

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 St Joseph

Sunday 14th April 2024

Dom. II post Pascha

8am (TLM) — Fr Henry Whisenant

Third Sunday of Easter

09:30 — Pro Populo

11:00 — for Benefactors of the Parish

Monday 15th April

Easter feria

10am — Holy Souls

Tuesday 16th April

Easter feria

8am (TLM) — Benedicto Pinheiro
Nogueira

Wednesday 17th April

Easter feria

6pm — Corado Cabral

Thursday 18th April

Easter feria

12:15pm — Yusé Martius

Friday 19th April

Easter feria

10am — Holy Souls

Saturday 20th April

Our Lady on Saturday

10am — Michelina Sabino

Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Easter

6pm — Natalija & Naya Ciobano-
Milicevic

CONFESSIONS:

Mon — Sat: 30 minutes before each Mass

& Sat: 5pm — 5:45pm

1st Friday: 6pm — 7pm

ADORATION: Sat: 5pm — 5:45pm

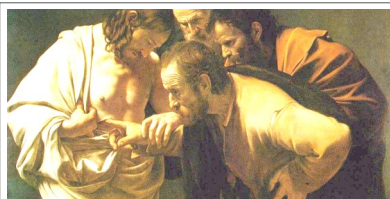
ROSARY: Mon — Fri: after Mass

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: 12th May)

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THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY

Easter time, with thoughts about the resurrection of the body, offers a perfect opportunity to talk about burials and cremations. Whilst the Church somewhat reluctantly permits cremations, burials are more in keeping with Catholic tradition. But why? All of the imagery surrounding death in Catholic theology is about falling asleep in the Lord, as St Paul says (1 Thess 4:13-17). Death was never intended to be the final outcome of our lives (Wis 1:13). Rather, as it says in the Preface for the Requiem Mass in the Roman Missal, 'for your faithful, O Lord, life is changed, not ended.' When we die, we, as it were, merely fall asleep in the Lord, and await the trumpet blast that will awaken us at the end of time and lift our bodies into heaven to re-join our souls (1 Cor 15:52). Such imagery must not be lightly dismissed! After all, our entire understanding—and indeed the whole of Divine Revelation and the sacramental system that comes to us through our Catholic Faith—makes use of images given to us by God Himself. Because of this, and because our bodies have been consecrated with the Oil of Chrism at Baptism and have become Temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:19), it can never be right deliberately to destroy what God has created by cremating our bodies after death. When we die, our bodies should be laid to rest until the resurrection of the dead at the end of time.

SICK COMMUNIONS If you know anyone who is housebound and needs regular sick communion at home, please let me know.

RETURNING AFTER THE PANDEMIC A number of parishioners have still not returned to Mass since the restrictions of the pandemic. If you know of anyone to whom this applies, please be brave and make contact with them and encourage them to return. Or let me know so that I can contact them please. Bless you.

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS Several times recently I have needed to contact a family in the parish urgently but have not had any contact details. Please can I encourage you to complete a **Contact Details** card from the back of the church and return it to me? Please remember to let me know if someone is going into hospital. And if someone is dying, please call the priest **before** they die so they can receive the Last Rites. (The sacraments are for the living, not the dead.)

Please note: my answer machine does not record the phone numbers of incoming calls so please leave your number every time. Thank you.

REGINA CÆLI

During the Easter season we shall sing the Regina Cæli at Mass each Sunday instead of reciting the Hail Mary.

Regina cæli, lætare, alleluia,	O Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia,
Quia quem meruisti portare,	For He whom you have borne for us,
alleluia,	alleluia,
Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia,	Has arisen, as He said, alleluia,
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.	Pray for us to God, alleluia.

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

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FEAST DAYS & EVENTS IN MAY

Our Parish May Procession
Sunday, 5th May at 3pm

Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord
Thursday, 9th May
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The transferred feast of St Pancras
Monday, 13th May
Bishop Peter will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation
at the 7pm Mass.

The feast of Our Lady of Ipswich &
the feast of Our Lady of Grace
Wednesday, 15th May
Bishop Peter will bless our new statue at the 7pm Mass.

Blessed Carlo Acutis Group (14-17 year olds) will meet next on Thursday, 2nd May at 7pm.

Thursday lunches will resume on 9th May at 1pm.

Catholic Young Adults (18-35 year olds) will meet next on Friday, 10th May at 7pm.

Catholic Mothers Group will meet next on Monday 13th May at 11am following the 10am Mass and rosary.

