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 1

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

Sunday 12th September 2021

Dom. XVI post Pentecosten 8am (EF) — Mary Morgan 24th Sunday of the Year 09:30 — Anne Kane RIP 11:00 — Pro populo

Monday 13th September S. John Chrysostom

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Tuesday 14th September

Exaltation of the Holy Cross 8am (EF) — Maria Stallwood's int.

Wednesday 15th September

Our Lady of Sorrows 6pm — Mary Rose Chow RIP

Thursday 16th September

Ss Cornelius & Cyprian 12:15pm — John Prom RIP

Friday 17th September

Votive of the Sacred Heart 8am (EF) — Special int. (7/9) S. Robert Bellarmine 10am — for the election of a bishop

Saturday 18th September

Our Lady on Saturday 10am — Holy Souls Vigil of the 25th Sunday of the Year 6pm — Holy Souls

CONFESSIONS:

Mon — Fri: 20 minutes before each Mass Sat: 9:30 — 10:00 & 5pm — 5:45pm ADORATION: Sat: 5pm — 5:45pm ROSARY: Mon — Fri: after Mass DEVOTIONS TO O.L. OF IPSWICH & S. PANCRAS: Sat after 10am Mass

EF Masses: 2nd Sunday of the month at 8am. (Next 2nd Sunday Mass: 10th Oct.)

Extraordinary Form (EF) Masses are said in Latin according to the traditional Missal used before Vatican II, and are



Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

14th September

St Helena by Giovanni Cima Da Conegliano (1459—1517)



15th September



CONFIRMATION &

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021—2022

Classes for children who regularly attend Mass at St Pancras will start on

Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd October.

Confirmation 5pm — 6pm on Fridays

Confirmation candidates must be 13+ by the time of the ceremony

First Holy Communion 4pm — 4:45pm on Saturdays Children must be 7+ by the time of

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Please complete a form from the back of church and return it to Fr Joseph.

'IN THE COOL OF THE DAY'

Every doctrine of the Church is planted in seed form in the first three chapters of the Book of Genesis.

These talks will take you on a stroll through the Garden of Eden and allow you to explore those seeds as well as the fruits they ripened into.

Wednesday at 7pm in the parish hall beginning 22nd September.

All welcome.





'Let All God's Glory Through'

A Day of Recollection

based on the poem

'The Blessed Virgin Compared to the Air We Breathe'

by Gerard Manley Hopkins

Saturday 25th September in the parish hall

Starts with Mass at 10am Ends with Benediction at 3pm

Bring your own lunch

Our Lady of Grace The Annual Pilgrimage Walk to the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace will take place on Sunday 12th September, starting at 3pm at St Peter's Church on the Quay (IP4 1BF) and ending at the new shrine in St Mary Elms Church in town. All welcome. Please see the poster in the porch for details.





Stella Maris Bishop Alan will be making a pastoral visit to, and celebrating Mass at, the Seafarers' Centre, Felixstowe Port, on Monday 13th September. All welcome, but please call Julian Wong first on 07758

STELLA MARIS 356372.

FIND Our 'Families In Need' food bin is in place once more at the back of the church. Please donate tinned and dry foodstuffs, and especially long-life milk, jam, and sugar, to be distributed to those in need locally. Thank you.

Parish Magazine The deadline for copy for the next edition is Sunday 19th September. Essays, stories, poems, jokes, reports, items of general interest to a Catholic readership all welcome. Please submit contributions to sdonag9@gmail.com or leave them with Fr Joseph. Thank you.

Sunday lift? A parishioner in Claydon is looking for a regular lift to Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. Please contact Fr Joseph if you can help.

Brass polishers have been hard at work, re-establishing a weekly rota. Thank you very much indeed.

Altar linen rotas are now needed. Fr Joseph desperately needs help laundering and ironing (and starching) the small altar linens as well as the large altar cloths. Please offer your services if you can for the sake of the beauty of our acts of worship of Almighty God.

'I have loved, O Lord, the beauty of Thy house, and the place where Thy glory dwells.'

