

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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September is dedicated to
Our Lady of Sorrows



Sunday 7th September 2025

23rd Sunday of the Year

09:30 — Pro Populo

11:00 — Renato Moreno RIP

Monday 8th September

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10am — Stephen Abbott

Tuesday 9th September

Feria (Mass of XIIIth Dom. post Pent.)

8am (TLM) — Souls in Purgatory 1/2

Wednesday 10th September

Feria

6pm — Mary Reihill RIP

Thursday 11th September

Feria

12:15pm — Private int.

Friday 12th September

Holy Name of Mary

10am — Mary McBride RIP (F)

Saturday 13th September

St John Chrysostom

10am — Norah Penn RIP

Vigil of the Exaltation of the Cross

6pm — Jack England

Sunday 14th September

The Exaltation of the Cross

8am (TLM) — Mark Schrieber,

Baron Marlesford RIP

09:30 — Pro Populo

11:00 — Frederick Willis

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: 14th Sept.)

HOLY YEAR 2025

SPES NON CONFUNDIT

'And hope confounds not, because the charity of God is poured forth in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who is given to us.' (Rom 5:5)

Christ Crucified Radiates Hope to a Fallen World
The Crucifixion by Tintoretto (1565)



NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, 8th September

Happy birthday to Our Blessed Lady!

THE CATHOLIC MOTHERS' GROUP

meets tomorrow, Monday, 8th September, at 11am, for its first meeting of the season. Mums & toddlers welcome for the 5 Cs: coffee, cake, chatter, catechism, & chaos.

THE BOOK CLUB

will also meet tomorrow, Monday 8th September, at 7pm to discuss Barbara Frale's book, *The Templars and the Shroud of Christ*. All welcome.

THURSDAY LUNCHES

Our monthly Thursday lunches will begin again this week straight after the midday Mass and rosary. The lunches are free but we also raise money for Mary's Meals. All welcome.

ST CARLO ACUTIS GROUP

Will meet on Tuesday, 16th September at 7pm at Sophia & Lorin's house for a start-of-season party! Please ask Fr Joseph for details.

EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

This year, the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross falls on a Sunday (next Sunday, 14th September). Our own relic of the True Cross will be placed on the altar and we will venerate the relic at the end of each Mass.

THE ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE WALK

to St Mary the Elms in honour of Our Lady of Grace of Ipswich will take place on Sunday, 14th September beginning at 3pm at St Peter's on the Quay. See poster for more details.

STATUES OF ST PANCRAS

We now have statues of St Pancras for sale in the repository at the back of church! May he continue to guide and guard our parish, our homes, and our families.

St Pancras, pray for us.



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.

HOLY YEAR 2025

Suggestion for Spiritual Reading *All Generations Shall Call Me Blessed* by Stefano Manelli

From the Saints

'The day of the Nativity of the Mother of God is a day of universal joy because through the Mother of God, the entire human race was renewed, and the sorrow of the first mother, Eve, was transformed into joy.' *Saint John Damascene*

Top tips for making an ordinary home into a Catholic home!

Give a gift to Our Blessed Lady on her birthday!

Please can you offer some time on a regular basis to your parish?

We need help with brass cleaning, church cleaning, counting the collection, singing in our choir at 11am Masses, washing & ironing our small altar linens, selling objects of devotion from our repository, serving tea & coffee after Sunday Masses, cleaning our parish hall, helping in the sacristy. Please speak to Fr Joseph if you can help. Thank you.

ROME & NETTUNO PILGRIMAGE

Our parish pilgrimage to Rome for the Holy Year, and to Nettuno to venerate the original statue of Our Lady of Ipswich, will take place from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th September. Please note that there will be no Masses in our church during that week. We shall pray for the whole parish while we are there. Please write down your prayer intentions and give them to Fr Joseph to place at Our Lady's feet.

RETRouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th—19th October. Please visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk for more details or call 0788 7296983

Sick List Prayers are asked for Peter Arms, Denys Bell, Jim Convey, Sue Coppens-Browne, Larry Crowley, Alan Cutbush, Ciro Dellabella, Evelyn Flach, Halina Gajewska, Oliver Merlehan, Linda Mitchell, Stephen Patten, Rosemary Pease, Brian Price, Judith Rogers, and Leighton Scott.

Of your charity Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: mIvy Williams, Maria Swann, John Barnham, Julia Quantrill, Iris Sharpe, Berniw Wood, John Hynes, Gintautas Rimkus, Dennis Stocker, Mario Sansiviero, Kenneth Elvin, Rev Canon William Burrows, Merle Brooks, Ronald Byrne, Helen McCall, Tommy Reid, Timothy Gilbert, Andrew Gilbert, Joseph Barbrook, Sabina Wright, Anthony Blackett, Gada Grezegory, Bernard Driscoll, Oronato Bevilaqua, Margaret Prodger, Thomas Golding, Robert Simpson, and John Sales. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes: A brand new series of columns on The Church was promised a couple of months ago and, at last, it can now begin.

The Church pt I — On the World Stage

The Church is seen differently by different people. For example, some see it simply as a human institution with lots of rules. Others see it as if were a sort of world-wide political party with policies that can adapted to suit the prevailing mindset. Still others see it chiefly as a social organization set up to provide various forms of charitable activities or care in the community. Some even forget that it has a supernatural existence at all. Yet the Catholic Church holds a unique place in the world, both historically and in the present age. It was established for very particular purposes, and it owes its loyalty and obedience to Someone far higher in the pecking order than any earthly king or president, than any parliament or international forum. And unlike political parties or the governmental bodies of democratic nations, the Church is not a democracy and is not accountable to any earthly constituency.

Curiously, whilst the world's media looks on with fascination when one pope dies and another is elected in the solemn conclave of cardinals, and almost the whole world waits with anticipation until the new pope appears on the balcony above St Peter's Square, most people would say that what the pope teaches does not impact very much, if at all, on what they think or how they live their lives. Nonetheless, popes are seen to have a great moral influence and value, and all world leaders want to be seen photographed meeting the pope. But why? If the Catholic Church is merely one religion amongst others, and if it is seen as being on a par with all other belief systems, and if (as is increasingly the case) it is seen as a cult (albeit a very large one) with peculiar rules and demands that it lays upon its members, why is the world so interested in it?

In fact, the Catholic Church is the largest single organization in the world today, and the biggest religion, with approximately 17% of the world's population claiming membership. The Catholic Church is the single biggest provider of education and of healthcare across the globe: much greater by far than the services of any other single national or international organization.

The Catholic Church is also the longest continuously surviving organization in human history, having outlived any empire from before or during its existence. And whatever its enemies may wish, it shows no sign of disappearing any time soon.

Yet the Catholic Church does not owe its greatness to its size, or to its longevity, or to any statistical comparisons, nor even to its arcane ceremonies and rituals which mesmerise the world's media. Rather, the greatness of the Catholic Church comes from the fact that, as St John Henry Newman says in his hymn, it is God's creation, and her teachings are His own (*Firmly I believe and Truly*).

Just what this means, and what the Church is and why it is important, we shall explore over the next several weeks. In the meantime, pray for Her as you would for a friend or a family member, or, indeed, as you would for your own Mother.