Thursday, 30th May Traditional Feast of Corpus Christi

Sunday, 2nd June Corpus Christi with the Corpus Christi Procession at 3pm

Sunday, 9th June at 9:30am First Holy Communion Mass (The 11am Mass will start at 11:30am today)

Monday, 10th June The Book Club will meet at 7pm to discuss *St Mark's Gospel: A Commentary for Believers* by Thomas Crean OP.

Guild of St Pancras Watch this space for news of our brand new guild for those who volunteer their services in the parish!

Sick List Prayers are asked for Jim Convey, Larry Crowley, Paul Cummings, Ciro Dellabella, Mary Driscoll, Linda Mitchell, Rosemary Pease, Brian Price, Leighton Scott, and Bernie Wood.

Of your charity Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Rose Silburn, Kostruba Krylo, Hugh McCallion, Eric cudden, Robert Brown, Stephen Guerin, Monica Nicholls, Michael Mitchell, Patrick O'Brien, Gladys Woodard, Annamarie Ramsay, Mary King, John McMohan, Rosemary Schlee, Patrick Deenihan, Emilio Carrino, Edith Dooley, Cornelia Van Der-Heijden, Saetano Gratini, Canon Edward McHugh, George Fox, Giuseppe Catalanotto, William McAtamney, Nicolas Meler, Catherine Smith, Frank Spink, Coralie Pincott, and Eric Nothard. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

The parish **SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE** is Mim McMahon who may be contacted by anyone of any age, at any time, with any safeguarding concerns: 01394 274395 or 07813199275 or mim@trianglemusic.info or mim.macmahon@gmail.com

For the diocesan **SAFEGUARDING CO-ORDINATOR**, contact 07429 215344 or safeguarding.coordinator@east-angliadiocese.org.uk

Fr Joseph writes: We resume our look at Baptism.

THE SACRAMENTS PT 12 BAPTISM – CEREMONIES OF THE SACRAMENT

Our religion is an incarnational religion, that is, it involves the material reality of the Word of God becoming flesh. Our religion also involves collaboration between Creator and creatures, that is, God makes use of people and things to bring about our salvation. As a result, all of the Sacraments, and many other features of our worship, involve ceremonies incorporating signs, gestures, and words. In other words, because our bodies are important as well as our souls, we worship God with our bodies as well as with our hearts and our minds.

We have already seen the importance of water in the Sacrament of Baptism, but there are other ceremonies too. Some of these ceremonies symbolize the *dispositions* required of the recipient of the Sacrament; others represent the Sacrament's *effects*; and still others clarify the *obligations* entailed in receiving the Sacrament.

The ceremonies begin at the entrance of the church because, in part, baptism is about the welcoming into the house of God a new member of His family. In the traditional form of the ceremony the priest then blows three times on the face of the recipient to symbolize the new life of the Holy Spirit about to be breathed into the soul, as God breathed life into Adam (Gen 2:7). The Sign of the Cross is made on the person's forehead to signify not only that he will now always live in the shadow of the Cross but that the recipient must wear the Cross, as it were, and show it forth in his life, and never be ashamed of it.

Again in the traditional form, a few grains of salt are placed on the tongue of the recipient to symbolize the preservation of wisdom and the life of grace, and his being preserved from the corruption of sin (Mt 5:13).

The recipient is exorcized. The whole point of Christianity is to save us from the grasp of Satan under whose influence, and into whose sphere, we have been placed by Adam's original sin and our own personal sins. In Baptism we are lifted from this sphere back into God's embrace. (The name 'Jesus' means 'Saviour') The recipient is anointed with the oil of catechumens (a catechumen is one who is preparing for Baptism) on the breast and between the shoulder blades symbolizing (a little like Turkish wrestlers preparing for the next bout by covering themselves with oil) that he will fight against the devil and the world, and that God's grace will preserve him from being grasped by Satan.

The priest touches the ears and lips of the recipient to signify the opening up of the deaf and dumb to the truth and beauty of God's Word so that he, in turn, may listen to and proclaim it as he grows older. The recipient, or the parents and godparents on behalf of an infant, renounces Satan and all his empty works, and professes faith in the One true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. At this point, priest, recipient, and godparents move to the baptismal font for the actual Baptism.

ROSARY CRUSADE

Praying the rosary to Our Lady of Ipswich for the Conversion of Souls in Ipswich and Beyond

(Please return slips to Fr Joseph or place them in the Prayer Request box in front of the Lady altar. Thank you.)

Week Beginning...

(Please enter date here)

Number of rosaries said for this intention
this week (and your initials):