(Ps. 25:8)

Prayers are asked for, Lee Porter, Jim Convey, Simon Marriage, Mary Driscoll, Leighton Scott, and Helen Hardman.

Of your charity

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently as well for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Grezegory Gada, Bernard Driscoll, Oronato Bevilacqua, Margaret Prodger, Thomas Golding, Robert Simpson, Florence Brown, Thomas McGovern, James Pettigrew, Maria Merico, Florence Evans, Charles Covell, Mary Bulbeck, Edna Walker, Margaret Holman, Marija Lukashuk, Giuseppina Iachetta, Mary McBride, Nunzio Ragucci, Margaret Sullivan, Valeria Rosieradyra, Ursula Anderson, Charles Henley, Bertie Walker, Frederick Wallace, Francis Tynan, Thomas Devine, and Christine Peachey. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes: The Mass-Pt XIII There can be few things in life to cheer one up quite as much as the *Gloria* from Mozart's Coronation Mass or Vivaldi's Gloria in D Major (which is playing in the background as this is being typed). The *Gloria* is one of the earliest and greatest hymns of the Catholic Church and has been set to music by some of the finest composers down the ages.

Following the penitential music of the *Kyrie*, the *Gloria* bursts forth with all of the exuberance and exaltation of the angelic choir who first sang the opening words to the startled shepherds from above the hill tops outside Bethlehem two thousand years ago. *Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis*. 'Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace to men of good will.' With these words, the astonishing, and at the same time perturbing, message of the Incarnation was first announced to the world, albeit to a mere rag-tag and bob-tail group of social outcasts minding their sheep, and their own business, in the middle of a wintry night.

The *Gloria* is a hymn to all three Persons of the Trinity and, at the same time, it is the most exultant hymn of praise and thanksgiving to God the Son who has become Incarnate for the sake of the salvation of a fallen race. Wayward humanity has cried from the depths of its sinfulness since the Fall, awaiting the mercy of the Lord as the watchman has waited for daybreak (Ps 129), and this joyous cry of the angels is God's response: Emmanuel, God-is-with-us.

Many of the phrases used in the *Gloria* mirror those found in the final prayers and hymns of the great martyrs of the Early Church, for example in the last prayer, before he was burned, of St Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, and the epilogue, attributed to Tertullian, to the Acts of St Perpetua who was martyred alongside St Felicity and her companions in Carthage in AD 203. It is a moot point whether the *Gloria* was composed from such prayers as these or whether these prayers drew on the already existing *Gloria*. In either case, the *Gloria* is of very early composition.

The opening words of the *Gloria*, the first several phrases, are clearly addressed to the Father, and the Christian life should be ruled and guided by the ideal of the glorification of God the Father, just as was the life of Christ who, again and again, gave glory to the Father in His discourses and prayers. Only by giving the worship to the Father that is due to Him from His creatures can we hope to live in the peace promised to men of good will by the angels. And here is, perhaps, the chief point of this great hymn: we should not, in the first instance, give praise and adoration to the Father because of what He has done for us or given to us. No! Our first duty is to adore Him and give Him glory simply because He is God! A creature is duty-bound to sing the praises of his Creator! However, it is also true that by glorifying the Father we shall, in turn, come to be sanctified.

Laudamus te: We praise Thee. That is, we worship Thee, we laud and honour Thee, we acclaim Thee, we extol and venerate Thee. No words of praise and exaltation are high enough to laud our God!

Benedicimus te: We bless Thee. Usually, the greater blesses the lesser, but here the creatures bless the Creator, that is, we reverence Him and offer back to Him as pure gift the blessings He has given to us. It is also a way of acknowledging the Father's state of blessedness. It is an acclamation of the fact that God, and God alone, is truly blesséd.

Adoramus te: We adore Thee. A continuation of Laudamus te, we sing the praises of God as God. We honour Him with the highest level of adoration possible, and apply the word latria (from the Greek, to serve, worship) to that worship which is due to God alone.

Glorificamus te: We glorify Thee. That is, we extol Thee. And we shall return to this topic of glorifying God next week.