

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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August is dedicated to the
Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday 4th August 2024

18th Sunday of the Year
09:30 — Pro Populo
11:00 — John Lewry RIP

Monday 5th August

Our Lady of the Snows
10am — Andrew Kemp RIP

Tuesday 6th August

The Transfiguration
8am (TLM) — Anne Abbott's ints.

Wednesday 7th August

St Cajetan
6pm — Claire & Jim Convery

Thursday 8th August

St Dominic
12:15pm — Holy Souls

Friday 9th August

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
10am — Holy Souls

Saturday 10th August

St Lawrence
10am — Holy Souls
Vigil of 19th Sunday of the Year
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

TLM Masses: 2nd Sunday of the month at
8am. (Next 2nd Sunday Mass: 11th August.)

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

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PARISH BBQ NEXT SUNDAY — 11TH AUGUST

from 1pm onwards

in Bill & Brigitte's garden at Topples, Ipswich Rd, Holbrook, IP9 2QT
what3words: nurtures.lowest.pricing



Look out for
the
Vatican flag!

There will be some parking on
-site, but otherwise on the
roadside nearby. Please be
considerate to other road users
and neighbours when you
park. *All welcome!*

Please sign the list at the back of church
TODAY so that we have an idea of num-
bers. Let us know whether you can bring a
salad or a pudding (we need puddings!)
and whether you have any vegetarian re-
quirements. **BRING A BOTTLE**, either al-
coholic or soft, or both, and a **GARDEN
CHAIR** if you have one. All sausages and
burgers—meat and vegetarian—as well as
chicken pieces will be provided.

FIVE SERMONS ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST

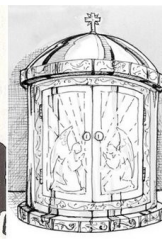
We continue our series of five sermons on the Blessed Sacrament by considering
the supernatural reality of God's most sacred gift.

IN CHURCH, CATHOLICS...

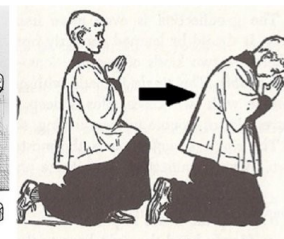
Not only do we **genuflect** when we come into church, and before we depart—as
well as whenever we cross from one side of the church to another in front of the
tabernacle—we also **double genuflect** (kneel on two knees briefly) if the
Blessed Sacrament is exposed in a monstrance on the altar for our adoration.



Single genuflection



Tabernacle



Double genuflection



Monstrance.

'Come in, let us bow and bend low: let us kneel before the God who made us'
Ps 94:6

Two especially beautiful feasts this week:

Our Lady of the Snows on Monday and the Transfiguration on Tuesday.

Please note: Thursday, 15th August is the feast of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven, and is a Holy Day of Obligation.



No cash for the
collection? Use
our QR code.

Please consider making a **STANDING ORDER** instead of a weekly cash contribution to the parish.
Barclays Bank account name and no. St Pancras Catholic Church 00775843. Sort code: 20-44-51
Our parish is part of the East Anglia Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust: registered charity no. 278742

CHANGES FOR AUGUST
(back to normal in September)

Adoration from 5pm to 5:45pm on Saturday afternoons will be suspended but Confessions will continue.

The 11am Mass will be a said Mass in English with hymns as the choir members take a break.

The Pancratius, our monthly newsletter for younger readers, will take a break during August.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Book Club Monday, 9th September at 7pm: *A Comedian's Prayer Book* by Frank Skinner.

Parish Quiz Night Friday, 25th October at 6pm.

St Catherine's Fayre Sat. 23rd / Sun. 24th November. A 'make-and-sell' market. If you produce something professionally or as a hobby (craft items, rosaries, models, furniture, almost anything!) then come along, rent a stall in the parish hall, sell your goods, and make a profit for yourself whilst raising funds for the parish. More details to follow.

Tavern Evening Saturday, 25th January 2025.

Temporary accommodation sought Mature man (handy at DIY & gardening) seeks room to rent. Please contact Rachel Patten: 07592 811058.

Masses may be booked using our Mass offering envelopes found at the back of church. A typical Mass offering is £10 for each Mass requested. (Please note that if you wish to have a novena of nine Masses there still needs to be a Mass offering of £10 for *each* Mass.)

