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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Sundays: Yr B Weekdays: Yr 2

April is dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 28th April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter 09:30 — Pro Populo

11:00 — Una Cosgrove RIP

Monday 29th April St Catherine of Siena 10am — Holy Souls

Tuesday 30th April

St Catherine of Siena 8am (TLM) — Helen Abbott: in thanksgiving

Wednesday 1st May

St Joseph the Worker 6pm — Geraldine Godfrey RIP

Thursday 2th May

St Athanasius 12:15pm — Lawrence Iwuh RIP

Friday 3rd May

Ss Philip & James 10am — Obumneme Odonwodo RIP

Saturday 4th May

The Martyrs of England & Wales 10am — Holy Souls Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter 6pm — Simangoliso Kona

CONFESSIONS:

Mon — Sat: 30 minutes before each Mass

5pm — 5:45pm 6pm — 7pm & Sat: 1st Friday:

ADORATION: Sat: 5pm — 5:45pm Mon — Fri: after Mass **ROSARY:** 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)

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



MAY PROCESSION Sunday 5th May at 3pm

'Bring flowers of the rarest, bring blossoms the fairest.' Bring petals to strew before Our Blessed Lady

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM Monday 6th May

Start of the Procession in the Friday Market Place at 12 noon

Mass at the Chapel of Reconciliation at 3pm

See poster in the porch for more details

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION Thursday 9th May

Holy Day of Obligation — Masses at: 8am (TLM), 12:15pm, and 7pm.

PATRONAL FEAST OF ST PANCRAS Monday 13th May

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

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF IPSWICH Wednesday 15th May

Bishop Peter will bless our new statue at the 7pm Mass

THE GUILD OF ST PANCRAS

The origins of guilds is uncertain but it is thought that the earliest guilds were developed from the family and from a spirit of voluntary association. Only later did these develop into the mediæval craft and merchant guilds familiar to us from school history books. In the Catholic Church there have long been voluntary associations, societies, confraternities, sodalities, and pious unions, some of which have been referred to as guilds and others not.

The Guild of St Pancras exists for the glory of Almighty God and for the sanctification of tasks being freely carried out on behalf of the parish. Anyone may automatically assume membership (there is no application procedure or enrolment ceremony) who associates him- or herself with the aims of the Guild (the sanctification of tasks voluntarily undertaken on behalf of the life of the parish) and meets the membership criteria (regular worship at St Pancras and, at least occasionally, saying the Guild Prayer when carrying out those voluntary labours), the full details of which may be found on the posters at the back of the church.

If you volunteer your services to the parish in any capacity whatsoever, please feel free to take a leaflet and begin to say the Guild prayer.

Regina cæli, laetare, 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. BANK: Barclays Account Name: St Pancras Catholic Church Sort Code: 20-44-51 Account Number: 00775843 St Pancras Catholic Church is part of the East Anglia Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust: registered charity no. 278742

Rosary crusade running total 2,412. Please join us in the last couple of weeks as we pray ardently for the conversion of souls in Ipswich and beyond, and record your rosaries on the blue slips of paper available at the back of church.

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

Adult Confirmation class Wednesday, 8th May at 7pm. Please note the change of day and time. This will be the last class before the ceremony on Monday, 13th 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 **10am**. (Please note the time, for this month only, because of the Mass at 12:15pm for the feast of St Pancras.)

Thursday, 30th May Traditional Feast of Corpus Christi

Sunday, 2nd June Feast of 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.

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.

Diocesan Newspaper The latest edition of Catholic East Anglia is available at the back of church including a picture on the back page of our Catholic Mothers' Group.

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 souls of those who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Comfort Glover, Gulio Zagni, Alice Lawler, Rosemary McTiernan, Barry Jackson, Stephen Wisiorek, Ernest Fell, Mary Barker, Remique Kiesekoms, Mary Cudden, Mary Mongan, Bonny Mornard, Pasquale Iachetta, Annie McCallion, Thomas Dalzell, Jan Sniechowski, Carmella Palladino, Daniel Robinson, Ellen Bird, Cecilia Adcock, Raymond Savage, Bernadette Cooper, Norah Smith, Elizabeth Mallett, Antonio Tella, and Sheila Grueber. 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 continue our look at Baptism.

THE SACRAMENTS PT 13 BAPTISM – EFFECTS OF THE SACRAMENT

We have already seen how the Sacrament of Baptism washes away the stain of Adam's original sin, with which we are all tainted except the Blessed Virgin Mary, and how it also cleanses from all personal sins recipients who are baptized after they have reached the age of reason. This is the single most significant effect of the Sacrament.

The Sacrament of Baptism (like the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders) confers an *indelible character* on the soul, by which we mean that the soul is in some way altered ontologically (something about the soul's very being is altered) so that the recipient is re-shaped or re-configured to become more like to Christ. It is as if the recipient has had an image of Christ irrevocably stamped or sealed upon his soul. This character, or mark, cannot be undone whatever becomes of the person baptized. A baptized person is a Christian forever, conformed to a greater likeness of our Savior even if the individual ends up not living a life of Christian virtue, so much so, in fact, that a once-baptized soul in hell would still bear this image of Christ.

Having been cleansed of all stain of sin, and had impressed upon it the image of Christ, the soul is filled with the breath of divine life, the presence of God, in the form of sanctifying grace. In other words, a soul is restored to a state of justification, a state forfeited by Adam in the Fall. Baptism also remits all punishment due to sin. Indeed, so much does a newly baptized soul stand righteous before God that were a recipient of Baptism to die before committing a sin (or, in the case of someone who has already reached the age of reason, another sin) he or she would go straight to heaven.

Baptism unites us to Christ as members of the Mystical Body of the Church, of which He is the Head. We become children of our heavenly Father – in a manner which, although He is the Creator of all, is qualitatively different from those who have not been baptized – enabling and entitling us to call God 'our Father.' Moreover, we become brothers and sisters of Christ, and co-heirs with Him to the kingdom of heaven. As members of the Church we have access (it would be fair to say in this context, a right) to the other Sacraments and the blessings of the Church.

Baptism infuses into our souls the three Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity, as well as the Cardinal Virtues of Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, and Temperance.

But it must be noted that the Sacrament of Baptism *does not* free us from many of the effects of original sin such as bodily weakness, suffering, death, and concupiscence, the disordered desire to satisfy sensual longings. These longings are not sinful in themselves as long as we do not consent to them – and, indeed, resistance to them can help us grow in merit – but they do incline us towards sin.

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

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