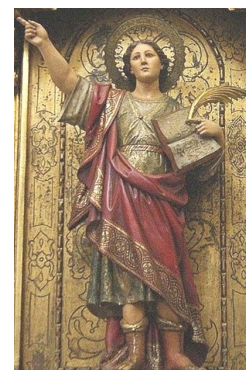


OUR PATRONAL FEAST OF ST PANCRAS Friday, 12th May

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.



*Domine salvum fac regem,
et exaudi nos in die qua
invocaverimus te.*

*O Lord, save the King:
and hear us in the day when
we shall call upon thee.*



Thursday, 11th May

Our monthly Thursday lunches resume at 1pm in the parish hall. Lunch is free but donations please to Mary's Meals. All welcome.

Thursday, 18th May THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD Holy Day of Obligation

Masses: 8am (TLM) 12:15pm 7pm (solemn)
Confessions before all Masses; rosary after 12:15pm Mass.

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

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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, **10:15 for 10:45am**. (Please note the corrected times.) All welcome.

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: eventbrite.co.uk/e/swashbuckling-fun-with-tracey-corderoy-tickets-607311293427

Day of Recollection Tuesday, 23rd May led by Fr Paul Diaper of Opus Dei. For women starting at 2pm, and for men at 7pm.

Diocesan Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham Tuesday, 30th May. See poster in the porch for details.

Parish Magazine Deadline for copy: 3rd June. The next edition of our parish magazine will be going to press in early June. Even if you think you couldn't possibly write something, please give it a go! Essays, quizzes, idle thoughts, memories, poems, articles of all sorts. And don't forget the Q&A section of questions for Fr Joseph to answer. Please send all contributions to: Matilda79r@gmail.com

Marriage Celebration Mass for all married couples (and their families). Saturday, 3rd June at the cathedral with Bishop Peter. For more details: rdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/

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

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*.

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.

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 soul of Mick Shapland and Sheila Gruber both of whom died recently, and of all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Canon Provost Augustine Peacock, Mgr Squirrel, Florence Garate, Mary Thompson, Trevor Belcher, Frank Hughes, Martin King, Edward Hawkins, Wolodymyr Dziubanowskyj, Ian Hacon, Percy Wilson, Michael Hanrahan, Lilla Neill, Margaret Fennessy, Stepan Pzypchan, John King, Elizabeth Dillon, Grahame Rodwell, Larry Kilbane, Celile Kett, Rose Jacyna, Margaret Doherty, Marie Bondavento, Joseph Carr, Maureen Bavester, Maureen Davies, William Hawkes, and Douglas Squirrel. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes: In part seventeen of our 40-part series on the Nicene Creed we consider the historicity Gospel events.

HE SUFFERED DEATH

Abraham is called upon to sacrifice his son Isaac as a test of his faith (Gen 22). But there is a side to this story which is not immediately obvious. Many of the religions with which Abraham was familiar involved human sacrifices, so whilst Abraham was shocked and deeply saddened by this call from God, he was not surprised. After all, wasn't that what gods demanded? The surprise came when God stayed Abraham's hand. Abraham's God, unlike other gods, does not demand human sacrifices. No human blood is to be shed when offering sacrifices to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. However, the story carries yet further levels of meaning. The ram is a precursor, first, of the scapegoat which is driven out into the desert, taking with it the sins of the people (Lev 16:6ff), and second, and by extension, of the Lamb of God, heralded by John the Baptist, who takes away the sin of the world (Jn 1:29). In other words, whilst God calls for no human sacrifices, yet He will bless the sacrifice of His own Son instead. The blood of goats and calves cannot redeem mankind (Heb 9); Man's blood cannot redeem mankind; only the blood of the Son of God-made-Man, offered up to the Father with cries and tears, with prayers and supplications (Heb 5:7), can redeem a fallen humanity.

Christ's blood is shed in **expiation**, that is, to take away guilt. The robes of sinners are washed clean in the blood of the Lamb (Rev 7:14). It is by the shedding of Christ's blood

that our guilt is taken away, and our sins are forgiven and washed away: 'But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: upon Him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with His stripes we are healed' (Is 53:5. See also 1 Pet 2:24).



Jesus as the Lamb of God, by John Hilton III, shows the ram that was sacrificed instead of Isaac and Our Lord on the Cross.

Christ's blood is also shed in **propitiation**, that is, to appease God's wrath, but we must be careful here. God does not suffer mood changes as we humans experience them. Indeed, God does not change at all. So we cannot say that God becomes angry because of our sins in the way that we might say a human being becomes angry because he has been offended. Instead, God's wrath is a reference to the injustice done to God's majesty and goodness by our offences. It is Justice that has been offended; appeasing God's wrath means re-setting the scales of Justice. In other words, appeasing God's wrath means paying back to God what was due to Him in the first place, but which, through our sins, we refused to give Him. On the Cross, the Son of God Incarnate gives the totality of *His* life to the Father to make up for the fact that we have refused, in our sinfulness, to give *our* lives to the Father. Like Cain, we only give to God from amongst our crop, whereas, like Abel, Christ gives the first fruits, the finest offering – of Himself – to the Father (Gen 4:3).