Readings at Mass The bishops of England & Wales have decreed that, from the start of Advent 2024, we shall use the English Standard Version—Catholic Edition (ESV-CE) instead. If you would like to buy a new Sunday Missal containing the new translations of the readings, go to: ctsbooks.org/product/sunday-missal/

Sick List

Prayers are asked for Jim Convey, Larry Crowley, Paul Cummings, Alan Cutbush, Ciro Dellabella, Evelyn Flach, Halina Gajewska, Linda Mitchell, Rosemary Pease, Brian Price, Judith Rogers, Leighton Scott, and Bernie Wood.

Of your charity

Please pray for the soul of all Derek Patten who has died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Calogero Severino, Susan Henderson, Jennifer Bower, John Sullivan, Nigel Curtis, Phoebe Farebrother, James Corrigan, Marie Bradley, John Winthrop, Albert Thompson, Giuseppe Dedona, Patrick Callan, Fr Stephen Doupe, Josephine Ahmed, Rosie Chadwick, Winifred Moore, and Jessie Barham. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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Fr Joseph writes:

This week we continue to explore the nature of sacrifice.

THE SACRAMENTS PT 27:
THE MASS – AND OLD TESTAMENT SACRIFICES

Abraham was shocked but not surprised when God commanded him to sacrifice his son, Isaac. After all, many, perhaps all, religions at that time demanded human sacrifices. What took Abraham unawares was that God stayed his hand and stopped him from killing his son (Gen 22:1-19). The first murder recorded in the Bible, when Cain slew his brother Abel, came about because of an unsatisfactory offering to God.¹ Perhaps because of this, but chiefly because 'God did not make death' (Wis 1:13), human sacrifices are not acceptable to the God of Israel.² But there is a still greater reason why human sacrifices are not acceptable, namely because the blood of no *finite* creature can make satisfaction to an *infinite* God for the harm caused by sin.³ In the fulness of time we shall see that only the sacrifice of the Son of God Incarnate can make satisfaction for human sins because, being God, the offering He makes is infinite in value whilst, being Man, what He offers is given in human form and on behalf of the human race.

In the meantime, Abraham offered up, instead of his son, a ram caught in the thicket of brambles, a foreshadowing of the Lamb of God, that is, Christ, who is held fast to a piece of wood by nails and who is crowned with thorns.

From then on, animal sacrifices are offered to the God of Israel. Burnt offerings were made to atone for sin; grain offerings were made in thanksgiving for crops and food, and to ask for blessings on the harvest; peace offerings reminded the People of Israel that only through the shedding of blood could they be at peace with God; sin offerings reconciled the people to an offended God; and guilt offerings demanded restitution for wrongs done (Lev 1-7). The principle was that instead of having to pay the penalty oneself for sins committed, God would accept a substitution. And more than anything else, it was blood, shed and offered to God, that gave value to the sacrifice because blood was, and still is in Jewish society, considered as life itself (Gen 9:4; Deut 12:23).

All sacrifices were wrapped around with ceremony and ritual to emphasize their value and sacred nature. The offerings were not casual gifts, taken from amongst one's possessions, as Cain's was, but the most prized and treasured of objects, offered at the command of God rather than at the whim of man. Sacrifices are part of the divine ordinance, instituted and ordained by God, and involve, amongst other things, the surrender of the person's free will through an act of obedience to God, especially when that God has been offended by sin. The ritual itself is a gift from God by which the people's gifts to God may be made acceptable to Him. After all, as we have seen, mere finite creatures cannot, of themselves, offer a gift that would be acceptable to an infinite God, particularly if that gift were intended to atone for sin.

¹ *Abel offered to God the firstlings of his flock, that is, the finest, whereas Cain merely made 'an offering' (Gen 4:1-16).*

² *Jephthah's sacrifice of his daughter shows him being hoist with his own petard when he rashly, and without the Lord's blessing, promised to sacrifice 'whoever comes forth from the doors of my house to meet me' following the annihilation of his enemies (Judg 11:29-40).*

³ *See the whole of chapters 9 & 10 of the Letter to the Hebrews for a scriptural account of the inadequacies of the sacrifice of finite creatures compared to the perfection of Christ's sacrifice.*