

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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June is dedicated to
the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sunday 18th June 2023

11th Sunday of the Year

09:30 — First Communion Children

11:30 — Pro Populo

Monday 19th June

St Romuald

10am — Holy Souls

Tuesday 20th June

Feria: Mass of Dom. III post Pentecosten

8am (TLM) — Sheila Grueber RIP

Wednesday 21st June

St Aloysius Gonzaga

6pm — Private int. (Mim MacMahon)

Thursday 22nd June

Ss John Fisher & Thomas More

12:15pm — Acott family

Friday 23rd June

St Etheldreda

10am — Giovanni de Pasquale RIP

Saturday 24th June

The Nativity of St John the Baptist

10am — Holy Souls

Vigil of 12th Sunday of the Year

6pm — Walter McNeela RIP

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

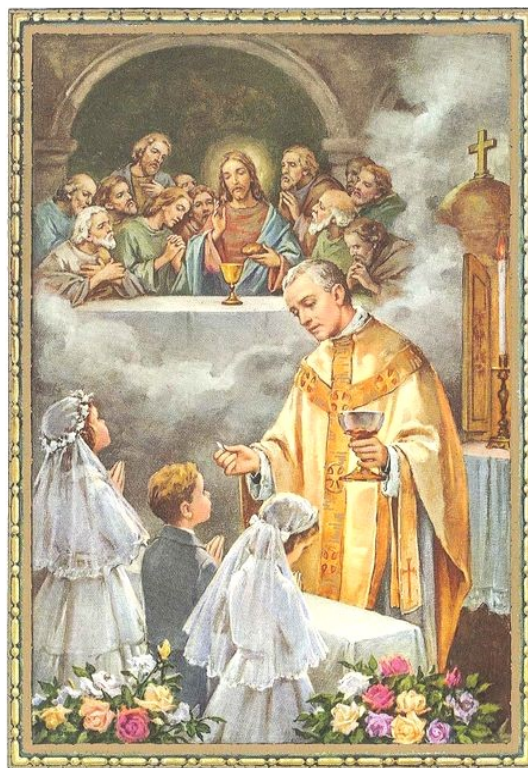
TLM Masses: 2nd Sunday of the month at 8am. (Next 2nd Sunday Mass: 9th July)

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

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Today 19 of our children will receive Our Blessed Lord into their hearts for the first time as they make their First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers: Analina, Cecily, Christopher, Claudia, Dylan, Elfy, Enzo, Esmeralda, Junior, Kai, Karl, Kevin, Kwame, Maisie, Nicola, Oliver, Thomas, Victoria Bilska and Victoria Paquay



Midsummer Christmas!

The Nativity of St John the Baptist — 24th June

In the Middle Ages the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist was sometimes known as Midsummer Christmas and was accompanied by festivities and much merriment, just like Christmas itself. In the eleventh century, the Church in Germany insisted on a fourteen-day fast before the feast. And all over Europe on the eve of the feast there were bonfires lit on the tops of hills and mountains, and there were dances, games, and outdoor meals. At sea, barrels stuffed with unwanted clothing were hoisted to the top of the mast and set on fire before prayers were said, feasts were had, and sailors received double pay. Perhaps we should make more of this feast day here in Ipswich!

O God, who hast made this an honoured day for us by the birth of Saint John, bestow upon Thy people the grace of spiritual joys, and guide the hearts of all Thy faithful into the way of eternal salvation.

Recent Collections

April: Standing orders: £1,541:72; Dona: £2,380:76; green envelopes: £526:99; collection plate: £1,607:69. Total: £ 6,057:16.

May: Standing orders: £1,520; Dona: £1,845:66; green envelopes: £945:23; collection plate: £3,381:59 Total: £7,692:48.

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

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Confirmation photos may be viewed using the link on the homepage of the parish website .

The new edition of the parish magazine is now available at the back of church and on our website free of charge.

St Carlo Acutis Group for 14–17 year olds will be launched on Thursday, 6th July at 7pm in church.

The Annual Missionary Appeal will take place on the weekend of 1st/2nd July when Fr Tom Ryan will talk to us about the work of the Columban missionaries who, originally, set out to evangelize China. Founded in Ireland in 1918 by Fr Edward Galvin (who was born on the feast of St Columba) and Fr John Blowick, Columban missionaries work today in many countries around the world. See: columbans.co.uk

The Registration window for next year's First Communion and Confirmation candidates will close on **30th September 2023**. The classes are only open to those families who already worship at St Pancras regularly. Registration forms may be collected from Fr Joseph.

