

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 12th May 2024

- * *Sunday after the Ascension*
8am (TLM) — ad cautelam
- * *Seventh Sunday of Easter*
09:30 — Pro Populo
11:00 — Jim Browne RIP

Monday 13th May

Transferred Patronal feast St Pancras
8am (TLM) — Deceased priests of
the parish
12:15pm — Pro Populo
7pm — Confirmation Candidates

Tuesday 14th May

Feria of Ascensiontide (Mass of the Ascension)
8am (TLM) — Benedicto Tadeu Nogueira

Wednesday 15th May

*Feast of Our Lady of Ipswich,
Our Lady of Grace*
8am (TLM) — Rosary Crusade ints.
12:15pm — Holy Souls
7pm — Pro Populo

Thursday 16th May

Feria of Ascensiontide
12:15pm — Brigitte Newman-Sander's
deceased sisters

Friday 17th May

Feria of Ascensiontide
10am — for Philip & Susan

Saturday 18th May

Our Lady on Saturday
10am — Holy Souls
Vigil of Pentecost
6pm — Holy Souls

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

PATRONAL FEAST OF ST PANCRAS

Monday 13th May

Mass at: 8am (TLM), 12:15pm, 7pm
with Confession before the 8am & 12:15pm Masses only
and the rosary after the 12:15pm Mass.

Bishop Peter will confer the
Sacrament of Confirmation at the 7pm Mass.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF IPSWICH & OUR LADY OF GRACE

Wednesday 15th May

Devotion to Our Lady of Grace in Ipswich dates back to at least the year 1152. There is a tradition which says that it was at this shrine that Our Lady was first given the title, Our Lady of Grace. At the time of the Reformation in England, Thomas Cromwell's men removed the statue from its shrine in Lady Lane and took it to Chelsea to be burnt, along with the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham and many others. But the statue of Our Lady of Ipswich was secretly rescued and smuggled out of the country and ended up in the town of Nettuno in Italy, on the coast half way between Rome and Naples, where it has remained ever since and where Our Lady is affectionately known as 'the English Lady.'



Our brand new statue of Our Lady of Ipswich is a copy of that statue. On this feast day, the first feast of Our Lady of Ipswich since our new statue arrived last summer, our new statue will be blessed by Bishop Peter, and Our Lady of Ipswich will be properly restored to a Catholic church in the town for the first time in almost 500 years.

At the same time, we shall present to Our Lady our spiritual bouquet of more than **2,845** Rosaries that have been offered up since the feast of her Immaculate Conception last December for the 'Conversion of Souls in Ipswich and Beyond.'

Please join us on Wednesday:

**SOLEMN BLESSING OF OUR NEW STATUE AT 7PM
FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY A SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS
SUNG IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF IPSWICH BY BISHOP PETER**

*On this feast day there will also be Masses at: 8am (TLM) and 12:15pm
with Confessions before both of these Masses and the rosary after the 12:15pm Mass.*

Regina cæli, lætare, alleluia,
Quia quem meruisti portare,
alleluia,
Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia,
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

O Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia,
For He whom you have borne for us,
alleluia,
Has arisen, as He said, 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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Catholic Mothers Group will meet tomorrow, Monday 13th May at **10am**. (Please note the time, for this month only, because of the Mass at 12:15pm for the feast of St Pancras.)

CORPUS CHRISTI

Thursday, 30th May
Traditional Feast of
Corpus Christi
TLM at 8am



Sunday, 2nd June
Feast of Corpus Christi
with the parish 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

Please see the letter of thanks from Mary's Meals at the back of church following the magnificent total of **£3,478:53** raised for our Lent Project (including Lent lunches, a second collection, and a cake sale).

The Guild of St Pancras was launched recently with the aim of giving glory to God by sanctifying the work freely undertaken by all those who volunteer their services to the life of the parish. Please take a prayer card from the back of the church.

The Pancratius The May issue of our monthly newsletter for younger readers is available at the back of church.

Sunday Sermons are now available on the home page of the parish website by scrolling down to Thought for the Week.

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

Of your charity Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Chennell who died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maureen Bavister, Maureen Davies, William Hawkes, Douglas Squirrell, Mary Clark, Kate Roche, Michael Finn, Elsie Banham, Pamela Crawford, Margaret Evans, Ron Keavey, Gladys Hrycyk, Sara Jordan, Ellen Keenan, Ethel Bradford, Gabriele Kaninski, Alfons Kuszewski, Lilian Fitzpatrick, Joshua Harris, George Streater, Eleanor Wells, Petro Hopej, Jena Zwozdiak, Edward Tynan, Anthony O'Dowd, Edward Tyrrell, Elizabeth Scoggins, Elsi Patrick, Rosemary Shorter, Mary de Bono, and Biase Scrocca. 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

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Fr Joseph writes:

We continue to look at the Sacrament of Confirmation.

THE SACRAMENTS PT 16
CONFIRMATION – INSTITUTED BY CHRIST

The Catholic Church clearly teaches that in Christ we have the definitive revelation of God, and that that revelation continues throughout the age of the Apostles and comes to a close with the death of the last of the Apostles, after which there can be no new revelation, only a developing understanding of what has been revealed. A striking example of this is the institution of the Sacrament of Confirmation which, like all of the other Sacraments, was instituted by Our Lord, but was developed more explicitly during this brief Apostolic Age.

In the Acts of the Apostles we read of St Peter and St John visiting Samaria to confirm new Christians there in the Holy Spirit. The two saints 'prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen on them... Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit' (Acts 8:4-17). It is clear that even at this early stage there was a distinction between Baptism on the one hand and the conferring of the Holy Spirit on the other. It is also clear from the fact that Peter and John had to come from Jerusalem to perform this ceremony through the laying on of hands that this was a sacramental power not given to those who had been baptized but not already confirmed themselves. Furthermore, this laying on of hands is also distinguished from the laying on of hands in the Sacrament of Holy Orders when, for example, men are ordained as deacons (Acts 6:1-6), and when men are consecrated as bishops (Acts 13:1-3; 1 Tim 4:14).

The idea that the giving of the Holy Spirit is accompanied by anointing is common in the New Testament, for example when Our Lord reveals His mission (Lk 4:18), when St Peter speaks of Our Lord's anointing (Acts 10:38), and when St John reminds the faithful that they have been anointed by the Holy One (1 Jn 2:20). In addition, St Paul writes of the faithful having been sealed by the Spirit (for example, 2 Cor 1:22; Eph 1:13, 4:30).

After the death of the last of the Apostles, the Fathers of the Church repeatedly refer to 'the imposition of hands,' 'anointing,' and 'sealing,' although it is not until the time of Tertullian (c.155 – 240) that the three Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist – are referred to as three distinct Sacraments, but he writes of them as if everyone was already familiar with the distinctions.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is like our own personal Pentecost in several regards, as we shall see next time, but particularly insofar as we receive those same graces with which the Apostles themselves were strengthened and sanctified on the Day of Pentecost. In this way, also, we can see that the Sacrament of Confirmation was instituted by Christ because it was He who sent the Holy Spirit down upon the Apostles, having promised this gift during the Last Supper (Jn 16:7).

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):