Holy Days of Obligation

Under the third Commandment ('Thou shalt keep holy the Sabbath day') Catholics are obliged to go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday evening) under pain of mortal sin. If we fail to attend Mass on Sunday through our own fault then we must go to Confession before we can next receive Holy Communion. The obligation is lifted if we are too sick to go to Mass, or we are caring for someone who is too sick to be left alone; if we are travelling and cannot therefore get to Mass (although we should try to make travel arrangements so that they do not clash with our obligation); if we live too far from the nearest Mass to be able to get there; or if unavoidable work commitments keep us from going to Mass (although we should try to arrange our schedule and days off so that we can get to Mass).

There are certain feasts in the Church's year which are so important that we are obliged to attend Mass on those days also, and if we fail to attend Mass through our own fault we must go to Confession before next receiving Holy Communion. Birthday parties, weddings, funerals, family events, and so forth, do not free us from the obligation.

The next Holy Day of Obligation in England & Wales is the feast of Ss Peter & Paul on Thursday, 29th June.

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

Judy Fell RIP

Judy's funeral requiem Mass will be at 11am on Wednesday, 19th July.

Of your charity Please pray for the repose of the soul of Judy Fell who died recently, and of all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Bradley, Amy Moul, Jeremiah Whelan, Elena Roome, Fioravanti Masullo, Angela Mariani, Lorna Newton, Peter Scully, Neil Ward, Annie Bates, Monica Barnett, Rosalia Catalanotto, Jennifer Quinton, Dorothy Roper, Mary Lush, Camille Milambo, Fr Joseph Sweeney, Thomas McCarthy, Frank Flemming, Anthony Sabbatella, Elizabeth Matthews, Thomas Dooley, and Lilian Welham. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes: In part twenty-three of our 40-part series on the Nicene Creed we consider the Kingship of Christ.

AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER

The idea that God is the One who rules from a royal throne is threaded the whole way through the Scriptures, for example, Psalm 45[44] sings throughout of the kingship of God: 'Your divine throne endures for ever and ever: your royal scepter is a scepter of equity' (v.6). In the Gospels, the babe in the manger is referred to as 'He who has been born king of the Jews' (Mt 2:2), the adult Jesus is called 'the king of Israel' (Jn 1:49), and Pilate asks whether Jesus is the king of the Jews, to which Our Lord replies, 'My kingship is not of this world' (Jn 18:33,36). St Paul refers to Christ as 'the King of kings and Lord of lords,' the latter title being taken directly from the Old Testament (1 Tim 6:15; Dt 10:17).

From at least as early as the sixth century the Eastern Church has honoured the iconic figure of Christ Pantokrator, 'Ruler of All,' the Western Church's equivalent image being known as Christ in Majesty. Indeed, throughout the history of Christendom Christ has been worshipped as King.

In 1925, to mark the sixteenth centenary of the Council of Nicaea in AD 325, which defended the doctrine of Christ's divinity and gave us the Nicene Creed, Pope Pius XI promulgated an encyclical called *Quas Primas*. In it, the Pope taught how essential it is for the world to submit to the reign of Christ if there is ever to be peace. Minds, wills, and hearts, that is, our intellect, our acts of the will, and our love, should all be ruled by Christ, writes the Pope. His kingship, he continues, is constituted of the three essential elements of lordship: legal, judicial, and executive.

Christ is the supreme lawgiver, the One who is the fulfilment of the Law given in the Old Testament, as well as the One who gives us – and indeed embodies – the new law, the new commandment of Love (Jn 13:34). To Christ it has been given to judge all who live under the Law: 'The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son' (Jn 5:22). This judgment will come to each of us individually at the end of our lives, and collectively at the end of time, a judgment which includes the right of rewarding and punishing us all. Moreover, Christ has executive power, the power to execute and enforce the Law, commanding our obedience in all things, as well as the power to implement sanctions for disobedience.

Furthermore, this kingship is not limited purely to spiritual matters. Christ is King of Heaven and earth, and all civil laws are bound to be drafted according to Christian principles such that God's goodness, truth, and beauty prevail in all walks of life. It is for members of the Catholic laity to share the responsibility of good governance in secular life, take Christ into the public square, and exercise Christian virtues in the civil sphere, for the benefit of all.



Detail of the Deesis Mosaic (13th century) in Hagia Sophia, Istanbul, showing Christ as Pantokrator